

## St. Teresa of Avila Parish

### St. Teresa Church

(Union City)

#### Weekend Masses

**Saturday: 4:30 P.M.**

**Sunday: 10:45 A.M.**

**Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.**

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### Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

(Canadohta Lake)

#### Weekend Masses

(Memorial Day – Labor Day)

**Sunday: 9:30 A.M.**

**Confessions: before Mass**

#### **WELCOME**

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the office to register.

#### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

#### **BAPTISM**

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Please let the pastor know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.

#### **CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS**

##### ● **ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY**

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

##### ● **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

##### ● **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD**

Meets during the school term.

##### ● **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP**

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

##### ● **PARISH CENTER RENTAL**

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

You who have  
heard the  
**WORD** of  
**TRUTH** and  
have believed in  
**JESUS**  
were sealed with the  
promised  
**HOLY**  
**SPIRIT**



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**Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

July 11, 2021

Give joy to the souls  
of your servants, O God!

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, July 10 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Intentions of Our Parish Family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Mildred Lutz Helman by John Lutz

**Sunday, July 11 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45am (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Corry Council #425

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Sonny Rusilko by wife Elaine and the Rusilko Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) Fran O'Connell by Uncle Henry Smergalski

**Monday, July 12 Weekday**

8:00am Communion Service

**Tuesday, July 13 Weekday**

8:00am Sophie Combs

**Wednesday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:00am Twila Davis by Fr. Davis

**Thursday, July 15 St. Bonaventure**

8:00am Thelma Morgan by Bill & Judy Flynn

**Friday, July 16 Weekday**

8:00am Communion Service

**Saturday, July 17 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Bob Adams by Melody & Family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Ed Girovsky by Diane Hall

**Sunday, July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45am (St. Thomas) Rosemary Kielar by Family

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Virginia Poninsky by William and Catherine Poninsky

10:45am (St. Teresa) Jerry Adams by Diane Adams & Family

**Sacrificial Giving:** The offertory last weekend was \$2,314 for St. Teresa which includes \$2,267 in envelopes and \$47 in loose & \$983 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$310 in envelopes and \$673 in loose. Offertory Goal \$3,000

**Please Pray for Our Priests** Rev. Richard C. Tomasone, Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Riccardo, V.F. Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch, The Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman, Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Stack, Rev. Matthew J. Strickenberger

**Mass Readings for the Week**

Mon. Exodus 1:8-14, 22♦Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tue. Exodus 2:1-15a ♦Matthew 11:20-24

Wed. Exodus 3:1-6, 7-12  
♦Matthew 11:25-27

Thur. Exodus 3:13-20♦ Matthew 11:28-30

Fri. Exodus 11:10, 12:14♦ Matthew 12:1-8

Sat. Exodus 1:37-42♦Matthew 12:14-21

Sun. Jeremiah 23:1-6♦2 Ephesians 2:13-18♦Mark 6:30-34

Religious Education

**PLEASE – any calls regarding the Religious Education Program should be made directly to the parish office. The extension is 103 to leave a message for Lisa Lockwood, Religious Education Administrator or Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator.**

**SCHEDULES FOR JULY 17 & 18**

**4:30**

**10:45**

**LECTORS**

Ernie Ferro

Pat Vallimont

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Nancy Ferro

Paul Beer

Choir: Kelly Nordin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Matthew Yaple

Emma Geer

Goal - \$28,606

Amount Pledged to Date - \$25,977

Amount Paid to Date - \$23,527

**Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church**

**A Family Perspective**. Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of “things” because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating.

**PRAY FOR PEACE**

## Chapel bulletin and Mass of July 11, 2021

Sunday July 11 9:30AM  
Sonny Rusilko by wife Elaine and the Rusilko Family

Sunday July 18 9:30AM  
Virginia Poninsky by William and Catherine Poninsky

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In relating the scripture passages of today's liturgy to our time; Amos, the disciples, and the followers of Christ in today's world belong to a similar group—we have all been asked to take the healing message of Christ to others. Through our baptism we were chosen to be missionaries. Most of us will not take our works of faith to foreign lands; but all of us have been given gifts and talents along with the graces to teach, listen, heal, console, and respond to others. As a faith assembly do we welcome strangers among us and/or take the Word of God to people beyond the parish community? How do we practice our mission for Christ? Possibly we are called to young people through religious education classes or youth ministry; maybe to the elderly or infirm. Perhaps our call is to assist those who are addicted or imprisoned. We may discover opportunities within our workplace or neighborhood to share God's message. We carry forth the work of Jesus through our lives, ministering in the name of Christ.

**WEEKLY OFFERING** The offering of Sunday, July 4, totaled \$983.00 and was comprised of \$310.00 in adult envelopes and \$673.00 in loose money. The Chapel community is blessed to receive the support of our full-time congregation and summer members along with the generosity of visitors that frequent the lake area. Thank you all for your contributions.

**FLORAL MEMORIAL** The flowers at the altar are in memory of Sonny Rusilko by his wife Elaine and the Rusilko family. May Sonny rest in eternal peace. Floral arrangements such as this, and the arrangement that Elaine gave for her parents, John & Lucy Zethner and grandson Nicolas Brinsky a few weeks ago provide a beautiful environment for liturgy in addition to remembering loved ones in a special way.

**NOTABLE DATES** Wednesday, July 14, is the memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha who was known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" and the first Native American to be canonized a saint. She was born in Auriesville, New York in 1656 and was the daughter of a Mohawk Indian chief and a Christian Algonquin. Kateri converted to Catholicism after encounters with Jesuit missionaries. She moved to a Christian colony of Indians in Canada and developed a life of prayer, penitential practices, care for the sick, and devotion to Mass and the Eucharist. Saint Kateri is the patroness of the environment and ecology.

Thursday, July 15, is the memorial of Saint Bonaventure (1221-1274), Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was born in Italy, became a theologian and philosopher, and studied with contemporary Saint Thomas Aquinas in Paris, France. He served as Minister General of the Franciscans and was named Cardinal Bishop of Albano. Saint Bonaventure University near Olean, New York is a Catholic Franciscan college named in his honor.

*Life without Christ is like an unsharpened pencil... There is no point*

**"The St. Teresa's Lawn Festival** will be held on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year. We are in need of the following items to make this endeavor a success. Donations for our Chinese Auction, 2 liter bottles of pop, baked goods, glassware and plants. We also need your time! If you can help by working in one of the many booths for a couple hours please call Matt Moon at (814)490-1494. There are raffle tickets and festival signs in the back of the church. Please take an envelope of raffle tickets and a sign or two if you know of a place to advertise for us. Please return your raffle tickets with the money and ticket stubs in an envelope marked "Lawn Festival". They can be placed in the collection basket (preferred), dropped off at the Parish Office or returned the evening of the festival before 8pm. If you any questions please call Matt Moon at (814) 490-1494. THANK YOU!!"

### **Celebrating a Milestone Anniversary this Year?**

Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

### **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Know the Warning Signs of a Predator:**

Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.

### **Parish Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster with Fr. Skip**

MORE INFORMATION TO COME, but here is a teaser.... We are planning a trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster PA to see the production of *Queen Esther* on August 24/25. Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, *QUEEN ESTHER* is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals in this original stage production.

Go to <https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/lancaster/queen-esther/2021> for information and to view the trailer.

### ***Earn your bread by prophesying (Amos 7:12)***

The Book of Amos marks a turning point. From the time of King Saul, prophets had gathered in guilds and were seen as employees of the king. But Amos says he does not come from a "company of prophet's (Amos 7:14). He was a farmer when God called him. From then on, prophets who followed Amos – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the others – were called directly by God. They wanted to be clear that they too were not "professional" prophets.

Why is this important? Because many career prophets in the time of Amos softened their message to win the king's favor. Or they took payment for their services. That's why the priest Amaziah told Amos that he should earn his bread by prophesying elsewhere (Amos 7:12). He certainly wasn't about to pay a prophet who condemned the king! But Amos didn't have competing loyalties. God had given Amos his message, and God expected him to deliver it.

Fast forward to today's Gospel reading, where Jesus sends out the Twelve to preach and to heal. They certainly weren't in it for the money or to win Herod's approval. God had called them, and that was enough. So when they returned to Jesus after their journeys, they were excited, not because they had made any money, but because they had seen the power of Jesus' word.

By virtue of your baptism, you too are called by God to be a prophet. That simply means that you are called to spread your faith to the best of your ability (*Lumen Gentium*, 17). You do this by sharing what God has done in your life, by caring for the needy, and by following Church teaching even when it's inconvenient or difficult. It won't make you rich. It might not make you popular. But there's nothing like seeing God work through something you say or do. God is still speaking to His people. And He's calling you to help them hear His voice.

***"Jesus, I believe. Help me to follow you more closely this week."***

