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April 23, 2017

**St. Nicholas Chapel** La Bau Avenue and Northern Boulevard



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.

**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

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Saturday 4:00 pm, Vigil Mass
Sunday
St. Teresa 7:30 am
10:00 am
12:30 pm
5:00 pm
St. Nicholas9:30 am & 10:30 am
Eve of Holydays 4:00 pm
Holy Days As announced in bulleting
<b>Daily Masses</b> 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, April 22	SUNDAY, April 23	SUNDAY, continued
4:00PM Cassidy and Powers Families	7:30 AM Stanislaw Kuman 10:00 AM John Marshall 12:30 PM Dawn Hyland 5:00 PM Arielle Newman	St. Nicholas Chapel 9:30 AM Susan Freidof 10:30 AM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, April 24	TUESDAY, April 25	WEDNESDAY, April 26
8:30 AM Theresann Yashian (Living) 12 Noon Jose Alberto Jr.	8:30 AM Erin Jane Brady 12 Noon John and Mary Keenan	8:30 AM Ariell Dumornay (Living) and Liam Winter Renazile (Living) 12 Noon Mary Keenan and Adrian Keenan (Living)
THURSDAY, April 27	FRIDAY, April 28	SATURDAY, April 29
8:30 AM Catherine and Roland Stover 12 Noon Maria D'Ugo	8:30 AM Carmen Shouldis 12 Noon Special Intention	8:30 AM Fran Guerriero



PLEASE PRAY 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.

#### **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.

<u>Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military</u>

<u>Private Daniel A. Hughes, U.S. Army, Ft. Jackson, S.C.</u>



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



Thank you for your faithful support of our parish.
Our Easter collection was \$41,199! Even better, lots of people came to worship.





Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

REVIVE: FAITH EVERY DAY is the name that Cardinal Dolan has chosen for his spiritual gift to us—a PARISH MISSION to be held in our church this week.

This Mission will add to the graces we have received already in our lives. Graces are God's help, God's divine assistance which we need to be the best, most faithful, peaceful, confident Catholics we can become—which is what our families, church and society need us to be.

REVIVE: FAITH EVERY DAY is a three day experience of God's mercy and love, led by a Religious Order Priest, Fr. Victor Hoagland, CP. It begins Monday evening at 6pm in our church, with the same start time on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We hope this early hour will work for you. Come between 5:30 and 6 for personal quiet prayer with Jesus. From 6pm to 7, we have Mission Prayers, talks by both the priest and by a lay witness, and hymns. Tuesday night will have a special focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with time for confession. The final night on Wednesday will feature a special concluding Mass, and time for the Anointing of the Sick.

While St. Teresa Church has the privilege of hosting this event, parishioners and priests will join us from the other parishes in our cluster: St. Rita, Holy Family, Our Lady of Pity, St. Anthony, Sacred Heart, and Blessed Sacrament.

Why should you choose to come? Because this is an opportunity to hear other voices preach about God's Word, and be touched by other people's stories. The REVIVE: FAITH EVERY DAY speakers will talk about God's plan for each of us. Everyone is welcome. Every one of us can get something out of this Mission. Some of the things that may happen for you, helping you with your issues wherever you are on life's journey:

- \* a personal encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus
- \* a renewed desire for the celebration of grace-filled sacraments
- \* a sense of community and comfort when we meet to worship

Please give this Mission a chance to revive your faith and love. <u>And do a very good deed</u>: inform, invite, encourage, persuade, accompany (I'll even say drag) some people you care about to our parish mission this Monday night. They may be eternally grateful, and so will you. These chances do not come along often.

With you on our journey to our goal of eternal life with God in heaven, which this mission can help us to focus on and eventually attain,

Msgr. William Belford

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St. Teresa Prayer Shawl Ministry is a great group of loving ladies whose hands create warmth and comfort for those going through difficult times. Come join us as we knit, crochet and pray, twice a month in the Parish House at 115 Windsor Road, by the school parking lot. Shawls are blessed and freely given away after the 10 a.m. Mass on the last Sunday of each month. For more information call Terry at 718 761 0795 or Mary Anne at 718 442 8777. You will be welcome and happy to be with us.



Parish Bereavement Group meets on Saturday mornings. Newcomers are welcome.
Contact Deacon Novella Lawrence at 347-581-1082, for encouragement to come and/or details. Next meeting dates are May 13 and 27.

Jesus, Son of Mary, help all our family members to live in peace, and to be grateful and loving to both their parents and siblings, we pray to the Lord...



### **Golden Age Club News**

Our Golden Age Club meets in Conran Hall each Monday at noon. All are welcome. Any questions or concerns, please contact Lorraine at 718 477 0083.

#### FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE

You do not have to be a child to enjoy our weekly feature called KID'S KORNER. Or to do the activity or solve the puzzle. This Sunday we also offer you an interesting page called GROWING IN FAITH. Read about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, St. Zita, and 3 healthy habits!

### HAVE YOU SEEN OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

Many people have mentioned how attractive and useful they find our new and improved Parish Website. Special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Rametta for accomplishing this for our parishioners! See for yourself at <a href="www.saintteresasi.org">www.saintteresasi.org</a>. And if you missed a recent bulletin, or have a question about schedules or activities, <a href="www.saintteresasi.org">www.saintteresasi.org</a> can be a big help for you.

#### ST PAULS COMES TO ST TERESA MAY 7

For our convenience, in two weeks, the Brothers from St. Pauls bookstore (2187 Victory Blvd.) will bring religious articles and books to our parish for us to see.

The winner of our March **50/50 Drawing** was: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Granello. Their prize was \$409. 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. The next drawing will be at the end of April.





# Growing in CATT

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April 2017

Saint Teresa Church Staten Island, New York

# **One Minute Meditations**

#### St. Zita of Lucca

Born to poor, pious parents in

Monsagrati, Italy,
St. Zita became
the servant of
the wealthy
Fatinelli



#### **Heart to heart**

There is nothing wrong with "pestering" God (Matthew 7:7), but think: if this were all we did with our loved ones, what quality of relationship would that be? Instead, God seeks a personal relationship with each of us — to converse with us heart-to-heart. Of course, tell him what's on your heart, but don't forget to listen to him, too.

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

# Healthy habits for happy hearts

Human beings are creatures of habits

- we love our comfortable routines. Healthy diet and exercise practices make our bodies strong. The same is true of spiritual habits. They can strengthen our souls. The key to living a happy life is to develop healthy habits of the heart.

Humility. Humility is closely tied to gratitude and is the appropriate response to contemplating the greatness of God.

Regularly meditating on God's immense acts – creating the universe out of nothing, sacrificing himself to save us – is a sure way to appreciate his love and generosity.

Prayer. Happy Catholics use prayer to connect to God and gain distance from

worldly preoccupations that can
weigh heavily. Develop a prayer
routine that helps you "pray
constantly." For example, start
with a morning offering, recite
the Angelus at noon, pray a daily
Rosary, perform a brief

examination of conscience at night, and sit in silent prayer for at least 15 minutes.

Trust. No one asks for discomfort but we get into trouble when we go out of our way to avoid it. In so doing, we can put ourselves before God and others. Healthy

Catholics know that there is no avoiding suffering and it can even be meaningful. Trusting that God loves us dearly and will use our suffering for good makes the suffering easier to bear.

# Why Do Catholics Do That

We believe that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist because we have it on divine authority. Referring to the Eucharist, Jesus told his disciples, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). Jesus makes this

# Why do Catholics believe in the "Real Presence"?



promise to us every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, Jesus becomes really and truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

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# < K D'S > KORNER

# **Gospel Today**

Cycle A

## Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy | John 20:19-31

After His Resurrection, Jesus greeted His disciples in the locked room saying, "Peace be with you". Then He said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them". Thomas was not present, but Jesus came a week later when he was there and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands... and do not be unbelieving, but believe". John 20:27

# Believe...

in the mercy of God

**BIBLE WORD** Find all the words... SEARCH left, right, up, or diagonally.

left, right, up, down

#### Jesus wants us to...

- 1) Receive Penance during Lent, our preparation time.
- 2) Receive Communion on this day.
- 3) Venerate or respect the image of Jesus.
- 4) Perform deeds of mercy/acts of kindness for everyone out of love for Jesus.
- 5) For this, Jesus will grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishments.



"Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed." John 20:29

Divine Mercy Jesus	Р	E	Α	С	E	J	E	S	U	S	Т	С	Α
Appears Disciples	Н	0	L	Ε	V	I	G	R	0	F	J	Ε	I
Locked Room	S	Т	0	V	Ε	R	J	0	Y	Ε	D	Y	М
Overjoyed Peace	Ε	V	I	Е	С	Е	R	D	I	V	I	Ν	Ε
With You	Т	0	S	W	L	Ν	М	Е	Н	Е	U	R	R
Receive Holy	Ε	Ν	Р	Т	F	Ε	L	Α	0	R	Ε	0	С
Spirit Forgive	L	Т	I	Р	Α	Ε	I	Ε	L	Υ	V	0	Υ
Seen Believe	Р	С	R	Α	U	S	G	S	Υ	0	Ε	М	D
Blessed Messiah	М	Ε	I	М	S	S	Ε	Ν	D	Ν	I	K	Е
Everyone Complete Respect	0	Р	Т	Е	Т	D	Е	S	S	Е	L	В	K
Image Acts	С	S	М	D	I	S	С	I	Р	L	Ε	S	С
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