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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.

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
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 31	SUNDAY, April 1	SUNDAY, continued
8pm Easter Vigil—for the People of our Parish	7:30 AM Peter Argento 10:00 AM For the People of Our Parish 11:15 Members of the Sanky Family 12:30 PM Arielle Newman	St. Nicholas Chapel 9:30 AM Louis and Dominick Tushag 10:30 AM Frank Vicario
MONDAY, April 2	TUESDAY, April 3	WEDNESDAY, April 4
8:30 AM Rita Macellaio 12 Noon Mary McNeely	8:30 AM MacDermot Family 12 Noon Paul Quinonez	8:30 AM Margaret Weber 12 Noon Phillip Yoo (Healing)
THURSDAY, April 5	FRIDAY, April 6	SATURDAY, April 7
8:30 AM Father Antonio Fiorillo 12 Noon Connor Murphy Family	8:30 AM 12 Noon Father Carlos Lopez Acosta	8:30 AM Joseph McCarthy



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, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarlino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Caitlin Kaht, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Bill McMillen, Susan Morris, Helen Nadeau, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Sal Prestigiacomo, Edwin Rodriguez, Jerry Scattaglia, Joseph Tirone, Joanne Tommasino, 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 FOR NEXT SUNDAY

April 8		Priest
Saturday	4:00 PM	Fr. Kallattil
Sunday	7:30 AM	Fr. Kallattil
	10:00 AM	Fr. Kallattil
	12:30 PM	Fr. Jean-Marie
	5:00 PM	Fr. Challman
St. Nicholas	9:30 AM	Fr. Jean-Marie
	10:30AM	Fr. Jean-Marie

<u>Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military</u> Private Daniel A. Hughes, U.S. Army, Ft. Jackson, S.C. Lance Corporal Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA.



Thank you for your faithful support of our parish!

Last Sunday's collection was \$13,596.





Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church.

A blessed and very happy Easter Sunday to each of you! Today's celebration - both in church and at home with your family and friends - of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead matters greatly to each one of us because it has opened for us the way to our eternal life. Jesus is the first to be raised from the dead. He said it would happen, and it did. And he has promised that those who believe in him will join him.

Belief in life after death is a tremendous gift from God. It makes our existence so much more positive and unafraid. Many people embrace our belief, but others do not. There are some who struggle in between. So Easter joy is not universal. But you can make it your choice. To help, let me tell you about a well-known Jewish man who offered practical religious advice to someone who needed faith and hope.

Two Sundays ago, we read this statement about Jesus and his suffering from the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 5: 8-9: "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

"The source of eternal salvation." That is what Jesus is. It is what he himself said to his apostles in the Gospel read at that Mass, in John chapter 12: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.... When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." Thanks be to God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—for the knowledge and the promise of the best, the ultimate gift anyone can receive: a happy existence, surrounded by our loved ones, in a place of everlasting light, joy, and peace. No wonder we say over and over: ALLELUIA!

In preparing for my homily for that Sunday, I rediscovered a New York Post December 2009 clipping from the editorial page, about the vibrant faith in God of our former Mayor Ed Koch. He was approaching his 85th birthday, and he spoke about the reality that at some time, sooner rather than later, he would die:

''Approaching his 85th birthday, former Mayor Ed Koch said in a Daily News profile, 'It is regrettable that Americans are so afraid of death. I'M NOT! I believe in the afterlife. I believe in God.'

Those words resonated deeply with a reader who wrote a letter to Hizzoner: 'Mr. Koch, I read the article in The News this morning and was moved by your strong belief in the afterlife. I wish somehow that your belief could be instilled in me. About six months ago my middle son was killed in a motor vehicle accident. Not a second goes by without me missing him terribly. If I could only share your thoughts about being able to see him one day, my life would perhaps have some meaning. I'm not even sure about why I am writing this, but when I read the article I guess it did give me some brief hope. Anyway, thank you.'

Mayor Koch wrote back to that person: "I am not a religious person. I would describe myself as a secular Jew. But I have always believed in God, especially when I served in combat in World War II and often prayed as my friends serving in my company did, asking God to protect me and bring me home alive. Also, over the years, on occasion of illness, I came to marvel at the brilliant design and complexity of the human body, concluding that it could not have happened by itself and required God. I have been given opportunities for which I will always be grateful - foremost to become Mayor of New York City - and I thank God for that.

I have no doubt that there is an afterlife and I will be reunited with my mom and dad and other family members who have gone before me. I have no doubt that you will be reunited with your son. But I urge you to use your lifetime here on earth in the most constructive way possible and not waste this God-given opportunity."

Mayor Koch was famous for asking everyone how he was doing. That Post editorial was headlined: "HOW'S HE DOIN'? GREAT!" I hope you too will do great and live by words of life this Easter Sunday. Because Jesus—by his words, miracles, suffering and resurrection—teaches us about our own eternal life.





TREAT YOURSELF TO A MOVIE THIS EASTER WEEK!

Moviegoers are giving big "thumbs up" signs to the movie PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST now playing at Regal Cinema, 2474 Forest Ave. Starring "Person of Interest" Jim Caviezel, this movie focuses on Paul, Luke, and the bravery of Christians in 67AD Rome. It is entertaining and inspiring for adults and older children.

THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL NEEDS YOU

The annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal helps to support the Department of Education, which serves more than 88,00 students from pre-K through twelfth grade. In addition, our catechetical programs allow for over 90,000 young people and adults to shape, strengthen and fully recognize their bond with the Lord and His Church. Please join your fellow parishioners and make a commitment to the Cardinal's Appeal today. You can do so easily. Please send your check to our parish and we will forward it to the Cardinal's Office at 1011 First Ave, NY 10022.



Today, after all Masses we will collect food and money for the hungry people who are served by our parish's Sister Margaret Mary Food Pantry. All donations will be appreciated. Happy Easter!



Jesse Johnson- Lisa Lange Andrew Botelho-Melissa Ochlan



PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That as we participate in divine worship this Easter Sunday, we will be more ready on the day of our death and judgment to meet Jesus Christ and to be welcomed into heaven by people we have loved and helped, let us pray to the Lord...

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO HELP US MAKE A GREAT ST TERESA FEASTDAY LUNCHEON! Call the rectory to join our new committee: 718 442 5412. Next meetings: April 3 and 16 at 5pm in school. The Big Party: Oct. 7.

SAVE THE DATE—FRIDAY APRIL 20



St. Teresa School's Home and School Association is hosting our annual Basket Auction on Friday, April 20. Doors open at 6:30pm-Admission is \$5.00, \$4.00 with this bulletin or a flyer. The Basket Auction is not only a fun event - it is also the second largest fundraiser for our school. As always, we are very grateful for any donations the people of our Parish may be able to provide for this event. Contact our school at 718 448 9650 or HSA President Brian Lyons at stteresahsa@gmail.com if you are able to donate or if you would like to make a reservation to attend this exciting and very popular event.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FROM OUR PARISH FOR 2017 ARE READILY AVAILABLE

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





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One Minute Meditations

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Born into a large Catholic family in Italy, St. Gianna studied medicine and became a physician. She opened a medical practice in Mesero, where she met her husband. The pregnancy and birth of their fourth child was very difficult, but Gianna was willing to risk her life for the life of the child. St. Gianna gave birth to a baby girl and died a week later. She is the patroness of mothers. physicians, and unborn children.

No guesswork involved

Followers of Christ never have to rely on guesswork to decide what is right. We have a perfect example for our daily lives in Jesus. And to guide us, he gave us the Catholic Church.

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel



Begin a new life after Easter

The promise of the Resurrection is that faithful followers of Jesus will have new life. Whether we had a fruitful Lent or were lukewarm in our resolve, we can begin

now to become new creations.

Make an examination. Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your

dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

Face the truth with courage. It can be discouraging to look honestly at our

many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren't perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin.

Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is.

Devise a plan. Decide what needs to change and make a plan. Write it down and commit to it. Sometimes making a brave life change entails leaving bad company behind. Often it means changing entrenched habits. Change may be uncomfortable but growth can't happen without it.

Take the first steps. New life comes through God. Entrust your plan for change to him. Spend at least 15 minutes a day in prayer, asking for inspiration and strength. Then take the first steps toward new life.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus forgave them, saying:
"Peace be with you"
(John 20:19). When we
offer each other the Sign of
Peace, we imitate Christ. The
Sign of Peace is also a sign of
spiritual unity. Just as Jesus
reconciled with his disciples, we are
called to reconcile with each other.

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36:26).

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Gospel Today

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. Without entering, she ran back to Simon Peter and the other disciple and told them what she saw. They followed the way to the tomb and found it empty except for the burial cloths in separate places.

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Follow the Risen Christ

- 1] Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and _____.
- al saw the stone removed
- bl saw the tomb empty
- c] folded the burial cloth
- 2] When Mary of Magdala told Simon Peter what she saw, he ___
- a) went to find all the disciples
- b] went to the tomb alone
- c] went to the tomb with the other disciple Jesus loved
- 3] The burial cloths, one for Jesus' head and the others for His body were
- a] missing
- b] rolled up together
- c] rolled up, but placed separately

"Whoever serves me must follow me."

John 12:26



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Resurrection...

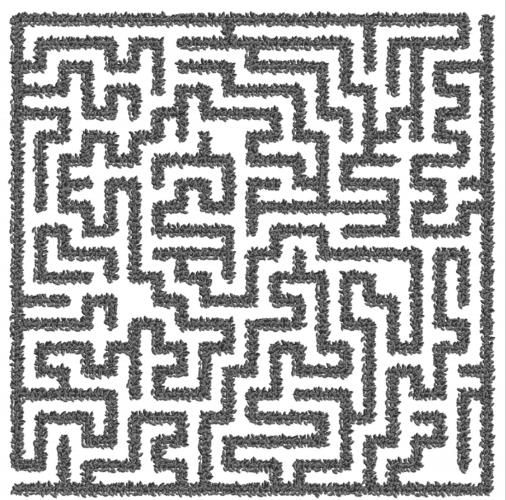
The rising again of Jesus after the crucifixion.

> An act of returning from death to life.



Follow Mary of Magdala to Jesus' tomb.

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Answers: 1] a 2] c 3] c

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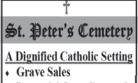


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