

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054



JESUS CURED MANY WHO WERE
SICK WITH VARIOUS DISEASES,
AND HE DROVE OUT
MANY DEMONS.

MARK 1:34

February 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

JOINING IN GOD'S HEALING OF THE WORLD

Our readings today summon the Church to embrace its calling, to join in God's healing of the world. As we hear of Job's anguish, in which all hope and purpose have disappeared, we are reminded of the depth of suffering in the world around us, and perhaps also within our own hearts. We hear of Jesus bringing healing and hope to Simon's mother-in-law and to the community around Capernaum. And we hear of Paul's commitment to "become all things to all", that is, to walk alongside all kinds of people, offering good news of the love of God. We need to be a people who do not hide from broken hearts, including our own. We are to share in the suffering of our world, but also to live as those who can tell the world of a God who brings hope. At our best, we the Church embody God's great desire to heal the brokenhearted.

A TIME TO LAMENT

The poignant description of human suffering in our reading from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that, as Paul described in Romans 8, all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in wordless, shared suffering.

We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

FREED TO SERVE

The first chapter of Mark's Gospel is very fast-paced, as Jesus begins his ministry on the move. The first scene in today's passage happens so quickly that it's easy to miss: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, and she promptly begins to serve Jesus and the disciples. This woman is never named, and only noted by her relationship with Simon. But she is the first person in Mark, once healed by Jesus, to clearly respond as a disciple. Her healing frees her to serve Jesus and others, and sparks the healing of many others.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus' healings restore health, dignity, and a place in the community. They are also a summons to service. Mark's brief story highlights that God is always raising up persons and communities, healed of illness or sin or sadness, to join in God's healing work for others.

TODAY'S READINGS

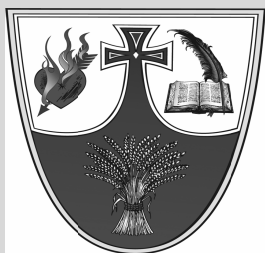
Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

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Established 1845

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

STAFF

Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB,

Weekend Associate

Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro,

Secretaries

Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those advanced in age, sick, or undergoing surgery. Administered upon request. Contact the Rectory.

PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

COMMUNION CALLS: Please call the Rectory to schedule.

MATRIMONY: At least one member must be a parishioner and be active for at least six months prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with the priest of the parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the Rectory to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory for more information.

**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021**

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name. — Psalm 147:4

Saturday, February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

4:30 p.m. +Jean Ackerman by her children

Sunday, February 7

8:30 a.m. +Phil Bruder by Tom & Peg King

11:00 a.m. living/deceased Mothers of St. Teresa Parish

Monday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 9

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

NO MASS

Friday, February 12

8:30 a.m. +Joseph Erjavec by Ruth

Saturday, February 13

4:30 p.m. +Gus Wehler by family

Sunday, February 14

8:30 a.m. living/deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society

11:00 a.m. +Derek Jacob by Dan & Theresa Gillotti



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
January 31	\$1,917.00
Children's	\$5.00

Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind when making out your will.
We thank our parishioners for their continued, generous support of the Parish!

Two Ways to Give

- By Mail: watch for your Appeal information to arrive in February
- Giving envelopes will be available in the rear of the church in February

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
ANNUAL APPEAL
2021**

Masses

Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and **Sunday** - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

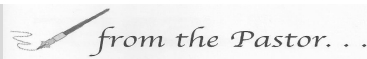
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; **Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays** - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227 **Office Hours**.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fax.....(440) 934-4500 **E-mails**debbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



The story of Job is the well-known biblical account in which a person's life goes from prosperity and security, from joy to despair – and Job is the one who asks aloud what some of us only whisper – *where is God in all of this?* Job watches while his life unravels losing prosperity, family and feeling that the entirety of his life under assault. He has looked into his life and his heart, searching for his sin, then at least he imagines he can reconcile what has happened to him. But he is a blameless and upright man. Just when he thinks he had suffered and so much taken from him, then the assault encompasses his own body and he grows sick and covered with sores. No wonder he laments: *My days ... come to an end without hope. I shall not see happiness again.*

I think we have all had those days where we feel beaten down and our hope seems to fade away. That's why the beautiful Gospel story we receive today is so important for us to hear. No doubt, as Peter's mother-in-law laid sick in bed, she also felt exhausted and worn out. Yet, Jesus comes and lifts her up, both physically and spiritually. In fact, time and again we see Jesus do this for people throughout his public ministry. And, if we are open to him, Jesus can do the same thing for all of us. Faith is a gift that is meant to lift us up, when everything else in life has exhausted us. Making time for Christ in prayer, and receiving him in the Eucharist, opens us up to God's grace and presence in our life. Then, in turn, we can lift up our brothers and sisters who feel like Job. Sadly, in this life, we will not receive all the answers we may be looking for. However, we need never be alone, as long as we have Christ in our lives, along with the support of our brothers and sisters in faith.

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

END OF YEAR OFFERTORY STATEMENTS

Statements are sent *by request only*. To request yours, call the office at 440-934-4227 or email either office@stteresaparish.com or church@stteresaparish.com.

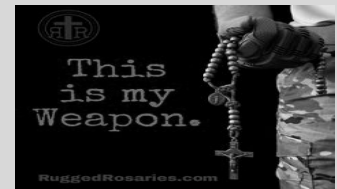
Thank you for your generous support of St. Teresa of Avila Parish – our family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Feb 9	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Feb 10	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Feb 10	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Feb 12	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Feb 13	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

- Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
- Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester
- Eva-Maria Peters, Marianne Rieth
- Amy White, Jarmila Kos
- Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
- Patricia Welsh, Maebelle Fill
- Marty Lima, William Wisnieski
- Vickie Aring, Debbie Brady

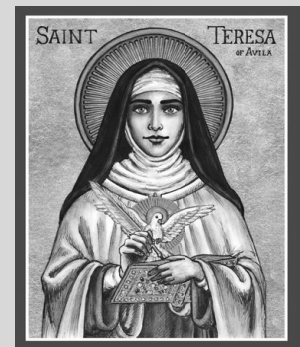


FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

- Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart, Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Major Richard Robinson, Tom Fisher, Anthony Burns, Michael Naughton, Allen Fish, 2nd Lt. Louis Rios, Justin Callison, Quinn Rambo
 - Capt. Shelby Stratton, Grant Bartlett, Sgt. Tyler Corwin, John McGlynn, Cpl. Andrew Edwards, Michael Garba, Darrin Kirchner
 - SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken D. Dustin Moorman
- To add names call 934-4227.*

HOSPITAL CALLS

Please request the services of the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
Pray for Us!

*“Merely to look toward heaven
recollects the soul.”*
St. Teresa of Avila



Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



Local Programming at AM 1260 The Rock

"Where We Worship" Bob Tayek explores the history, stories, and faith of our Catholic parishes and institutions in Northeast Ohio. **Sunday 2/21 at 11:00 am or Saturday 2/27 at 4:30 pm** - the story of Cleveland's **St. Mel Parish**.

"Table Talk" Conversations with Roman and Eastern Rite Bishops. Dick Russ will talk with **Most Rev. Timothy Broglio**, Archbishop of the Military and a Cleveland native. **Thursday 2/18 at 5:00 pm, Friday 2/19 at 8:00 am, or Sunday 2/21 at 1:00 pm** - learn how the Archdiocese addresses the spiritual needs of our service men and women.

"God Calling" **Sundays at 4:30 PM** - Features vocation stories from priests, religious, married, and single Catholics. Paul Orlosky hosts this 30-minute glimpse into how God calls each one of us. February's lineup includes: 2/7-Fr. **Andy Turner**, Dean of Students, Borromeo Seminary; 2/14- **Vic and Pat Voinovich** (our Valentine's Episode); 2/21-Fr. **Joe Mamich**, Pastor-St. Joseph Parish, Strongsville; 2/28-**Deacon Bill and Nancy Fredrick**, St. Joseph Byzantine Church, Brecksville.



"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."

*St. Teresa of Calcutta
Adoration takes place on
Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The Fifth Joyful Mystery – The Finding of the Child Jesus The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of His teachings about the dignity of life, and may understand that this teaching is not an opinion, but the truth. For pro-life novenas visit **Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Keep up to date with current happenings in your parish! Visit **www.stteresaparish.com**. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage for current events and other information.

Please Continue To Support The Church With Your Donations.

Mail donations to the office:
1878 Abbe Road
Sheffield Village, OH 44054
Thank You!!

St. Teresa of Avila
FISH FRY - FRIDAYS OF LENT

Drive Thru Only

February 19 – April 2, 2021

4:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Menu

Choice of Dinners: Fried Perch or Fried Shrimp

Dinners come with: French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert

\$15 per dinner

Cash or Checks only

1878 Colorado Avenue
(corner of Abbe & Colorado)
in Sheffield Village
Parish office: 440-934-4227

Thank you for your support!

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE SICK

Call the church office if a family member is sick or hospitalized. Their name can be put in the bulletin for prayers. Not all hospitals in the area notify churches that a parishioner has been admitted.

PARISH CLUSTER INFO

St. Thomas the Apostle
www.saintthomaschurch.net
St. Anthony
www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/

Parish News

Please continue to read the *Bulletin* on our website at www.stteresaparish.com and "Announcements" at the top of the home page.

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. *The office will remain closed to the public.*



BIBLE STUDY has resumed! Please join us!
Thursdays in February: 4th & 18th at 7 p.m. in Avila Hall.
We will use the main hall in order to maintain social distancing.
All are welcome!

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Classes continue on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
If you have questions, please call the office at 440-934-4227 or email us at debbie@stteresaparish.com or sue@stteresaparish.com.



If the Sheffield/Sheffield Lake Schools are closed on a Tuesday due to bad weather, PSR will be cancelled for the night as well.

Sacred Heart of Jesus – have mercy on us!



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS
Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass
Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary prior to Mass.
Please come and pray!

Travel with Fr. Edward Smith - Italy wide & Switzerland

April 15-27, 2021

Tour for 13 days through Sorrento, Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Milan, Lake Como & Switzerland. **Cost: \$4,699.00** and includes airfare, 4 or 5 star hotels, transportation on luxury buses, tips, tour guide fees, and more.

Complete details can be found on our website at www.stteresaparish.com and our facebook page.

Proximo Travel – Pilgrimages for Catholics and people of all faiths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. (cf. 3a) Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be February 6 & 7, 2021

Suggested food donations: boxed stuffing, spaghetti, taco kits, boxed mashed potatoes, pancake syrup, peanut butter/jelly, Ramen noodle soup, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee, hominy beans, Hispanic foods, bottled water, and cooking oil.



We only accept donations of unused & unopened non-perishable food items.
Please - no Non-Food donations.

The Altar & Rosary Society would be happy to pray the **Rosary at the funeral home** for the deceased of our Parish. The Family is invited to call the Parish Office at 440-934-4227 and ask for this gift of the heart!

Thank You from Birthright

"Thank you for your very generous Christmas donations. We are so grateful. Our primary focus here at Birthright is to help pregnant women and their children. Your parish's donations will go directly to families in need right here in Lorain County. Your church has shown us a true example of Christ's light in the world today. May God continue to bless your parish and each of you...."

*Lisa Nelson
Molly Moracz*

Mass on TV, Online and Radio

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is moving. Starting on Nov. 22, the Sunday television Mass will be seen at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. This change provides viewers with an opportunity to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a more convenient time, and, is an over-the-air station that is accessible even to those without cable TV. Also watch the Mass at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass OR at: <http://www.catholictv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Listen to Mass on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

O good Jesu, according to Thy great mercy, have mercy on me. O most merciful Jesu, by that Precious Blood which Thou didst will to shed for sinners, I beseech Thee to wash away all my iniquities and to look graciously upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner, as I call upon Thy holy Name. Therefore, O Jesus, do Thou save me for Thy holy Name's sake. Amen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions are FREE and online for 2021

Upcoming dates include:

Thursday, February 25 from 7 – 9:30 p.m. (contact office by February 19)

Sunday, March 21 from 2 – 4:30 p.m. (contact office by March 15)

Call the church office at 440-934-4227

SECOND HARVEST SCHOOL PANTRY

at Brookside High School. Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools offer Mobile Food Pantry Distributions at Brookside High School (1662 Harris Rd., Sheffield Village – enter through southern most driveway): **3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

The next distribution of food will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

*Open to any resident of the State of Ohio who is in need (income eligibility is self-declaration; **no** documentation required at registration). For information visit outreach@sslcs.org.*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY

"We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded."

Guidelines for Attending Public Mass

1. Until further notice, all Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The restart of public Masses means you have the option to attend Mass, but it is not a requirement.

2. Before coming to Mass please take your temperature. If your temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher please stay home. If you feel sick, please stay home.

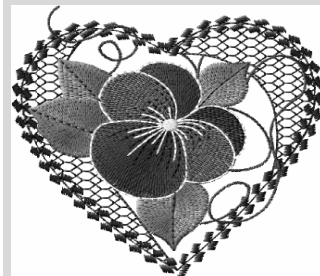
3. All parishioners should be mindful of social distancing when sitting in pews and in the communion line. Families may sit together, but must maintain social distancing between their family and others throughout the celebration of Mass.

4. The precious blood cannot be offered to the faithful until directed by the Diocese.

5. There will be no offertory procession. Please drop your offertory envelopes in the baskets placed by the doors of the Church.

6. There will be no handshake of peace until further notice.

Please do not leave disposable masks in the pew. Thank You!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Feb 6 4:30 p.m. Debbie Korce	Sun, Feb 7 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, Feb 7 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
Sat, Feb 13 4:30 p.m. John Katricak **	Sun, Feb 14 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Feb 14 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright

Lectors

Sat, Feb 6 4:30 p.m. Tom Pienoski **	Sun, Feb 7 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Feb 7 11:00 a.m. Tom Parkey
Sat, Feb 13 4:30 p.m. Andrew Augustine	Sun, Feb 14 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Feb 14 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos

Essays for Catholic Schools Week

What St Anthony's has Meant to Me

St. Anthony's has been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember. I've gone there since I was in preschool. It has made a huge impact on my life and has meant a lot to me. St. Anthony's accommodates everyone to ensure that all students' needs are met. The teachers and staff always work together to find a solution to any and all problems. St. Anthony's feels very safe and secure. Whenever there is a new student, everyone rushes to make them feel welcome.

To me, St. Anthony's feels like a second home. It feels like a second family. When I am at school, I feel protected. Everyone is accepting, and I have always felt cared for. All of my classmates, even if we aren't friends, are friendly towards me. The staff and students are all kind and supportive. No matter what, everyone is always hospitable and good-natured.
By: Jessica Ross, 8th Grade

St. Anthony's is like a second home to me. The teachers are basically my other family. I've known most of them my whole life, as I've been here for 8 years. St. Anthony's is not only a place to grow in your faith, but also yourself. This school helps build confidence, friendships, and gets you ready for life. The teachers listen to you, and what you have to say. They never judge you. The students are very friendly and it is a privilege to come here.

St. Anthony's means the world to me and more. I can't even imagine where I would be if I never came here. I aspire to do great in life, as that is what I was taught. I was also taught that if you are a good person you will get good back. They said to put goodness into the world and spread happiness. Words will never be enough to explain how much this school means to me.

By: Amaya Torres, 8th Grade

Around the Town



From February 17 – March 28, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or Family Planning—462 Chardon St, Painesville, 44077. Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church gymnasium on Sunday, February 14 at 2PM. For more information contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744. **WEBSITES:** www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland, www.40daysforlife.com/painesville, www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on **Sunday, February 21st** with limited seating for social distancing. The February topic is "Experiencing God's Loving Embrace". We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). Participants are asked to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. We require all in attendance to wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER – ST FRANCES CABRINI

Drive thru dinner on **Saturday, February 13 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.** Includes 2 stuffed cabbage, sausage & sauerkraut, dumplings & cabbage and dessert for \$20 each. Order by phone (Randy at 277-8915 or the office at 277-7266) or email (Stephanie_stfrances@yahoo.com), or pay at the office (2143 Homewood Dr, Lorain). **Orders must be made by Monday, February 8.** To pick up your dinners (stay in your car) use the west driveway in the parking lot and exit using the east driveway.



Monday, February 8 – 7:00pm

VIA Zoom – Jan DeLuca, TOTR Planning Team and Sr. Valerie Sweeney, minister in Pastoral Care at Jennings Center

Topic: The Greatest of These is Love

So many times, we have heard 1 Corinthians 13:13. During this month focused on 'love', we have asked Sr. Sweeney to join us for a discussion on love of self and self-forgiveness. Jan DeLuca, Deacon Ken's wife, and part of our planning team will also be with us to talk about spousal love, especially during difficult times.

Limited to 90 Computer Audience; Register in advance at www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west