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MAY 16, 2021 - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Daily Mass</i>	8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i>	5:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i>	8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:00 PM
First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 AM
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30 to 4:15 PM
or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.
Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who: have been registered for 6 months; attend Mass regularly; have been confirmed; if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and whose children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 17

8:00 Rev. Arthur E. Mattulke -
In Thanksgiving for His 24th
Anniversary of Priestly
Ordination

Tuesday, May 18 - St. John I

8:00 Ron Konieczny - Birthday
Remembrance & 3rd
Anniversary of Death
by Wife Nancy & Children

Wednesday, May 19

5:30 Michael Marinelli - Birthday
Blessing by Mary Olsen

Thursday, May 20 - St. Bernardine

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Friday, May 21 - St. Christopher

8:00 Father Dave Baker - 14th
Anniversary of Ordination
by St. Teresa's Women's Guild

Saturday, May 22 - St. Rita

9:00 Joseph Mattioli by Family
4:30 In Memory of Rose Caporali
by Family

Sunday, May 23

8:00 Owen Mario Vetter
by WISH Friends

10:15 In Memory of Albert
Bassanello
by Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday - Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday - Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11b-19

Thursday - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Friday - Acts 25:13b-21
John 21:15-19

Saturday - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Sunday - Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$41,602
Current Total: 76%

\$30,431

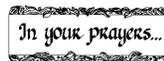
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May 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart. If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses. Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

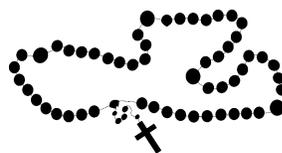
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For all who received the Body of Christ for the first time, either this weekend or at last month's Easter Vigil; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially John Ernst, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Tordy, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, George Cunningham, Lorraine Sylvester, and Darlene Duke.

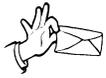
Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military and for all first responders.



May is the Month of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will be saying the rosary before each weekday Mass, including Saturday morning. Please arrive about 15 minutes before Mass starts and join us.

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 16, 2021

Religious Education - We have accomplished so much together, parents and catechists, to make this past year of faith formation so successful! We have grown together as family, as parish, and worked through the challenges of the Covid pandemic. We celebrated Confirmation in November and First Reconciliation in March. This past weekend, eight children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. How joyful we were on April 18th when our new Pastor, Father Art, visited all the classes! Thank you to all!



Intercessory Prayer Group - Do you have a prayer request? Simply write your intention in an envelope marked "Prayer Group" and place it in the collection basket.

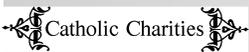
Attention Cemetery Plot Owners: The water is turned on in the cemetery. Please remember that we do not have garbage cans in the cemetery, so all garbage needs to be taken with you when you leave.



Drive Thru Chicken BBQ - June 6th, Noon to 1 pm, pre-order only, with tickets available after Mass through May 30th, \$12 each. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 13661. Pick up at St. Teresa or Our Lady of Peace.



St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle - Tickets available after mass on 5/23 or at Pixley's on 5/22 for a chance to win a beautiful queen sized quilt. \$5 for 1 or 3 for \$10. The raffle will be held on Sunday, May 30th. Proceeds for the Women's Guild parish projects.



Give the gift of food. Catholic Charities runs nine food pantries, seven in Erie County and a pantry in both Franklinville in Cattaraugus County and Wellsville in Allegany County. Your donation of non-perishable food items can help feed hungry individuals in your community. In light of the pandemic, all donations must be scheduled ahead of time. To schedule a time to drop off your donation, call 716-218-1400, ext. 2005. To find your nearest pantry, visit www.ccwny.org/food. Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donation. HOPE for all seasons.



New Material has been added to the book rack at the back of Church. Stop and take a look!

GUYS' NIGHT OUT - May 20th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, *I can do all things in God, Who strengthens me.* Men (adults only) are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda and speakers. It will be a night packed with fun, food, fellowship and fabulous speakers.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT - On May 27th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, *Embracing the Will of God.* Women (adults only) are invited for an evening out to enjoy soups and salads, and spirit-filled speakers. It will be a night allowing for sharing and stories, fun and games, and spiritual growth.

Please register for both evenings by contacting Sr. Jacinta 814-505-2290, olcparishevent@gmail.com. Suggested donation \$20. This event will take place at the parish hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 71 Center Ave, North Tonawanda.



My wife claims I'm a baseball fanatic. She says all I ever read about is baseball. All I ever talk about is baseball. All I ever think about is baseball.
I told her she's way off base!



- **Weekend of May 16/17** - Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ tickets available before and after mass
- **Saturday, May 22** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus has returned in glory to the Father in heaven, not to abandon us, but to lead us where He hopes we will follow. How are you called to lead others to heaven? If it's through the priesthood, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"True humility consists in not presuming on our own strength, but in trusting to obtain all things from the power of God,"

*St. Thomas Aquinas
from the book Sermon in a
Sentence, Vol. 5*

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