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September 6, 2020

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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. Teresa ..... 7:30 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm
5:00 pm
St. Nicholas ..... 9:00 am
Eve of Holydays .... 4:00 pm
Holy Days .....As announced in bulletin.
Daily Masses .....8:30 am Mon. to Sat.
12 Noon Tues. to Fri.

Ways To Support Our Parish

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

THIS SUNDAY, September 6	***Do Whatever He Tells You!*** **– (John 2:5)**	NEXT SUNDAY, September 13
4:00 PM Cassidy, Powers, Clooney and Ledoux Families **7:30 AM Theresa Capobianco and Victoria Yashian** **9:00 AM Kate Ballin** **10:30 AM Hanna Byrne** **12:30 PM Fr. William Boldt** **5:00 PM For the People of Our Parish**	Holy Mass Intentions	**4:00 PM Mona and Anthony Ferraro** **7:30 AM Barbara, Vincent and Baby Shawn Hicks** **9:00 AM Thomas J. Burke** **10:30 AM Jane McCarthy** **12:30 PM For the People of Our Parish** **5:00 PM Ted Harris**

MONDAY, September 7	TUESDAY, September 8	WEDNESDAY, September 9
8:30 AM Paul Belford	**8:30 AM Brian Lamantia (Living)** **12 Noon Mary and Michael Ward**	**8:30 AM Msgr. Richard Guastella** **12 Noon Angela Goodman**

THURSDAY, September 10	FRIDAY, September 11	SATURDAY, September 12
8:30 AM Joseph Malicay **12 Noon Thomas P. Ward**	**8:30 AM Victims and Families of 9/11 Attacks** **12 Noon Nora Stanco**	**8:30 AM Burton Cohen**

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, 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 Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Ft. Jackson, S.C.
Private Daniel A. Hughes, U.S. Army, Ft. Jackson, S.C.
Corporal Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.
SRA Michael Mazzarella, U.S. Air Force, Middle East

MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

We need and thank you for your Sunday donations! WeShare online amount was $1,413. Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of $5,940.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

For those who have not heard, I begin today by sharing the sad news that Sister Margaret Mary Quinn, PBVM, passed away on August 25, at the age of 90. For 71 years, she was a faithful member of her religious order: the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her funeral Mass was here on Saturday August 29. Bishop John O'Hara was the principal celebrant and homilist. Fr. John and I concelebrated, as did other priests, in the presence of her family members, her religious Sisters , and admirers and co-workers of our parish.

Sister Margaret Mary was an excellent 8th grade teacher for many decades in Catholic schools on Staten Island. She had a big influence on many students, as shown by the men and women who came to her wake and Mass. After September 11, 2001, she became the promoter and namesake of our ministry to hungry neighbors. Fr. O'Hara and Sister Margaret Mary began this work of charity, supported by our parishioners with contributions, as an urgent response to the sudden need of many Islanders for food after 9/11. Since Sister was the primary collector of donations and leader of volunteers, we began to refer to it as our Sister Margaret Mary Food Pantry. People have always been generous. You know that there is a collection in the vestibule for our Food Pantry after Masses on the first Sunday of each month. Many people hand something to the volunteers and others mail a check whenever they can. Right now, as I will explain, we are not accepting food; we can only use cash and checks.

Sister never lost her interest and zeal for this important work, and I reported to her each time we had a visit. As I explained to Sister months ago, and to you in this bulletin, our parish's food ministry does continue during the pandemic in a different way. Respecting the dangers of transmission and sickness, and the rules of social distancing to keep people safe, leaders and volunteers all decided to close our small pantry for the time being. We are not able to accept food items at present, because we are not giving them out. In fact, we recently donated every food item we had to Project Hospitality, which has the ability to continue food distribution.

Even though we are not giving out bags of food, the donations we receive are going out to the community to feed the hungry. We have a list of our Pantry visitors, and once a month we send a letter inviting them to go to the office at Met Food and receive a $50 certificate to spend in the store. If you also have a need, call us and we will see how the donations are continuing and if we can add you to the list. Our number is 718 442 5412.

Speaking of numbers, we are seeing a steady trend of more parishioners coming back to Mass. And that makes priests and people very happy! June 28 was our first Sunday to reopen, and 237 parishioners felt it was safe for them to come to Mass that day. Though some people have health issues that should keep them at home for now, I hope and expect that we will see even more people at Mass in September. Why? People need both God and one another, and our Church is an assembly of believers who inspire one another. Sunday is still the day to spend time with the Lord, and those who can should come to Mass and give God their thanks and praise. And people at Mass get to receive what no TV Mass can give you: the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Since June 28th, we have been maintaining our full schedule of weekday and Sunday Masses. To review: **8:30am Monday to Saturday, 12 Noon Tuesday to Friday.** Confessions every Saturday 12 to 1. The schedule for Sunday remains: **4pm Saturday, 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, 12:30, and 5pm**. Protecting people against the virus has caused two adjustments. The 9am Mass is temporarily moved from St. Nicholas Chapel to St. Teresa Church to allow for more people and social distancing. The confessional boxes cannot be used because we are too close to each other, so priests are hearing confessions in the sacristy at the right front side of the church.

Last Sunday brought the largest attendance since re-opening. Our careful counters tallied 377 worshippers. For those who would like to know, the attendance at Mass last weekend was: 68 at 4pm, 62 at 7:30am, 28 at 9am, 100 at 10:30, 67 at 12:30, and 52 at 5pm. Pray each day for protection from the coronavirus, and from all the spiritual, social, emotional and economic hardships that it has brought to us and to our world.

Msgr. William Belford

ANNUAL PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS KILLED ON 9/11 NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MASS

As we do each year after Masses on the Sunday nearest September 11th, we invite the congregation to gather at our parish memorial after Mass for a brief memorial prayer service, to remember by name the victims of that terrible violence.

You are also urged to come on Thursday evening September 10 to Our Lady of Pity Church on Richmond Avenue near Victory Blvd. at 7:30pm for the annual Staten Island Remembrance Mass.

DID YOU GET MARRIED IN 1970?

If so, 2020 is your **Golden Anniversary Year** - and you probably have missed out on some of the celebrations you could have had. That included our parish's traditional Mass and Breakfast for Golden and Silver Anniversary couples usually held in late May. And the Cardinal's annual June Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral for Golden Anniversary couples also had to be cancelled.

But to ensure that all eligible Golden Jubilee couples are recognized for their faith and commitment on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Cardinal Dolan and our parish want to be able to give special anniversary certificates to each Golden Jubilee couple to commemorate this blessed sacrament of marriage.

So if you are celebrating 50 years of married life during 2020, please write us a note or speak to Lisa Naughton in our parish office - 718 442 5412—in the days to come so that we can enroll you for this special recognition.

THE SACRAMENTS

Have you never been baptized? Did you miss First Holy Communion and Confirmation? Would you like to receive these sacraments and become a more active member of the Catholic Faith? If you are interested talk to a priest so that we can help you.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For people who have been hurt by bad events in their lives and have drifted away from their relationship with Jesus their Savior, that now may be a time of reconnection with Jesus and sacraments in His church, let us pray to the Lord...

Our Religious Education Program welcomes new students now for virtual classes that will start soon. Contact Religious Education Coordinator Mrs. Lisa Rametta at CCD@SAINTTERESASI.ORG We are ready and eager to serve and to help our children to grow in knowledge, faith, hope, and love.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Victor Kvetkoff-Jessica Occhipinti

John Pisani-Patrice Liquori

Christopher Barletta-Kathryn Hansen

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.

*The winners of our July **50/50 Drawing** were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Iafe. The prize was $137. 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.*

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September 6, 2020
Month of the Sorrowful Mother

Dear friends in the Lord:

The COVID-19 pandemic concerned many countries and in several of them, preventive measures precluded the normal community celebration of Holy Week. The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every hear from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and charitable structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education, and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land*, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*.

The celebration that commemorates the discovery of the Relics of the Cross by St. Helena also marks a new beginning of public worship in Jerusalem, with the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. May it be a sign of hope and salvation after the passion to which many peoples are now associated, as well as solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the Land where "it all began".

This offering allows God's people to inhabit the Holy Places and in so doing bear witness to the Resurrection of Christ. Your support helps the Franciscan friars to preserve the sacred shrines. I am asking you once again to be as generous as your means allow.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ T. m. Card. Dolan

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 18:15-20

Jesus promises, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

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PAPER PRAYER CHAIN

We call God to us when we gather in prayer, two or three or more! Most churches have a "prayer chain". Not a real chain, but a group of people who link up and pray together.

Make a personal prayer chain. Write your thanks, needs, forgiveness or requests to God, one on each link or strip of paper. Attach the links together to form a chain. Have other family members add their own links! Hang it in your home and during family prayer time, as two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, He will hear your prayer. If it is His will, it will be done.

DIRECTIONS

Step One Cut the construction paper lengthwise into strips that are about an inch wide. They can be of pretty much any length, keeping in mind that the longer the strip, the bigger each link in the chain. Write your requests to God on each link.

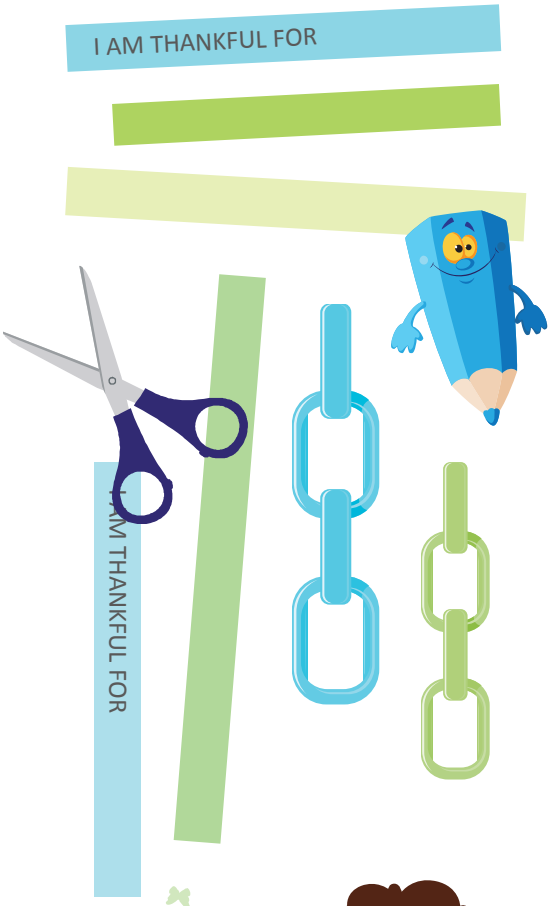
Step Two Bend the first strip around to form a circle or loop.

Step Three Seal the open ends of the circle link with glue, tape or a stapler so that it stays connected on its own.

Step Four Take another strip and thread it through the first loop forming a second, connected circle.

Step Five Seal the second circle with glue, tape or a stapler so that you have two linked circles.

Step Six Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to make the chain as long as you like.



For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20

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