

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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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, July 12**
8:00 Intentions for Fathers
- Tuesday, July 13**
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
- Wednesday, July 14 - St. Kateri**
5:30 Gloria Rembas
by Estate
- Thursday, July 15**
8:00 Dearly Departed Souls
- Friday, July 16**
8:00 The Benker Family
by Estate
- Saturday, July 17**
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Dearly Departed Souls
- Sunday, July 18**
8:00 In Memory of Gertrude & Andrew Korszykowski
by Estate of Gertrude Bartels

10:15 Phil Wittman
by Jim & Mary Ann Schneider



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Matthew 10:34 - 11:1
- Tuesday** - Exodus 2:1-15a
Matthew 11:20-24
- Wednesday** - Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Matthew 11:25-27
- Thursday** - Exodus 3:13-20
Matthew 11:28-30
- Friday** - Exodus 11:10 - 12:14
Matthew 12:1-8
- Saturday** - Exodus 12:37-42
Matthew 12:14-21
- Sunday** - Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34



July 11, 2021 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong. The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are. The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence. If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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In your prayers...

For all who keep us safe and protect our freedoms at home and abroad, especially those in the military, law enforcement and medical personnel; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Nancy O'Donnell, 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 continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministries, and that the Lord guide the work of the hands of vocation directors, especially our own Fr. Dave Baker.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 11, 2021

Religious Education - This is the best time to register your children for the fall semester. Those who return the registration form and fee by July 15th qualify for the reduced fee. Additional forms are available in the back of the church. We look forward to hearing from you as we prepare for a covid-free school year with our children and catechists. See you in church!

ATTENTION! On July 25th the Parish Financial Report will be presented during the weekend masses.



Save the Date - The Parish Picnic is Scheduled for Sunday, August 15th following the 10:15 mass! All the food will be provided by the church with no dish to pass this year. More details to follow in the weeks ahead.

Are you interested in becoming a lector at a weekend mass here at St. Teresa's? If you are an adult and feel you may have the gift of proclaiming and would like to learn more about becoming a lector, please email stteresasofakron@verizon.net.

Your Life, His Plan Young Adult Vocation Conference - August 7, Noon - 5:30 PM, St. Amelia Church, 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda, for young adults ages 18-39. Keynote Speaker: John Finch from the Vigil Project. Mass with Bishop Mike Fisher. Marriage, Single Life, Priesthood, Religious Life. To register and for more information visit stamelia.com.


Reminder - Adoration is held every Wednesday at Our Lady of Peace from 9am to 6pm - everyone welcome!

Road to Renewal - For more information and updates on what is happening, go to roadtorenewal.org.

St. Mary of the Lake Beach Mass on Saturday, July 31 at 6 pm at Hamburg Town Park. Covid regulations will be followed. Food and beverage provided. For more information or a parking permit, call 716-627-3123.



There are a number of Openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months. Please contact the rectory on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings to schedule a mass.

 A lady goes into the hospital to have a very serious operation. While on the operating table. Undergoing preparation, she flat lines and soon finds herself standing before St. Peter. She begins to wonder what she is doing there. "Are you sure that I'm supposed to be here, St. Peter?" St. Peter says: "Let me look at the Book of Life." He looks carefully and says: "Why, no, my good woman, you're not due here for 30 or 40 years!" Suddenly, the lady wakes up in the O.R. and the doctor says: Wow! We thought we had lost you! We've consulted here and we decided you don't need this operation at this time." The lady hesitates and says: "Doctor, since I'm here and all prepped could you perhaps see what you can do about this flabbiness under my arms? And maybe give me a little tummy tuck and..... Oh! Oh, how about these facial laugh lines?" A week later, she is walking across the hospital parking lot when she is hit and killed by a truck. She goes again before S. Peter and she asks: "I thought you said I'm not due here for 30 or 40 years?" St. Peter says: "I didn't recognize you, my dear!"



- **Wednesday Evening, July 14** - Gardening will continue along the south side of the church.
- **Saturday, July 17** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

A VOCATION VIEW

Amos was just working his blue-collar job when "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people....'" God still calls people in this way, from all walks of life. If you feel the call to a Church vocation, contact 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:

"Day after day, witnessing the entire drama of the Mass for the first time, I fell head over heels in love with our Lord in the Eucharist! His presence to me in the Blessed Sacrament was powerful and personal. Christ wanted me to receive Him in faith, not just spiritually in my heart, but physically as well. Onto my tongue, down my throat, and into my whole body."

Dr. Scott Hahn from the book, Rome Sweet Home