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 1634 Victory Boulevard  
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**March 12, 2017**

**St. Nicholas Chapel**  
 La Bau Avenue and  
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**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Confessions:** Saturdays: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm or by appointment. Please call the rectory.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of the month, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass and concluding with a Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 pm.

**Novena Services:** Miraculous Medal Novena and the Saint Teresa Novena, with veneration of the relic of Saint Teresa, every Monday following the 8:30 am Mass. Novena service every Monday evening at 7:30 pm with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Baptisms:** Every Sunday of the month 1:30 pm following the 12:30 pm Mass. Parents are asked to contact the rectory and schedule an appointment with one of the parish priests to make arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament and to register for the Baptism preparation class.

**Marriages:** Please contact the rectory at least one year in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with one of the parish priests. Participation in the Marriage Preparation Program offered by the Archdiocese of New York, along with Natural Family Planning classes, is required. To register for Marriage Preparation sessions, contact the Family Life / Respect Life website at [www.flrl.org](http://www.flrl.org).

**Parish Membership:** New parishioners are warmly welcomed. Those already enrolled in the school, CCD Program, sports or other parish activities are not automatically registered in our parish. Please stop by the parish office or call for a membership form. It is important that all parishioners are registered.

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** ..... 4:00 pm, *Vigil Mass*

### Sunday

St. Teresa ..... 7:30 am  
 10:00 am  
 12:30 pm  
 5:00 pm

St. Nicholas..... 9:30 am & 10:30 am

**Eve of Holydays** .... 4:00 pm

**Holy Days** ..... As announced in bulletin.

**Daily Masses**..... 8:30 & 12 Noon  
 Saturday, 8:30 am only

### First Friday Masses

8:30 am and 12 Noon, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition continues throughout the morning and early afternoon hours, concluding at 3:00 pm with a Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



**Do Whatever He Tells You! – (John 2:5)**

SATURDAY, March 11	SUNDAY, March 12	SUNDAY, continued
4:00PM Fred Joseph Fischer	7:30 AM Maureen Pastina 10:00 AM John Tripoli 12:30 PM Fred and Michael Morse 5:00 PM Grace Ward	St. Nicholas Chapel 9:30 AM Virginia Forte 10:30 AM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, March 13	TUESDAY, March 14	WEDNESDAY, March 15
8:30 AM Robert Kuman 12 Noon Lydia Seguinot	8:30 AM Rosario Alaimo 12 Noon Intention to St. Teresa	8:30 AM Vincent Guttilla 12 Noon Meg O'Brien
THURSDAY, March 16	FRIDAY, March 17	SATURDAY, March 18
8:30 AM Alyssa Johnson 12 Noon Antoinette Crimmins	8:30 AM Rosemary DiSpagno 12 Noon Collin, Tara and Anne Schaffer	8:30AM Jose Alberto



Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially:

Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Vincent Borzumato, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciricirillo, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarlino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Jennifer Johnson, Caitlin Kaht, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Emma Jane Mannix, Bill McMillen, Susan Morris, Helen Nadeau, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Sal Prestigiacomo, Edwin Rodriguez, Jerry Scattaglia, Joseph Tirone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, Suzanne Wismer.

*Members of our Legion of Mary are willing to visit the sick at home. For additional information please contact Marie Razza at 718-442-5421.*

#### MASSES NEXT SUNDAY

	March 19	Priest
Saturday	4:00 PM	Msgr. Belford
Sunday	7:30 AM	Fr. Jean-Marie
	10:00 AM	Fr. Jean-Marie
	12:30PM	Msgr. Belford
	5:00PM	Fr. Challman
St. Nicholas	9:30 AM	Fr. Kallattil
	10:30AM	Fr. Kallattil

#### MONDAY NIGHT NOVENA 7:30 IN CHURCH

Join Deacon Phil Maroon every Monday evening in the Church at 7:30 pm for this devotion, which includes the Miraculous Medal Novena, prayers to Our Lady, homily, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military  
Private Daniel A. Hughes, U.S. Army, Ft. Jackson, S.C.*



*Thank you for your faithful support of our parish!  
Last week's collection was \$17,869.*



*A Message From Our Pastor*  
*Monsignor Belford*

March 12, 2017



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Many thanks to each parishioner who volunteered in recent weeks to serve on our Parish Council, and congratulations to the five whose names were selected by lot at the 10am Mass last Sunday. We welcome John Amatrudo, Virginia Bilotto, Jennifer Glynn, Michael Mauch, and Ginevra Porcelli to three year terms of service. A Parish Council is an important consultative body of parishioners that a pastor relies upon for information and advice about parish initiatives. Our new members join Alice Bergeron Aurelia, Robert Birnbach, Bernice Mastoros, Patricia O'Brien, Jose Luis Rementeria, Michael Sheiman, Vincent Zaloom, Parish Trustees Michelle King and Anthony DeFazio, School Principal Mrs. Anna Simone, Religious Education Coordinator Mrs. Lisa Rametta, Fr. Jean-Marie Uzabakiraho, and myself.

Every Catholic needs a Mission once in awhile - and we are going to have one here at Saint Teresa Church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 24-25-26. Please mark your calendars now with **MISSION** and plan to come.

The concept and title of our Mission is: **REVIVE - FAITH EVERY DAY**. You can be a devout person of steadfast faith, or a wavering Christian of doubtful faith, or an inquiring person of no faith, or anyone in between. Come, and you will probably hear some things that help you with the big questions of life, and even with the little things that bother us. Everybody is helped by a religious experience like this Mission, and your chance is coming one week after Easter, on the evenings of April 24-26, Monday to Wednesday in our church.

**REVIVE** is a spiritual initiative and gift of Cardinal Dolan, and it is being replicated all across the Archdiocese. We focus a lot on practical matters, but our reason for being is our spiritual life and union with God. For these three days, and maybe longer if we pick up some good habits, we can put the Sacraments front and center in our lives, and be more focused on Jesus, He is alive in His Word, His Sacraments, His Church. Bring a friend with you too.

We are very pleased to be the host parish for this **REVIVE MISSION** in this part of Staten Island. We are going to have a guest preacher—a Passionist priest whose name is Father Victor Hoagland, C.P. I hope you will come in large numbers and welcome our guests from Holy Family Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, Saint Rita Church, Sacred Heart Church, Saint Anthony Church, and Our Lady of Pity Church. Our parishes form a cluster, and this Mission is an example of all of us working together to provide services and special events that we might not be able to do alone.

Looking ahead six weeks to a Mission may be disorienting, especially since we haven't even gotten to St. Patrick's Day yet! (*Let me remind you of the good news that in honor of our Archdiocese's patron saint, those who want to eat corned beef or other meat on this Friday are given a dispensation to do so by His Eminence.*) But good things usually need planning. We invite everyone now to decide to protect your schedule on the three days of the Mission, and share in the graces that God bestows on those who gather to pray.

Lent has three special emphases: increased praying, fasting, and almsgiving. We give alms by our charitable donations and charitable deeds. I believe that most of us want to do good in many ways, and wisely want to have something good to show when on the day of judgment we have to give an account of what we did or failed to do.

In that light, Lent is the best time for thank you for choosing to help spread the Gospel by supporting your church, and to ask for your contributions to other charitable and religious causes. It is every pastor's responsibility to explain why the annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal is so important. I will do that today at St. Nicholas Chapel, and next Sunday at St. Teresa Church. Our parish goal is \$142,000. Please help me raise this money by making your donation now in Lent. There will be envelopes in the church pews for you to put in the basket or to mail in. We have already received more than \$60,000 towards our goal, which is a good start but not where we need to be.

I know that a lot of people, myself included, are fulfilling their three or five year pledge for our RENEW+REBUILD capital campaign. So this year's Appeal is a big test of our generosity. But Sacred Scripture is clear and consistent in its call to people of faith to be generous helpers when they see a need. In fact, a great rabbi named Moses Maimonides, who lived about 800 years ago, described eight levels of giving, which are called "**The Golden Ladder of Charity.**" Only recently did I read about it. It may be interesting to you too, so I will describe this "Ladder" in my homily. And I hope that many people will decide do part of their Lenten almsgiving by donating something at this time to the Cardinal's Appeal.

Yours in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Msgr. William Belford



### Preparing Our Memorial Plaque

As announced last fall, we are looking forward to creating a permanent handsome Memorial Plaque to thank and honor the donors to our RENEW + REBUILD capital campaign. It will be placed on a wall in the church vestibule.

Our first thought was that we could gather all our information by the beginning of Lent, and be able to order the plaque for hanging by Easter.

But as with many projects, reality has not worked out that smoothly. Though we have received written responses from the majority, many eligible donors have not indicated if they want to be on the plaque, or names they want to memorialize on it.

Obviously we do not want to disappoint anyone when it is finished. We want to be sure that it is as correct as possible. So we will try again to reach the people we haven't heard from, and proceed only when this stage of preparation is completed.

### ANNUAL INTERFAITH SEDER MARCH 23 AT ST. CHARLES IN NEW DORP BUILDING BRIDGES COALITION

Our parishioners are invited to participate in the 14th Annual Interfaith Seder sponsored by the **BUILDING BRIDGES COALITION** of Staten Island parishes, synagogues and temples which includes our St. Teresa Church.

This annual gathering will take place on Thursday March 23 at 7pm at St. Charles Church in New Dorp. Reservations and \$30 payment for the Seder dinner are requested by March 15. Please send your request to Building Bridges, 1186 Hylan Blvd, SI 10305, or go to [www.buildingbridgessi.com](http://www.buildingbridgessi.com).

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### A PETITION FOR VOCATIONS

*For an increase of vocations to the priesthood, to the diaconate, and to consecrated religious life, so that we may have many ordained and consecrated teachers and models of faith, hope, and charity, let us pray to the Lord...*

### REQUESTING YOUR HELP FOR OTHERS' NEEDS WITH EXAMPLES OF WHAT HELP IT GIVES

The **ANNUAL CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** helps very many people in need. Your gift sustains important works of the Church that benefit our parish too.

This is called a *stewardship* appeal, because being a steward of God's gifts means that we gratefully receive material blessings, and trustingly share some of them with others.

What is the money gathered in The Cardinal's Appeal used for? Our contributions help to make these good things happen:

\* We help to fund Catholic Charities, a practical network which provides through its agencies loving care to many thousands of people who are hungry, homeless, ill, lonely, confused, addicted, or at risk of believing that for them there is no God and no love;

\* We help to educate priests and deacons to be good shepherds in the model of Jesus Christ, and do the essential work of leading worship, teaching about God, caring for souls and bodies, sustaining the heartbeat of our parish lives;

\* We contribute to the gift of religious knowledge for all parish children, through the religious education programs and Catholic schools that try to bring Jesus to young minds and hearts to inspire and enlighten their future;

\* We provide retirement care and support for the religious sisters and diocesan priests who worked in schools and parishes for years for practically nothing, and now need our contributions to live their final years with dignity.

### MAKE TODAY COUNT

*Yesterday is history;*

*Tomorrow is mystery.*



The winner of our February **50/50 Drawing** was Mr. Edward Mercado. The prize was \$344. If you would like to participate in this monthly activity that benefits our parish and makes people happy, look for the 50/50 envelopes in the vestibule. Next drawing will be at the end of March.



### SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. TERESA'S

- This Sunday, our parish soccer league players will attend the 10am Mass in their uniforms and then have breakfast in Conran Hall. Our Holy Name Society members will carry their banner into church and recite the Holy Name Pledge at this Mass.
- Monsignor will speak at Masses in the Chapel this week, and the Masses in St. Teresa the following Sunday, to ask for your Lenten almsgiving to include the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. This is a vital way to help many people in need.
- The Saint Teresa Little League season begins with the annual Blessing at our parish ball field. Players and coaches will attend the 10am Mass on March 26, and then parade down to our ballfield.

### ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a very popular prayer attributed to Ireland's most beloved saint. (The term breastplate refers to a piece of armor worn in battle.) According to tradition, Saint Patrick wrote this in 433 A.D. for divine protection before converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. This is the best known part of a longer prayer. Let us ask Jesus to surround and protect us :

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2016

We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the support of our parish, and we will be glad to provide a statement for your tax purposes. Please write to us, email to [rectory@saintteresasi.org](mailto:rectory@saintteresasi.org), or call 718 442 5412 during the week. Our Parish Manager Lisa Naughton will assist you.



### SAINT TERESA SCHOOL NEWS

#### March's Students of the Month

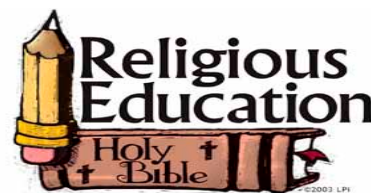
Grade K- Ashton Bock  
Grade 1- Donato Guardavaccaro  
Grade 2 -Olivia Milejski  
Grade 3- James Hutchinson  
Grade 4- Lili Bilotti  
Grade 5- Gabriella Sadek  
Grade 6- Victoria Doherty Jarvis  
Grade 7- Katelyn Bouma  
Grade 8- Madeline Bouma

These students will celebrate their selection and this milestone with a lunch with Principal Anna Simione. dMarch 27.

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SAINT TERESA'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (aka CCD)

FOR NEXT SEPTEMBER

CALL OR EMAIL NOW FOR INFORMATION  
718-981-2632  
[CCD@SAINTTERESASI.ORG](mailto:CCD@SAINTTERESASI.ORG)



St. Teresa's Religious Education Department is looking for a few good men or women who would be interested in serving God by volunteering to teach in our Religious Education Program.

Classes are held every Tuesday from 4PM-5:30PM  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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Mrs. Lisa Rametta  
St. Teresa Religious Education Coordinator





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## Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

# Believe... Obey God

Z J F D  
P Q U K  
C M A W X B  
O V H G Y R

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

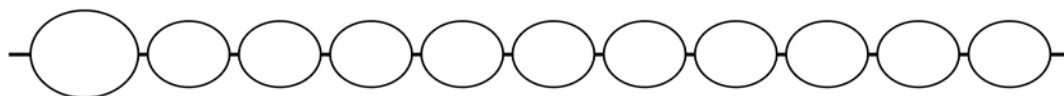
Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

\_\_\_\_\_ to him!" *Matthew 17:5*

## The Second Sorrowful Mystery - The Scourging at the Pillar

Think about this mystery before praying.  
Jesus obeyed His Father and suffered for our sins.



**This week:** Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins.

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