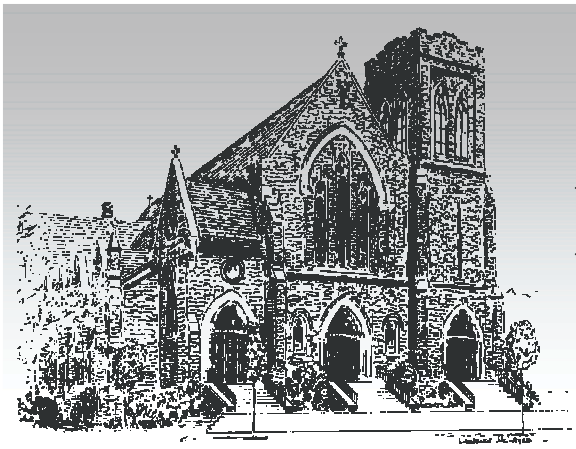

April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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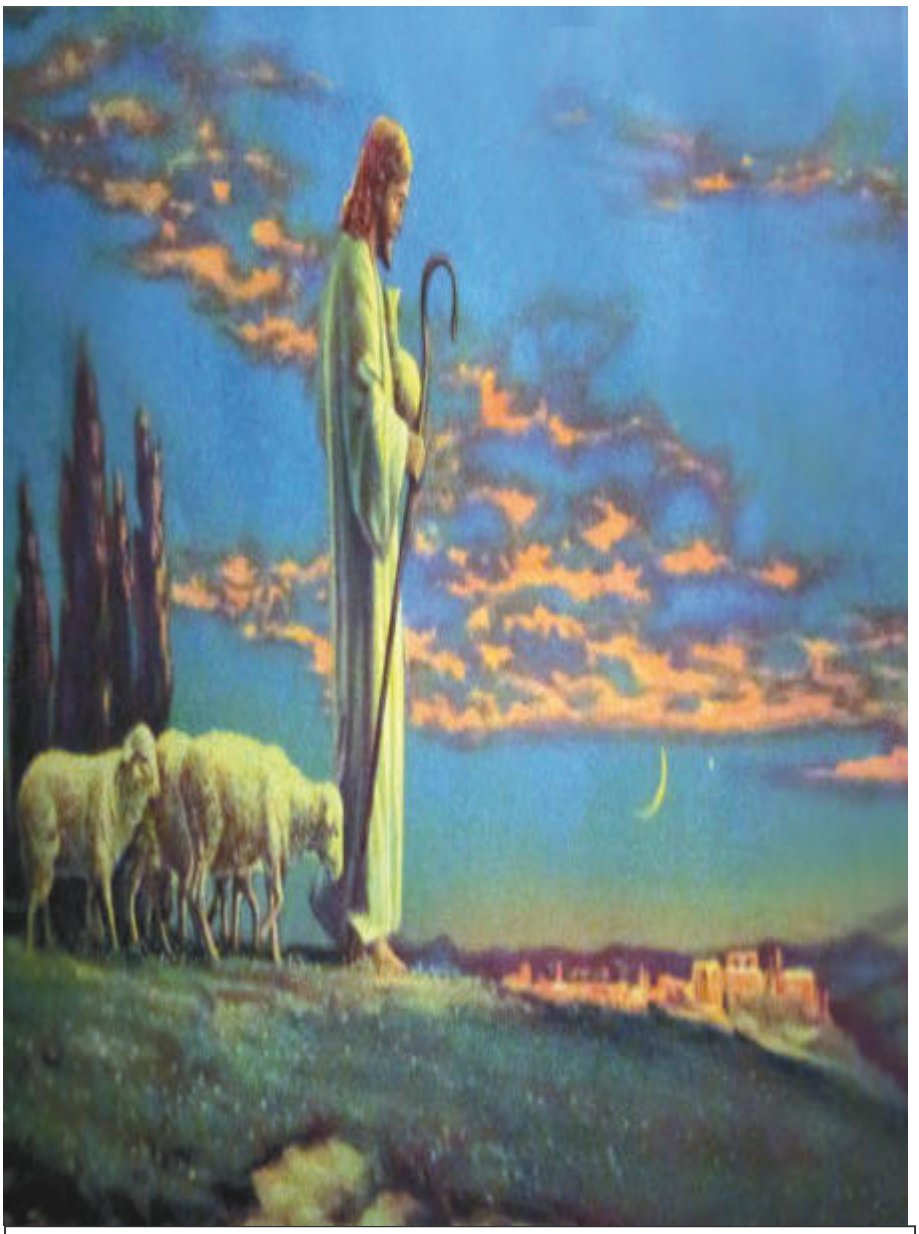

Rev. James B. Cunningham, *Pastor*
Robert A. Dobmeier, *Permanent Deacon & RCIA*
Michael Ruszala, *Music Director & Organist*
Mrs. Cheryl McNerney, *Director of Religious Ed.*
Judy Tweedy, *Parish Secretary*

Daily Hours: 9-2:30pm
Closed Wednesday & Friday thru Sunday

Sacrament of Baptism:
Please call the rectory to make arrangements. Godparents must be active members of their parish & be baptized, confirmed Catholics. Parents are required to pick up our Baptismal Booklet prior to the Baptism.

Marriages:
Arrangements are to be made with the parish priest for the First Interview before a definite wedding day may be established.

Care of the Sick:
Emergency sick calls can be made to the rectory at any time. For others who are home bound or hospitalized, please notify the rectory office.

RCIA Classes And Bible Study
Held each Sunday morning—9:45 to10:45 am
Director is Deacon Bob Dobmeier 597-6421
Religious Education:
For all grades 1-10 on Sunday mornings following the 8:45 a.m. Mass.
Call Cheryl McNerney at 823-8575

Letters of Recommendation:
For those who have been asked to sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation, we gladly issue recommendations for parishioners who:
- have been confirmed & attend Sunday Mass
- if married, have done so in conformity with the Laws of the Church
- if they are parents, are sending their children to Catholic School or religious instructions.
- are registered at least 90 days.

A registered parishioner is the one who is enrolled in our census files.

Parish Membership:
New parishioners please contact the parish office. Use of Sunday envelopes and regular Mass attendance is recommended. Please notify the office if you are leaving the parish.

Handicap Accessibility:
A handicap ramp is located in the rear of the Church from the Hayden St. parking lot.

E-mail: St.Teresa.Bookkeeper@gmail.com
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Mass Schedule & Devotions:
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Monday thru Saturday: 9:30 a.m.
The Rosary is recited daily after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.
First Friday Devotions: following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.
Confessions: Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Office is Closed on Wednesdays & Fridays

Sat., Apr. 24, 2021—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringin
9:30 Parishioners
4:30 Audrey Ralph—Monica, Rachael & Spencer Tobin
Edward Travis IV & Deceased Members
of the Dengos & Travis Families—-Family

Sun., Apr. 25, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:45 M. J. Dickman—Estate
Audrey Ralph—Joan Ellie
11:00 John McGrath—Family
Antonio Grimaldi—Family

Monday, Apr. 26, 2021—Easter Weekday
9:30 Michael & Rose M. Size—Estate

Tues., Apr. 27, 2021—Easter Weekday
9:30 Stephenson Borysyewski (1st Ann)—Mike & Kathy Reddy

Wed., Apr. 28, 2021—St. Peter Chanel
9:30 John & Maureen Carney—Family

Thurs. Apr. 29, 2021—St. Catherine of Siena
9:30 John P. Fischer—John & Catherine Ort

Fri., Apr. 30, 2021—St. Pius V
9:30 Michael Hoare (B-day)—Wife & Children

Sat., May 1, 2021—St. Joseph the Worker
9:30 Parishioners
4:30 Jack Low & Paul Reid—Laura & Family

Sun., May 2, 2021—Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:45 Joseph Strachan (B-day)—Patrick Lawson
Stanley A. Zmuda—John & Catherine Ort
11:00 Elizabeth Balicki—Kathy Cygan
Marion Colern (25th Ann)—Monica, Rachael, & Spencer

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL—We are live-streaming our Weekend Masses on Facebook. We have a weekly update to keep in touch with our Parishioners.

To be added to the list go to **www.stteresabuffalo.com** under the main dropdown menu.

You can unsubscribe at any time.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES take place in the Parish Center between the 8:45 am & the 11:00 am Masses. If you have questions, call Cheryl 824—0726.

RCIA CLASSES & BIBLE STUDY take place Sunday mornings from 9:45—10:45am in the Church Rectory and are led by Deacon Bob Dobmeier. For more details, call 597—6421.

MOUNT MERCY ACADEMY is proud to announce that the following students have been placed on the Honor Roll.

Congratulations to Jillian Schneck—Mercy's First Honor Roll List and Congratulations to Breanna Berhalter—Mercy's Merit Roll List. St. Teresa's Parish is very proud of these young ladies and wishes them a happy and successful future.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners & Friends in Christ,

We all have so very much to be thankful for. We are all so grateful for this Parish, for our families, for our health, and for our ability to show our gratitude to God by serving Him by serving others.

We each as individuals have various unique reasons to be grateful, all of which are gifts from God. A while ago, two wonderful men, Mike and Francis, repainted our statues in front of the rectory. They asked in return that my parishioners and I pray for them. So please let's not forget to remember these fine men in prayer. We could spend countless hours praying in gratitude for all the people who have ever helped us in our lives. What is so beautiful is that all their (and our) charitable deeds and virtuous acts are the words of God in action in our respective communities.

I know that we are often overwhelmed by the extent of the work on the parish buildings, but this is the result of having older buildings. Can we look beyond the practical in order to consider the topic of service to others out of love.

Michelle K. Burros writes both Karol Wojtyla, who became Pope John Paul II, and Joseph Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI, grew up in a century and a world that seemed not just horribly conflicted, but in which a great "eruption of evil" seemed to drown out every possibility for hope and for joy.

Karol, the young man, the priest, and the bishop, saw the dignity of the human person gravely and continuously threatened during World War II, as his countrymen were oppressed, murdered, unjustly imprisoned, and told that they did not need their culture or God. Nonetheless he knew that he had to live a life that was worthy of a human being. In the face of so much that denied the human person's basic need to love and to be loved, he had to love.

The second of these two young men, Joseph Ratzinger, entered the seminary, motivated by "a great sense of gratitude for having been allowed to return from war, from the abyss of those difficult years." Despite the ideologues who told the German people that their country needed power and national pride-not God-and despite all the others who lost hope, Joseph knew that he had to live differently. He had to live humanly, to give thanks and to hope. Like Karol, he had to love.

Peace, Father Jim

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

…..those intentions listed in our Book of Intentions, our Service Men and Women; those who are ill or suffering, and all those who have asked for our prayers: Fr. Guy Siracuse, Fr. Tom Quinlivan, Tina America, Sandy Brooks, Rose M. Cannon, Sheri Chludzinski, Pooch Colern, Joyce Dengos, Destiny, Mary Foy, Kathy Frawley, Tim G., Deborah Gacke, Bryan Gorman, Kathy Guenter, Rose Marie Hall, Eileen Harrington, John Harrington, Kitty Hastings, Laurie Hoertz, Nathan & Evan Hurley, Lisa Jacobell, Jim Kaska, Linda (Dengos) Kirwin, Richard "Rick" Kobis, Dolores Kozlowski, Jane & Linda Krawczyk, Diane Kuczon, Barbara Letizia, Terry Lewis, Kathryn MacKinnon, Anthony Marchitte, John Mazurchuk, Richard McDonald, Jolene McFarland, Jane Mead, Eileen Olden, Ray Paveljack, Maureen Phillips, Fay Plonka, Stephen Priester, Emily Przewlekly, J. C. Quaglietta & Marlene Sucharski, Peter Quinn, Sheila Radwan, Josean Rodriguez, Mary Kay Slomba, Bill Smith, Dan & Bob Summers, Ed Travis, Jr., and David Weeks.
Call 822-0608, ext. 3. Thank you, Judy.
Some names have been moved to our Book of Intentions.

OUR SPRING SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

We will be holding our "Spring" Sweepstakes Raffle on **Sunday, June 6th, 2021** with20 monetary prizes.

Tickets are $50.00. Prizes will total $8,800.00 with only 350 tickets sold. Prizes to be awarded are: 1st & 2nd are $2,000.00, 3rd is $1,500.00, 4th & 5th are $500.00, 6th-10th are $200.00, 11th-16th are $150.00, and 17th-20th are $100.00.

The drawing will be held after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 6th. It will take place in the St. John's Room. Winners need not be present at the drawing. All applicable taxes are the winners responsibility. The tickets are going quickly!! ***Thank You for your support!***

ST. TERESA'S PARISH ON-LINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Go to www.stteresabuffalo.com Parishioners will be matched to their envelope number. Call our Bookkeeper, Julie @ 822-0608, ext. 4. Thanks.

CONTRIBUTION REPORTS FOR 2020
Filing date has been extended to MAY 15, 2021

If you wish to receive a Contribution Statement, you need to request one. Please fill out this form with your name, address, phone # and envelope #. Put it in an envelope & drop it in the Sunday collection marked:

Attention Julie (PLEASE PRINT)
or mail it to the Rectory at:
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OUR APRIL 50/50 RAFFLE ENDS THIS COMING FRIDAY, APRIL 30th . If you would like, please fill out an envelope & hand it in for April. Thank You. It only takes a "fin to win!"

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL

—Have you ever thought to yourself, hmmmm….I'd like to get involved helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters but don't know where to begin. The slogan "Bringing Charity to Life", describes the work of SVDP. Our Lady of Charity Parish Conference is interested in growing their membership and they invite you to attend an informational meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 12th at 6PM in the Parish Center at 260 Okell St. Please contact Audrey Kunz@ 935-9744 or Mary Anne King @ 225-6104 to reserve a spot or to make arrangements to meet by Zoom, if you like.

We are looking forward to collaborating on bringing hope and love to our South Buffalo Community.

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Regarding Upon This Rock Pledges —-Please send your pledge commitments to: Upon This Rock, 795 Main St. Bflo. NY 14203-1250. If you like, you may also call their office at 847-8740 to arrange for direct debit of your donations.
Thank You and God Bless.

THIS WEEKEND, the 2nd Collection is for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Please be as generous as your means allow to strengthen the Church at home. God Bless!

TOPS GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE for purchase—all year. The cards vary in amount and can be used for both food and gasoline purchases. St. Teresa's Parish receives 5% of the total of all sales. Thank you for your support!

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OUR FAMILY MILITARY MEMBERS

We pray that God will continue to bless and keep safe our family members who are serving in the Armed Forces:

Master Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Bain
Master Sgt. Nicole Martin
Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Blum
Staff Sgt. Jonathan McCrory
1st Lt. Ben Dummer
Corporal Joseph Miller, Sr.
Specialist Donald Edwards
Lt. J. G. Shannon O'Connor
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Capt. Anthony Pedicone
Corporal Zachary Edwards
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Lance Corporal Tiana Hunter
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If any of this info has changed—please call the office.
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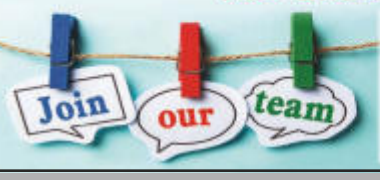

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