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OCTOBER 3, 2021 - THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Tuesday, October 5 - Blessed Frances Xavier Seelos

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wednesday, October 6 - St. Bruno & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

5:30 Intentions for Fathers

Thursday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, October 8

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, October 9 - St. Denis & St. John Leonardi

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa

4:30 Joan & Joe Jaroni
by Family

Sunday, October 10

8:00 Ann & Henry Filipski
by Family

10:15 Dearly Departed Souls



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday - Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday - Jonah 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday - Malachi 3:13-20b
Luke 11:5-13

Friday - Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday - Joel 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

Sunday - Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30



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Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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In your prayers... For the victims of Hurricane Ida; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Bob Tiedt, Sophia Benintende, Nancy O'Donnell, John Ernst, Shirley Lantz, Martha Cunningham, Liam Williams, Nancy Tordey, Sister Bea Leising, Matthew Hanlon, Lorraine Sylvester.



MASS
INTENTIONS

There are openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the up coming months. Please contact the rectory to schedule a mass.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 3, 2021

Religious Education - The children are expected to attend classes each week, except on holidays as listed on the calendar. Please call (542-9103, ext. 2) if your child will be absent. Our catechists prepare diligently for each class and look forward to sharing the good news of Jesus with their students.

The Life Chain - Please join St. Teresa's in standing against abortion on this Respect Life Sunday by being a part of the Life Chain which is being held from 2-3 PM today. Our parish meets at 765 Niagara Falls Blvd. Come stand for life during this peaceful demonstration.

Intercessory Prayer Group meets Immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall October 6. Prayer requests may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Prayer Group" or in the Book of Intentions. All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.

Fully Alive Eucharistic Adoration - Friday, October 8, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Come for as long or short a visit as you wish during this peaceful time of Adoration. Closing Benediction takes place at 9 p.m. This event is held on the second Friday of each month.

St. Teresa's Chili Cook Off Has Been Cancelled Due to Covid Restrictions - Please call or stop in to the office for a refund if you purchased tickets.

Trunk or Treats - October 23rd - Decorate your trunks and pass out candy to the children 11 and under of our Parish. They are invited to come to 4:30 Mass in costume and Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate will be provided if restrictions allow.

"PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE: Coming to America Soon?"

Join us on Monday, October 18, 2021 from 7-8 PM in Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 158 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086. Speaker: Rev. Robert Owczarczak. Refreshments follow! Masks required. 716-683-6522 www.olpparish.com

Everyone is welcome to add their prayer intentions to the **Book of Intentions** or deceased loved ones, relations or friends to the **Book of Life**. These two new books are on the podiums in the sanctuary and allow you to record your deceased and your intentions or prayers, which will be remembered at every Mass by our Parish Community.

Catholic Charities - Did you know...Catholic Charities offers marriage counseling to WNY couples and has for more than 50 years! Our professional staff at the Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center in Cheektowaga specializes in relationship counseling and provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for couples who are working on difficult problems. To schedule an appointment, call 716-681-7394 Monday-Friday between 8:45 am-4:45 pm. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccnw.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

A VOCATION VIEW - Jesus taught many things in the Bible that are hard to accept, things our society would rather not listen to. It takes courage to preach an unpopular message. If you feel that calling to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalo_vocations.org.



- **Sunday, October 3** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, October 3** - 2-3 pm, Life Chain at 765 Niagara Falls Blvd.
- **Monday, September 27** - Study Group meets at 7 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, October 6** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets after the 5:30 Mass in the school hall.
- **Thursday, September 30** - Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Parish Hall
- **Friday, October 8** - Fully Alive Adoration, 7:30 in the Church
- **Saturday, October 9** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, October 10** - Donut Sunday following the 8 and 10:15 Masses in the Parish Hall
- **Sunday, October 10** - There are no Religious Education Classes due to the Holiday. Classes resume next week
- **Sunday, October 10** - Youth group meets from 6:00-8 In the Parish Hall

☺ So this bell pepper spots a jalapeño walking on the streets... and wants to know why he's all wrapped up in layers of clothes. "Hey," he says, "hey, aren't you a bit hot?" "No," says the jalapeño, "I'm a little chili"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"To live real obedience, we need real divine authority on this earth, which is why Christ gives this authority to His Church."

*Deacon James Keating from
the book
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