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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 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:** Most Sundays at 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.

*Marriages*: Please contact the rectory well 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 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. Stop by the parish office or call for a membership form. It is important that all parishioners are registered. Please register with us so that we know you are here.

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm, Vigil Mass
Sunday
St. Teresa7:30 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm
5:00 pm
St. Nicholas9:00 am
Eve of Holydays 4:00 pm
Holy DaysAs announced in bulletin.
Daily Masses8:30 am Mon. to Sat.
12 Noon Tues. to Fri.

#### **Ways To Support Our Parish**

- 1. Use Sunday Envelopes
- Donate Online.Go to saintteresasi.churchgiving.com
- 3. Include a bequest to St. Teresa in you will "I leave (amount) for the good works of St. Teresa Church."







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

SATURDAY, May 30	SUNDAY, May 31	SUNDAY, continued					
4:00PM	7:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	St. Nicholas Chapel 9:00 AM					
MONDAY, June 1	TUESDAY, June 2	WEDNESDAY, June 3					
8:30 AM	8:30 AM 12 Noon	8:30 AM 12 Noon					
THURSDAY, June 4	FRIDAY, June 5	SATURDAY, June 6					
8:30 AM 12 Noon	8:30 AM 12 Noon	8:30 AM					



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

Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciricirillo, Carina DeGulio, Ed Diaz, Rachel

Diaz, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Edward Gross, Elaine Guarlino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Bill McMillen, Susan Morris, Helen Nadeau, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Edwin Rodriguez, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, Joseph Tirone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, William Wisnieski.

Members of our Legion of Mary are willing to visit the sick at home. For additional information please contact Patricia Signorelli at 718-981-9353.

#### Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Private Daniel A. Hughes, U.S. Army, Ft. Jackson, S.C.
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#### **MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

J	une 7	Priest
Saturday	4:00 PM	
Sunday	7:30 AM	
	9:00 AM	
	10:30 AM	
	12:30 PM	
	5:00 PM	



Thank you for your
Sunday donations! WeShare
online amount was \$3,285.
Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of
\$4,004.





Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Happy Pentecost Day! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love!

Today I have a wonderful announcement to make. In a short while, as soon as we get our camera and wiring in place, you will be able to see and share in the celebration of Sunday Mass from our parish church! Even when you cannot be physically present, you will be able to join us as we livestream the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on that day. More information will follow.

We all know that watching Mass at home is not as ideal or as satisfying as being present, and it does not give us the opportunity to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. But when circumstances may prevent some of us from a complete experience, at least some of our parishioners will benefit from an encounter with the powerful Word of God and his graces.

Adaptation and flexibility and new strategies are very necessary now. Many of you have adapted to the necessity of staying home and staying safe. As a Church, we are cooperating with civil authorities for the safety of one another. But waiting for Mass and Holy Communion is not easy! Please be patient as we wait for green lights from Cardinal Dolan. In the meantime, join FLOCKNOTE to get the latest news from the Cardinal or from our parish. Look on our website— www.saintteresasi.org.

Whether you will watch Mass at home or not, here are some tips from a Knight of Columbus, describing the challenges he faces trying to pray at home with his children via livestreaming.

"As fathers and leaders of our domestic churches, we should instill in our children good habits of prayer and devotion at Mass. That can be challenging enough in normal circumstances — but when Mass is viewed on the same screen as video games and cartoons, it can feel impossible to get our kids to focus.

You know what happens. It's time for Mass on Sunday and we gather around the TV to stream the liturgy. Things start off well enough, but by the end of the first reading, we're trying to keep the kids from wandering to other rooms, taking a nap on the couch, or heading to the kitchen for a snack. So let me offer you four tips to prepare children to engage in a live-streamed Mass.

#### 1. REDEFINE SUCCESS.

This first tip is more for adults than it is for kids. Before you can set your expectations for this experience, you have to address the elephant in the room: Streaming Mass is not the same as attending it in person. It's fundamentally different—and that means how you approach it will also be different. Maybe that means really focusing on the readings or using the change of environment to drive home to your kids Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist. Approaching the streamed Mass with a single focus helps redefine success and allows you to take advantage of this time "up-close" to the altar to really help your kids understand.

#### 2. LET YOUR KIDS PICK THE MASS.

There are so many Masses streamed online right now, and there are plenty of reasons to choose one over the other. Maybe your children really miss seeing your parish priest, or maybe they want to hear hymns like the ones sung in the Masses sponsored by the K of C from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Either way, by being included in the decision, your kids promote variety and have a chance to share their own needs and to talk about what they miss about going to church.

#### 3. READ ALONG WITH THE PRAYERS.

When it comes to fighting distractions, it helps to engage multiple senses. Just think of the Rosary. It combines verbal prayers, physical beads and sometimes written reflections to help you focus. Streamed Masses don't have the sensory engagement normally found in church. An easy way of adding more sensory engagement is to print out the Mass readings. Try https:// us.magnificat.net/free. This allows people of any age to read along and better focus on stories from the Bible. For younger children, a children's Bible or prayer card can provide a good visual focus that keeps them engaged.

#### 4. CELEBRATE SUNDAYS.

Just because churches are closed doesn't mean that you can't have post-Mass hospitality. Sunday treats are more important than ever to help mark Sunday as special. Schedule some pleasant activity after Mass as a way of celebrating Sundays. Special meals are especially good for this, as are phone and video calls with other family members and friends. By scheduling these activities for Sundays, you give your children and yourself something to look forward to, and an additional reason to focus well at Mass. And you'll be taking excellent advantage of the extra time with your family. "

In awe of all of you Mothers and Fathers and Grandparents who strive to teach your children about Jesus and His Mass,

Msgr. William Belford







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#### St. Teresa's Bereavement Group

St. Teresa's Bereavement Group will be meeting every Saturday morning at 10:45 via the Conference Call System until they can resume scheduled meetings in the Parish House. This is the phone # for participants to call in at 10:45am on Saturday mornings - 978-990-5027. The access code is 455962# as some may want to refer to it in the weeks to come. Contact Deacon Novella Lawrence at 347-581-1082 if you have any questions. A call before is requested to make first-time visitors comfortable.



Just as many families need a paycheck each week, your parish family counts on our Sunday collection to pay our expenses. Many thanks to those who have mailed or delivered their contributions. I hope many will help us make up for the baskets that will be empty for weeks. But please also think about using this crisis to make your Sunday contributing easier and more dependable. You can do this by joining others who use WeShare. On a computer follow these simsteps: 1. Go to our parish website: www.saintteresasi.org. 2. Scroll down to a cute little church and see "Give Online." 3. Go to Primary Church Collection and then Recurring Church Collection. 4. Think about a percentage of your income, and enter the amount you want to give. Money can be deducted safely from bank accounts and credit cards, under your control and as you see fit. Many people do this already. I think that having more people join us in this practice is important for our parish's future.

#### **Hail Mary**

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Saint Teresa of the Infant Jesus, pray for us!



Our Religious Education Program will welcome new applicants throughout the summer! Contact St. Teresa Religious Education Coordinator Mrs. Lisa Rametta at <a href="https://ccdo.org/ccdo.org/ccdo.org/">CCD@SAINTTERESASI.ORG</a>
We are eager to serve you and to help your children grow in faith, hope, and love.

## IMPORTANT REASONS TO FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS FORM NOW

Please do not miss the chance to help our Staten Island community by giving information about our numbers and our need for services.

- The Census form is easy and quick to fill out.
- The Census is a count of all individuals living in the US regardless of citizenship status.
- Children will not be counted in school. You must list them so we know they are here.
- The Census form does not ask for your social security number or any financial information.
- Please fill out the entire Census form. If you do not answer at all, or if you leave things out, Census workers will be obligated to come to your address.
- Almost every part of our daily lives is impacted by the decisions based on Census data—things like public transit, school funding, and essential local, state, federal programs.

#### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

"Brothers and sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God which produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit...For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and we were all given to drink of the one Spirit."

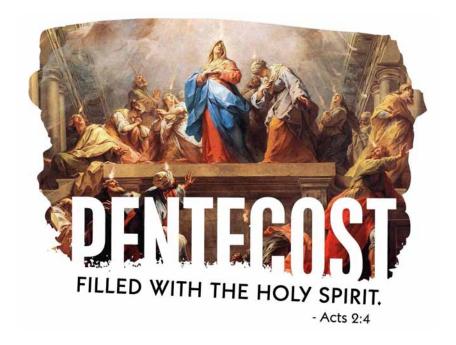
We proclaim that Jesus is Lord, and everything that goes along with it. He is Savior, Teacher, Brother. Because the Spirit dwells in me, I do not hesitate to make this assertion.

Take a moment, to reflect upon the gifts I see in others. They too are signs that the Spirit dwells in that person. Do not hesitate to mention your respect for them because of the presence of the Spirit and the gifts they possess. It might be the special moment to awaken in them the need to continue to exercise these God given gifts. Do I find charity, kindness, humility, the spirit of evangelization, holiness in them? Pray for them, help awaken that presence of the Spirit in them.

#### **HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS





# Gospel Today Pentecost Sunday | John 20:19-23

Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection and through the Holy Spirit, gave them the power to forgive sins. This was the beginning of our Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation.

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Appearance to the Disciples. On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

- John 20:19-23

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Pentecost Sunday	В	R	Е	Α	Т	Н	Е	D	Е	W	0	Н	S
Appearance Evening	Н	I	S	Р	I	R	I	T	0	М	J	Ε	U
First Week	F	Т	0	Р	Ε	N	Т	Ε	С	0	S	Т	Ν
Doors Locked	Α	Е	R	Е	J	0	I	С	Ε	D	Т	Т	D
Fear Jesus Stood	Е	J	Α	Α	Р	N	M	Е	S	I	Ν	S	Α
Peace Showed	V	Е	Е	R	Е	Н	Т	Α	F	Е	Е	Е	Υ
Hands Side	Е	S	V	Α	Ν	Ε	I	Е	S	R	М	L	L
Disciples Rejoiced	Ν	U	I	Ν	Α	S	С	S	Y	Е	Α	Р	0
Father Sent Breathed	I	S	G	С	Ν	0	W	Α	D	W	R	I	Н
Receive Holy	Ν	Е	R	Е	С	Ε	I	V	Ε	0	С	С	Α
Spirit Power	G	S	0	0	Е	S	С	Α	D	Р	Α	S	Ν
Forgive Sins	K	Т	F	K	0	T	S	R	l	F	S	I	D
Sacrament Penance	L	0	С	K	Ε	D	Р	Y	S	Α	Т	D	S

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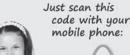
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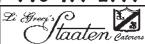
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