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January 3, 2021

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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. Teresa 7:30 am
 10:30 am
 12:30 pm
 5:00 pm

St. Nicholas 9:00 am

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Holy Days As announced in bulletin.

Daily Masses 8:30 am Mon. to Sat.
 12 Noon Tues. to Fri.

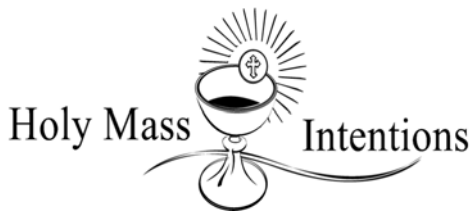
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2. Donate Online.
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3. Include a bequest to St. Teresa in your will "I leave (amount) for the good works of St. Teresa Church."



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THIS SUNDAY, January 3	Do Whatever He Tells You! – (John 2:5)	NEXT SUNDAY, January 10
4:00 PM John Politano 7:30 AM Rose Mannino 9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30 AM Martin Pena 12:30 PM Filipinas S. Decena 5:00 PM Gerard Hoffman		4:00 PM Dr. and Mr. Wang 7:30 AM Joseph and Theresa Capobianco 9:00 AM Salvatore Fangano 10:30 AM Vita Longo 12:30 PM Eric Isaksen 5:00 PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, January 4	TUESDAY, January 5	WEDNESDAY, January 6
8:30 AM Gerard Hoffman	8:30 AM Joseph Capobianco 12 Noon Robert Ruggiero	8:30 AM Maryann Granello 12 Noon Joy Travalino (Living)
THURSDAY, January 7	FRIDAY, January 8	SATURDAY, January 9
8:30 AM Alice Buhse 12 Noon Felicita Seguinot	8:30 AM Elizabeth Kallattil 12 Noon Victoria Yashian	8:30 AM St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity



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, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiaco-mo, Edwin Rodriguez, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, Joseph Ti-rone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, William Wisnie-ski.

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, Fort Gordon, GA.
Corporal Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps
Base Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.**

MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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



*Thank you for your
Sunday donations! WeShare
online amount was \$2,035.
Parishioners brought
envelopes with contributions
of \$11,868.*



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

May you have a happy and peaceful New Year! And let us all praise God our Father, who gives us more time to become more loving and wise, and to help one another in our families—and even strangers we may meet on the side of a road. (Don't miss the true story on page 5 inside.)

I liked very much the Coin In My Pocket and the Prayer Card that registered parishioners received in our November mailing. If you remember, the card had a longer version of the reasons why we Christians contemplate the Cross of our Lord. Let me share those verses with you again as pattern for living in our new Year of Our Lord 2021:

*I carry this cross in my pocket / to remind me of who I can be
If I take up my cross and follow / wherever my Savior leads me.
The cross is not there as a token / or a prize I can brag about;
It's there as a personal reminder / of something I can't live without.
It reminds me of Jesus my Savior / Who died for me and now lives;
Each day I remember my new life / and the blessings and gifts He gives.
I carry this cross in my pocket / along with my money and keys.
I keep it close by to remind me / of what's most important to me.
This cross is also a reminder / of the love that I feel in my heart
For all of my fellow believers / a family of which I'm a part.
So I carry a cross to remind me / that along with my family and friends
I take with me the love of Christ Jesus / With Whom I am never alone.*

You may have seen the name of our parish in the centerfold of the Nov. 5 issue of **CATHOLIC NEW YORK**. We were being recognized and honored for the faithful generosity of our parishioners who contributed to the **2020 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**.

Presently there are 295 parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, down from 413 after many mergers. Of 295 parishes, only 51 reached their charitable goal to provide money for the support of very poor parishes, Catholic education, diocesan services, and support for retired Sisters, Brothers and priests. Contributors have been very conscious of these needs besides our own parish needs, and we have done exceedingly well with your assistance. I thank you very much for recognizing the needs of others and having a consciousness of sharing and helping one another.

Our goal was \$131,500. The amount pledged as of October 30 was **\$146,816**. Thank you for that, and for any additional gifts that traditionally come in by January. The need and the opportunity are still there. Our parish will also share benefit substantially from new gifts, for a parish receives 60% of what is received over goal. Our fulfillment rate is excellent. \$142,496 of what was pledged was received at the Archdiocese by October 30. Therefore in November our parish received a rebate check for almost \$6,600. Another smaller check should come in March.

Preparing for the future is a good thing to do at the start of a new year. Making a will while you are of sound mind and clear judgment should be at the top of everyone's list, because a will is a great help to your survivors. Also, making a will allows you to express thanks and provide gifts for institutions like parishes and schools that helped to make you what you are now. Soon I will be announcing two new bequests to our church and our school.

One final thought about helping one another at the time when family or friends begin to suffer loss of memory. A friend who was a hospital chaplain learned these four **Absolutes for Dementia Care** and recommends them as a wonderful way for all of us to act towards others if they have this illness: * **Never argue; instead, agree.** * **Never reason; instead divert.** * **Never shame; instead, distract.** * **Never lecture; instead, reassure.**

Yours in Jesus Christ, who loves us today and always,
Msgr. William Belford



CALENDARS AND MISSALETTES

To help you through this new year of grace, we hope you will use our beautiful religious calendar for 2021. This is available anytime church is open (between 7:30am and 1:30pm) and is offered to you through the courtesy of Casey Funeral Home.

In scenic pictures and Scriptural quotes, the awesome beauty of God's creation and God's plan is presented.

We also invite you to take home a new missalette for your personal use. These missalettes (smaller versions of the Missal, the prayerbook on the altar) are in the back of church with the calendars.

Each missalette is a worship aid that people benefit from using in church (and/or at home) to help them with the Scripture readings at Mass, and for the prayers inside and on the back cover.

We cannot leave missalettes or hymnals in the pews right now for multiple people to touch, lest any virus be transmitted. But, **you can take one for yourself if you will use at home, or bring it to Mass as long as you take it home with you.** Thus you can have your personal or family copy during this time when we are following the Covid safety measures.

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH WORLD MARRIAGE DAY+ FEBRUARY 14, 2021

The search is on for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

To Enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of **65** years and must reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of

World Marriage Day, February 14, 2021.

For further information, or to submit an entry, contact **Kathleen Crayne** at the Family Life Office at kathleen.crayne@archny.org (preferred method) or call 646-794-3182.

The deadline for entries is January 17, 2021.



THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO PROVIDED A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR OUR ANNUAL DISPLAY! TREES WILL BE TAKEN DOWN THIS SATURDAY JANUARY 9. SO IF YOU WANT TO SAVE ANY DECORATIONS, PLEASE VISIT YOUR TREE SOON.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Father in heaven thank you for keeping the door open for us even when we don't come in. Thank you for the human angels you give us. Let us repay them, or better: pay things forward.

FREE MEALS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED SOME HELP

The city Department of Education (DOE) is offering the free meals to students and adults at different designated times.

Free breakfast and lunch meals are available for all New York City students from 9 a.m. to noon at specified school locations.

- Adults can pick up meals from 3 to 5 p.m. on school days only. Meals will not be available to the general public at any other time. No registration or identification is required, and multiple meals can be picked up at once.
- Families can search "Free Meals" on schools.nyc.gov or call 311 to find a site near them. Families can also text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 to find a meal near them.

The winners of our November 2020 50/50 Drawing were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Knapp. The prize was \$95. 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 December.

FRIENDS ARE GOD'S WAY OF TAKING CARE OF US

*This is a first-person account of an experience that a doctor in Denver had,
a few days before Christmas a few years ago.*

I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life. So I want to share it right away with my family and friends.

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5pm, stuck in traffic on Colorado Boulevard, when my car suddenly began to sputter and choke, and I was convinced that it was going to die right there on the street.

I spotted a gas station up ahead, and coasted in just before the car came to a dead halt. But at least I was off the road and had a safe place to wait for help.

But before I could make my emergency call, I saw a woman walk out of the Quickie Mart. It looked like she slipped and fell next to a gas pump, so I jumped out to see if she was OK.

When I got to her, it seemed like she had been overcome by sorrow rather than a fall. She was young but looked haggard with dark circles under her eyes. A nickel fell out of her hand, and I picked it up for her.

Suddenly everything came into focus: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed with stuff, three kids in the back, and a gas pump reading \$4.95.

I asked her if she was okay. She just kept repeating that she did not want to let her kids see her crying. We stood on the other side of the pump so the kids could not see us. I listened while she talked, about how she was driving to California, and things were really hard for her right now.

Finally I just asked her if she had been praying. She backed up a little, but I assured her that I was not crazy. And then I told her, "God heard you, and He sent me to help."

I took out my credit card and swiped it through the reader so that she could fill up the tank. While it was fueling I walked to the McDonald's next door and bought a bagful of meals and drinks and gift certificates. She passed the bag to the kids, who attacked it like wolves, while we stood by the pump eating fries and talking.

She told me more of her story. She lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left her two months ago, and she could not make ends meet. In desperation she called her parents in California, and talked with them for the first time in five years. They invited her to come home and live with them while she got back on her feet.

So she packed up everything she owned and stuffed it in the car. She told the kids that they were going to California for Christmas – which was true, but the kids didn't know yet that they were going to stay.

She was soon ready to leave. I gave her my gloves and said a prayer for her safety on the road.

As I was walking to my car, she called me and asked a question, "So are you like an angel or something?"

This almost made me cry. But I gave a good answer: "At this time of the year, angels are pretty busy. So sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be part of someone else's miracle.

And of course – you guessed it. When I got back in my car, it started right up, and I got all the way home with no trouble.

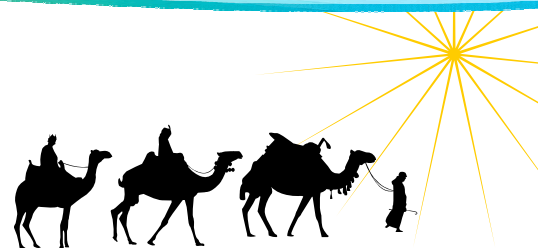
I'll take it to the mechanic in the morning. But I am pretty sure that he won't find anything wrong.

The 3 are called **wise men, kings, or magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

- INGREDIENTS -

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

SWEET as HONEY



Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*



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