

# Church of Saint Teresa of the Infant Jesus and St. Nicholas Chapel

September 2, 2018

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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](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.



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

SATURDAY, September 1	SUNDAY, September 2	SUNDAY, continued
4:00PM Cassidy and Powers Families	7:30 AM Barbara Hicks (Living), Vincent and Baby Shawn Hicks 10:00 AM For the People of the Parish 12:30 PM Venezia Arcangelo 5:00 PM Ann and Ray Pilla	St. Nicholas Chapel 9:30 AM Louis Tushag 10:30 AM Francis Murphy
MONDAY, September 3	TUESDAY, September 4	WEDNESDAY, September 5
8:30 AM Fred Joseph Fischer 12 Noon Pat Ward (Living)	8:30 AM Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary 12 Noon Joan Ozga	8:30 AM Thomas Wieboldt 12 Noon Adrian Keenan (Living)
THURSDAY, September 6	FRIDAY, September 7	SATURDAY, September 8
8:30 AM Michael Long 12 Noon Betty Coca	8:30 AM Theresa Capobianco 12 Noon Fr. William Boldt	8:30 AM Honor of Blessed Virgin Mary



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, Mikia James Martin, 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 718-981-9353.*

**MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

September 9		Priest
Saturday	4:00 PM	Msgr. Belford
Sunday	7:30 AM	Fr. Philip
	10:00 AM	Fr. Philip
	12:30 PM	Msgr. Belford
	5:00 PM	Fr. Challman
St. Nicholas	9:30 AM	Fr. Kallattil
	10:30AM	Fr. Kallattil

*Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military*  
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 \$8,883.*



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Happy Labor Day weekend to everyone! Welcome to new parishioners moving into our community, and welcome back to people who were away for awhile. We are glad to have you with us, and I have a lot of brief reports to give you.

\* We have a visiting priest with us for two more weeks. Fr. Philip Amankwa-Danquah, who served at several NY parishes while studying at Fordham University, is now a professor at the Catholic University of Ghana. His homily last Sunday about the sexual abuse scandal facing our church drew applause, and complemented the August 20 letter from Pope Francis that was printed in the bulletin. There is so much sadness here, and so much that needs to be uncovered. None of us knows yet all that happened in the past. Our faith community is necessarily beginning a time of shame, examination, accountability, and change. Prayer, penance, and purification are required.

But we always have hope. Jesus is the Head of our Church, and He is our way to salvation. Even our human sins and bad decisions do not change that. He has not left us; we cannot leave Him! He makes good come from evil. I was reminded of that at a Funeral Mass this week at the Motherhouse of the Sparkill Dominican Sisters in Rockland County. Sister Joanne Deas, O.P., was the Principal of Our Lady of Grace School in the Bronx when I was a newly ordained priest. Long ago when she planned the Bible readings for her funeral, she chose the Gospel of Saint John, chapter 15. Jesus calls himself the vine, and his Father the vine grower. We all listened intently to this. Sometimes dead branches need to be gathered and thrown into the fire. But even the good branches need to be pruned {i.e., cut back} so that later on they will be able to bear more fruit. Pray that this may be so.

\* We will have two Masses tomorrow for Labor Day, at 8:30am and 12 Noon. We will ask God in the Opening Prayer of the Mass for the Sanctification of Labor: *"Listen to the supplications of your people, and grant that all men and women may find work that befits their dignity, joins them more closely to one another, and enables them to serve their neighbors."*

\* Our excellent Saint Teresa School will have its first day of classes for Grades K to 8 this Thursday, September 6th. Two full classes of Pre K for All students get a head start on Wednesday. Please remember to be extra careful while you are driving, and extra patient with other drivers. Remember that there are speed cameras along Victory Blvd. to encourage good behavior.

Mrs. Anna Simione is beginning her fourth year as Principal, and our students' test scores have been exceptionally good. Don't hesitate to call St. Teresa's if you want to meet with her and see our school in action. Her number is 718 448 9650.

\* I am also very proud of our Religious Education Program for public school students, led by Mrs. Lisa Rametta. We have excellent teachers and aides, and would like to have additional volunteers so we can do more. We want every child to have a religious education. Due to Rosh Hashanah on September 11, the first day of classes for grades 1 to 8 will be Tuesday Sept. 18. Each Tuesday children come to our gym from about 3:40, and meet their teachers and friends. I lead an opening prayer at 4pm. Dismissal is at 5:30. If you haven't registered yet, call Mrs. Rametta now at the Religious Education Office, at 718 981 2632.

\* Our friendly Sunday morning program for adults who want to join the Catholic Church, or who are already baptized but need the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, is about to begin. Come and join us! The program called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or, RCIA, begins next Sunday, Sept. 9. Call the rectory at 718 442 5412 for more information.

\* Our **SAINT TERESA PARISH BENEFIT LUNCHEON** committee members for the Sunday, October 7, 10am Mass in honor of Saint Teresa, and for the Noon to 4pm party that follows at The Staaten on Forest Avenue, have done outstanding work during this summer. Lots of journal ads have been received, and by last Monday we had more than 150 paid reservations! It is likely that many others will be sending in their reservation forms now that we pass Labor Day. And—committee members will be outside Mass next Sunday, September 9, to help people to easily make their reservations and not be disappointed.

\* Our Golden Age Society will begin its new year of meetings and activities next Monday. Everyone is welcome to be part of this lively and energizing group, which meets every Monday that St. Teresa School is in session. The place is the school gym, formally called Conran Hall. Come in through the gray doors on Victory at Slosson. Time: 12:15 to 2:15. Call President Lorraine Sellers for yourself or for someone else who would enjoy an opportunity to socialize and recreate.

And even if you do not always come to Golden Age Mondays, you can take advantage of three trips that will fill up soon:

\* Tuesday September 18, 10am By popular demand, another trip to PARX Racetrack and Casino; \$25.

\* Tuesday October 30, 9:30am Wine Tasting and Lunch at Renault Winery. Then four hours at Resorts Casino; \$79.

\* Tuesday December 11, 9:30am An Italian Christmas Luncheon and Show at The Brownstone, with 2 drinks; \$90.

All trips leave from Our Lady of Pity Church parking lot, 1616 Richmond Ave. Call Lorraine at 917 292 6737.

Yours in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Shepherd,  
 Msgr. William Belford



Our Saint Teresa School and Saint Teresa Religious Education Program know that some parents are still making decisions. Call St. Teresa School Principal Mrs. Anna Simione at 718-448-9650 or St. Teresa Religious Education Coordinator Mrs. Lisa Rametta at 718-981-2632. We are here to help all of your children to grow in Christian faith, hope, and love.



## FOOD PANTRY

### TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Sister Margaret Mary's Food Pantry continues to be an important source of food for many of our neighbors. Thank you to all who give something after Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

*17th Annual Mass to Remember  
the Victims of September 11, 2001*

**MONDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 10**

Sacred Music at 7pm/ Mass at 7:30

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### PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That both teachers and students who are preparing themselves for a return to their important work of education, will enjoy these last days of summer, and be ready for the pleasures and challenges of the new school year, let us pray to the Lord...



### A WARM INVITATION TO JOIN OUR CHOIR

Our excellent adult Choir will be back in the choir loft each Sunday singing at the 10:00am Mass. Our Choir could use more members, especially some additional men's voices to balance our ensemble. If you enjoy singing with others, and can come on Sundays for a rehearsal at 9am before the 10am Mass, we cordially invite you to join our adult choir. Share in our satisfaction and service to the Lord. Speak to our Music Director, Mr. Edward Morand, at the conclusion of any Mass he plays at - 4pm, 10am, 12:30 - or call him at: 718-524-7547. The Choir will resume Sunday, September 9 with a 9 am rehearsal.

### INVITING ADULTS TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS

Do you or someone you know want to receive BAPTISM, or HOLY COMMUNION, or CONFIRMATION? These Sacraments are so important. Let us help you. Talk to Monsignor or call him—718 442 5412— for news about our RCIA Sunday morning program that starts again next Sunday.



Our Parish Bereavement Group is a big help for people who are grieving. Next meeting dates are Saturdays **September 15 and 29**, 10:30 to 11:45, in our Parish House at 115 Windsor Road at Slosson Av. Newly bereaved people are especially welcome. Contact Deacon Novella Lawrence at 347-581-1082 for encouragement to come and/or for further details.

### CATCH UP ON OUR SUNDAY BULLETINS ONLINE

**You can read our recent parish bulletins  
at: [saintteresasi.org](http://saintteresasi.org).**

**You can also access our parish calendar  
and view our activities.**

*The winners of our July 50/50 Drawing was: Mr. & Mrs. Coakley. The prize was \$313.  
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 August.*



## Show others the way to God

God has called all of us to follow him but we are also called to lead. Aiding another's spiritual growth in simple ways can lead others to Christ.

**Be on the watch.** Ask God to reveal to you those who don't know him. Record their names and commit to praying for them daily.

**Go to Mass together.** Inviting a friend or someone seeking a spiritual home to attend Sunday Mass with you is a great way to spend time together and show commitment to the faith.



**Offer prayer cards.** Promote prayer and a devotion to the saints by sending an occasional prayer card featuring a saint relevant to his or her life issues.

**Build bridges.** Spend time with those seeking God. Show them what a life with him looks like. Invite seekers to dinner, go for coffee, listen to their problems. In other words, be a friend.

**Share his love.** God's love breaks down barriers and removes prejudices. Act with love toward others. A little kindness may open the door for the Gospel.

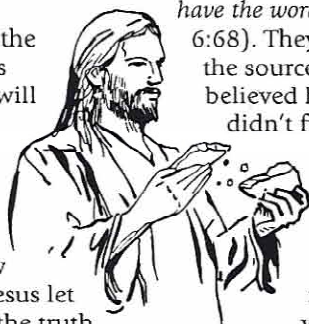
### from Scripture

#### John 6:60-69, To whom shall we go?

This reading comes at the end of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse, in which he explained the meaning of the Eucharist. Jesus said that he is the Bread of Life. Unless we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will not have eternal life. Many of his listeners left, horrified.

The Apostles were also shocked. The day before, enthusiastic crowds were ready to make Jesus king. Now they were running away and Jesus let them go. He understood that the truth is more important than popularity.

Jesus turned to the Apostles and asked if they wanted to leave, too. Peter,



speaking for the group, replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). They all recognized Jesus as the source of eternal life. They believed him, even though they didn't fully understand him.

Followers of Christ know that there is always hope even in times that appear hopeless. We remember Peter's words: "Master...you have the words of eternal life." With God, we all can have hope. He can bring us eternal life.

### Q & A Is it okay to tell a "white lie"?

The Eighth commandment directs us to tell the truth always (Exodus 20:16). While a "white lie" told to avoid hurting someone else's feelings may seem harmless, telling lies is never acceptable. Here are some suggestions to help:



**"Does this look good on me?"** A dishonest "yes" creates the wrong impression in the wearer's mind. Instead of brutal honesty – "You look fat!" – offer a truthful positive – "It's a great color on you." This is "mental reservation," and is better than lying.

**"That's personal..."** Questions about your personal life, family, and financials don't require explanations, if the seeker has no right to know. A simple, "That's personal," should get the message across. This goes for seeking others' personal information as well (CCC #2489).

**Tell the truth with love.** What is right and wrong is not decided by popular vote. Admonishing the sinner is actually a spiritual act of mercy. "Whoever fears the Lord directs his friendship aright, for as he is, so his neighbor [will be] also" (Sirach 6:17).

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### Feasts & Celebrations

**Aug. 7 – St. Cajetan (1547).** St. Cajetan worked to reform the Church by founding the Theatines, a religious order modeled on the teachings of the Apostles.

**Aug. 11 – St. Clare of Assisi (1253).** Born to a noble family in Assisi, Italy, St. Clare followed St. Francis of Assisi into poverty at age eighteen and founded a sister order to the Franciscans called, the "Poor Clares."

**Aug. 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950).** Declared a dogma of our faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates

Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

**Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew (1st Century).** One of the Twelve Apostles and the son of Tolomai, Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael, who went with Philip to see Jesus. After Jesus's ascension, he spread Christianity to India and in Armenia, where he was martyred. He is the patron saint of Armenia and Belgium, among other places.



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## Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus says His apostles might not have clean hands, but their hearts are pure and they follow God's Commandments. This is what matters most to God.

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Be Pure of Heart

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

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