



Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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Our Parish Feast Day

by Fr. Edward Smith

October is a wonderful and exciting month for all of us here at our parish, because October is the month in which we celebrate the feast day of our patroness St. Teresa of Avila. This year will once again be special because of all the events that have been planned surrounding this year's feast. As a Parish dedicated to her patronage, we are permitted to formally celebrate her feast on the weekend of October 13-14. (Her official Feast Day is October 15)

On **Saturday, October 13th** we will be hosting a **Feast Day Fiesta**. The event should prove to be great fun, as patrons are invited to enjoy delicious Mexican delicacies such as tacos, burritos, tostadas, rice, beans, and nachos. Dinner will include dessert, pop, water, and coffee. There will also be side boards and raffles. Tickets for adults are just \$10 per dinner. Children

(age 10 and under) are just \$5 per dinner. All tickets are available through the Parish Office.

All Masses this weekend will honor St. Teresa of Avila. Special prayers will be used for our Patroness at all Masses. Please make sure that you and your family attend Mass.

The final part of the fun is our **Feast Day Raffle**. *As your Pastor, I ask you to please help us make this a success.*

Enclosed in this envelope are 3 books of tickets that total \$60.00. Although not obligatory, I urge you to buy the tickets yourself or sell these tickets to your family and friends. This is extremely important for our Parish and so I urge all parishioners to support this raffle financially. **First Place will win \$1,000.00, Second Place will win \$500.00**

and Third Place will win \$100.00. *Tickets are just \$5.00 a piece or a book of 5 tickets is just \$20.00.* All proceeds and ticket stubs can be returned to the Parish Office.

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Bishop has made it clear that he wants this Diocese to be made up of vibrant and healthy parishes. We have been blessed, since 1845, with a spirit and energy that has carried us through both good times and bad. Please circle your calendars for October 13 & 14 so that you can be an active participant in our Feast Day Celebration. Let's come together and thank God for the blessing that is our parish family.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

Church Humor

“Quit griping about your church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong.”

Msgr. Joseph P. Dooley
Martins Creek, PA

We Are Family !

Love of Family leads us to serve:

Choir, Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Usher

Cooking for Homeless, Altar & Rosary Society, Social Concerns Commission, Funeral Meal Helper, Homebound Ministry

Eucharistic Adoration, Bible Study

Saturday Suppers, Fish Fry Help

*Interested?
Call the church office.*



Saturday Night Suppers

Delicious, Affordable Food!

We feel our first year of offering an affordable monthly meal was a success because they were enjoyed by so many!

Watch the bulletin for when the Saturday Night Suppers will begin in January 2019.

A huge *"Thank You"* to the MANY parishioners who volunteered their time and other resources to prepare the food!

What is a Novena?

The Catholic Encyclopedia defines a Novena as **"nine days' of private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces."** While the number eight in the Judeo-Christian tradition was always thought of as a festive number of new beginnings, the number nine seemed to be often linked with suffering.

On the tenth day, Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them and the Church was born.

The heart of any Novena is the same as the first one, called by our Lord Himself. "He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father." (Acts 1:4, emphasis mine)

When we pray a Novena, we either pray the same prayer for all nine days or follow a list of prayers to be prayed for each day. Every novena is a bit different in the intention, formation of prayers and practice.

We invite you to join us at Catholic Online in these times of focused prayer called Novenas.

By Father Randy Sly

Catholic Online at www.catholic.org

Novena to St. Teresa of Avila

October 7—October 15 Feast Day

(Find the complete Novena at daily-prayers.org/novenas/saint-teresa-of-avila)

Day 1 (example)

O Most Amiable Lord Jesus Christ; We thank You for, **"The great gift of faith and devotion to the Holy Sacrament,"** which You granted to Your beloved Teresa.

We pray that, by Your merits and by those of Your faithful spouse Teresa, we will receive the gift of a lively faith and a fervent devotion towards the most Holy Sacrament of the altar; where You, O infinite Majesty, gave Yourself to be with us even to the end of the world and where You so lovingly gave Your whole Self. St Teresa, I pray (*Share your request...*) but may the will of God the Father Almighty be done.

Prayers: Our Father... Hail Mary... and Glory be...

St. Teresa: Pray for us, that we may become worthy of the promises of Jesus Christ.

Turkey Raffle

Friday, November 9, 2018

Sponsored by the
Alter & Rosary Society

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
First Drawing at 7:00 p.m.

No Admission Fee!

Raffles will include Turkeys and other
prime meats.

50/50 Raffle

Bring your own snacks! A fun evening with
friends and family to win those Holiday
meats!

All Saints Day

Thursday, November 1, 2018

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the
Catholic Church celebrated annually on Novem-
ber 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the
Church, that is, all those who have attained
heaven. It should not be confused with All
Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2,
and is dedicated to those who have died and not
yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people
may already be saints, All Saints' Day obser-
vances tend to focus on known saints --that is
those recognized in the canon of the saints by
the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation
in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church.

MARK DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR

Parish Christmas Dinner

Sponsored by the Altar &
Rosary Society

Saturday, December 15, 2018

*This dinner is for all
Parishioners !!*

Mardi Gras

March 2019

Women's Retreat

Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary
Society

February 2019

Confirmation

Watch the bulletin for
classes to begin January
2019.

Confirmation will take place
on April 7, 2019 at 10 a.m. at
St. Anthony of Padua Church
Rev. Bishop Nelson Perez will
celebrate.

Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn. We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy, for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist, for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches, for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children, for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life. God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. *Amen*
Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

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Up Coming Parish Events!

The Faith of a Saint

St. Teresa of Avila's Feast Day—October 15

*"The feeling remains that God is on the journey,
too.!"*



When we are overcome by sadness, fear, or suffering, when the pains of loss overwhelm us, when evil seems to have taken power, let us look to the cross and be filled with peace, knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us and with everyone.

Bible Study

The 1st and 3rd Thursday of each Month—Through the hearing of the Word comes faith.

Religious Formation

PSR: Tuesdays from 6–7:15 p.m. If Sheffield Schools are closed due to bad weather on Tuesdays, PSR will be cancelled as well.

Confirmation: Watch the bulletin for upcoming details or call the office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

The spiritual lives of our families are strengthened through our Holy Hour. St Pope John Paul II

Volunteer at Food Pantry

2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturday/month

Are you looking for ways to support and become more involved in our Parish Community?

The Social Concerns Committee is always in need of a helping hand in outreach to our Parish family and the community.

The Altar & Rosary Society supports the parish in many ways and leads the rosary before Mass the 2nd Sunday of each month. All women of the Parish are welcome to join or just help.

Parish Life Center is for Rent

For information visit our website at stteresaparish.com or call our office at 440-934-4227.

For monthly Parish Committee meeting dates, visit our website at www.stteresaparish.com or watch the bulletin for current dates/times.