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 1634 Victory Boulevard  
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**March 26, 2017**

**St. Nicholas Chapel**  
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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 25	SUNDAY, March 26	SUNDAY, continued
4:00PM Cassidy and Powers Families	7:30 AM For the People of Our Parish 10:00 AM Grace Ward 12:30 PM Valentine Scarpaci 5:00 PM Wanda Esposito	St. Nicholas Chapel 9:30 AM Robert Trost 10:30 AM John V. Tighe
MONDAY, March 27	TUESDAY, March 28	WEDNESDAY, March 29
8:30 AM 12 Noon Arcangelo Venezie	8:30 AM Shawn Marzano (Living) 12 Noon Bernard Nugent	8:30 AM Segundo Parilla 12 Noon Orlando Pompilii
THURSDAY, March 30	FRIDAY, March 31	SATURDAY, April 1
8:30 AM Carolina Parija 12 Noon Dennis LaDunne	8:30 AM Angelo Coniglione 12 Noon Deceased Members of the Brogan Family	8:30AM Christine Puleo



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.

*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

April 2		Priest
Saturday	4:00 PM	Fr. Jean-Marie
Sunday	7:30 AM	Fr. Kallattil
	10:00 AM	Fr. Jean-Marie
	12:30PM	Fr. Jean-Marie
	5:00PM	Fr. Challman
St. Nicholas	9:30 AM	Msgr. Belford
	10:30AM	Msgr. Belford

#### 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 \$8,956.*



*A Message From Our Pastor*  
*Monsignor Belford*

March 26, 2017



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Please pray in these next weeks of Lent for the six people of our parish who will receive Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 14. Jesse Johnson, Brian Deliz, and Johnny Deliz will receive Confirmation. Brian and Dorina Lika will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, and their daughter Evia will be baptized. She wants to make her First Holy Communion with other second-graders on Saturday, May 6. All of them have been coming faithfully for Sunday morning meetings in the rectory with our dedicated teachers. Now is a good time for other people who hunger and thirst for full sacramental life to talk to one of us priests and plan to be ready for their joyful Easter in 2018.

Here is a significant question that reveals much about many aspects of a person's life: am I a cheerful giver, or a grudging one? Rabbi Moses Maimonides was a highly respected physician, philosopher, teacher and astronomer who lived from 1135 to 1204. (Brooklynites remember the name of Maimonides Hospital.) Among his many spiritual and ethical teachings is his description of attitudes towards giving. He outlined eight levels that some call THE GOLDEN LADDER OF CHARITY.

Reverend Victor Parachin, a Protestant minister, wrote an article about this in The Priest magazine of January 2016: "Scripture is clear and consistent in its call to people of faith to respond generously and unhesitatingly when a need presents itself. We can examine our giving style by asking questions such as these: *Am I a cheerful giver or a grudging one? Do I give liberally or minimally? Do I give freely or am I hesitant in responding? Am I generous and magnanimous or am I tightfisted and miserly? Do I feel blessed to be able to give?* The answers to questions like these reveal to us whether we put our money where our heart is. This helps us see whether our giving is sincere and appropriate, or superficial, customary, unsatisfying. If you feel that you want to grow as a giver, then allow yourself to be guided by the Golden Ladder of Charity."

1. The first and lowest level is to give - but with reluctance or regret. It is a gift of the hand, but not of the heart. (Of course, give yourself some credit; there are people who never give anything to anyone, and do not even get on this ladder.)

2. The second is to give cheerfully, but not proportionately to the need. An example would be to give to a homeless man who asks for help, but not to the second or third.

3. The next highest level is to give cheerfully, and proportionately, but not until asked.

4. The fourth is to give cheerfully, proportionately, and without being asked - but to give it in a way that embarrasses or shames the recipient.

5. The fifth level of giving is to give in a way that the distressed person knows the benefactor, but the benefactor does not know him. For example, at one time, donors would tie money in the corner of their outer garment, and someone could pull a string and take the money without being seen.

6. The sixth level is for the donors to know the people they are helping, but to be unknown to them. An example would be delivering groceries to a hungry family and leaving them without them knowing or recognizing who brought the food.

7. The seventh level is still more meritorious - to bestow assistance in such a way that the benefactor does not know who he or she is helping, and the recipients do not know who is doing the giving.

8. The highest level on the Golden Ladder of Charity is this: to anticipate charity by preventing poverty. To give a considerable gift or loan that can be used to learn a trade, or start a business, to earn an honest living and take care of a family, and not be forced into asking for assistance. Preventive giving is the highest step on the Golden Ladder of Charity.

This reflection by Rabbi Maimonides offers each of us a way of thinking about our generous impulses and decisions - or lack of them. Maybe this can free someone from old fears of not having enough for the future. Replace fear with trust. If you have not been an almsgiver yet this Lent, I invite you to make a helpful contribution soon in whatever way you choose.

I do have a worthy recommendation for your charitable contribution: The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Many people of all ages are assisted through what is collected. Some services are immediate and hands-on; others are at the top rung of the ladder. You can make your gift in any way that is easy for you. Use a Cardinal's Appeal envelope found in the pew this week and return it to us, or mail it to the Cardinal's office at 1011 First Ave., NY 10022. Or use your own envelope; put it in the collection at church. However you do this, remember the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 9, verse 7: each of us should give without sadness or compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver.

Msgr. William Belford



*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



## PRAY FOR OUR SECOND GRADERS

Congratulations to the children of our parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday! Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and these are the sheep He loves. See their names on the display at the Blessed Mother altar.



## Easter Flower Memorial

Envelopes are available in the entrances of the church and chapel in order for you to memorialize your loved ones as part of our Easter decorations. Suggested donation of \$15. We will display the names of all prominently on Easter on the bulletin boards at both our church and chapel.

*For our parish's sports programs—baseball, soccer, basketball, track—to all flourish, so that by us providing these good experiences for families, the holy name of Jesus Christ will be better known and loved, 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 bring people closer to Jesus .

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.



Today is Food Pantry Sunday.  
People around here are hungry ;  
your donations to feed them will  
be accepted after all Masses.

## A SUMMER CAMP FOR TEENS

Camp Veritas is a highly praised, one-week, play-and-pray Catholic sleep-away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. There are two locations in our Archdiocese: July 16-22 at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro. Go to [WWW.CAMPVERITAS.COM](http://WWW.CAMPVERITAS.COM) for more information.

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of wheat  
falls to the  
earth  
and dies  
It remains  
just a  
grain  
of wheat



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.



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**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. We want to be sure that the plaque is as correct as possible. We have contacted donors who are eligible for this, and are grateful for their responses.

**DINE OUT TO SUPPORT ST. TERESA SCHOOL**  
Join us at THE MANOR RESTAURANT (Manor Road) on Tuesday April 4, from 4pm on. Tell the server that you are supporting St. Teresa School, and a percentage of the bill will be donated to St. Teresa School. Please make a reservation by calling 718 698 4433. And then: **BASKET AUCTION—SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 28**  
Our school's very popular Basket Auction in Conran Hall is on Friday April 28. Doors open at 6:30. Reserve your table now for 6 or more at stteresahsa@gmail.com .

**ST. TERESA SCHOOL INVITES STUDENTS  
NEXT TOURING TUESDAY IS APRIL 4**

Prospective families are invited to meet faculty and see our school in action on **TOURING TUESDAY, April 4, 9am to 11.** You will like what you see.



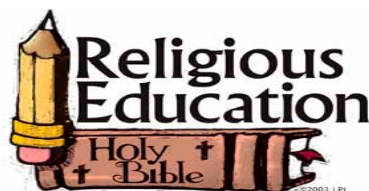
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**THROUGH ST. TERESA SCHOOL.**

**OUR SUNDAY MASSES TO THE END OF 2017**

People who are waiting to reserve Sunday Mass intentions for the second half of 2017 are invited now to contact Mrs. Lisa Naughton at the rectory. We have been waiting because Cardinal Dolan has been urging all parishes to reassess their schedules. We will open the Mass Book now for the rest of the year, but with the understanding that if we lose a priest, our Sunday Mass schedule might change at that time.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR  
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(aka CCD)  
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**St. Teresa's Religious Education Department**  
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**Mrs. Lisa Rametta**  
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**If you are in need of a receipt for your 2016**  
**parish contributions please call the rectory office:**  
**718-442-5412. Mrs. Lisa Naughton will welcome**  
**your call and assist you promptly.**





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## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 9:1-41

A man, born blind, was healed by Jesus. The blind beggar's eyes were opened to our world but also, more importantly to Jesus - the Light of the World. When the townspeople did not believe Jesus healed the blind man, Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" John 9:35 The man replied, "I do **believe**, Lord", and he worshiped Him. John 9:39

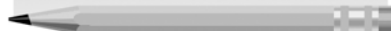
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# Believe... Jesus is the light of the world

He shines the light of His love on us so we don't live in darkness or sin.

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...  
left, right, up, down  
or diagonally.



Life	Importantly
Heart	Jesus
Lent	Born
Love	Worshiped
Darkness	World
Believe	People
Man	Town
Light	Healed
Shine	Blind
Eyes	Lord

J E S U S H E A R T B E S  
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T R H E A L E D L L E N T

## The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - The Carrying of the Cross

Think about how Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross.

The blind man is no longer living in the dark - he has new eyesight and in his heart a new life in Jesus, he says, "I do \_\_\_\_\_, Lord".



Some people call struggles or difficult life situations a "cross to bear". Believe that Jesus, the Light of the World, will help you like he helped & healed the blind man. How can you be like Jesus & help others?

**This week:** Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

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