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

Served by

Msgr. William J. Belfor	dPastor
Father John Kallattil, V	CParochial Vicar
Father Steven Challma	inSunday Associate
Deacon Jonathan Reye	es Deacon
Mrs. Nicole C. Fresca	School Principal
Mrs. Lisa Rametta	Religious Ed. Coordinator
Mrs. Lisa Naughton	Parish Manager
Mr. Edward Morand	Director of Music



St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus 1634 Victory Boulevard Castleton Corners Staten Island, NY 10314 January 31, 2021

St. Nicholas Chapel La Bau Avenue and Northern Boulevard



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.

Rectory	
School	
CCD Office	
Fax	
Website	www.saintteresasi.org
Email	rectory@saintteresasi.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm, Vigil Mass		
Sunday		
St. Teresa7:30 am		
10:30 am		
12:30 pm		
5:00 pm		
St. Nicholas 9:00 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
- 2. Donate Online. Go to saintteresasi.churchgiving.com
- Include a bequest to St. Teresa in you will "I leave (amount) for the good works of St. Teresa Church."

THIS SUNDAY, January 31	Do Whatever He Tells You! – (John 2:5)	NEXT SUNDAY, February 7
4:00 PM For the People of our Parish 7:30 AM For Vocations to Priest- hood 9:00 AM Roseanne Friscia 10:30 AM Anthony Fiore 12:30 PM Marilyn Miller 5:00 PM Giovanni Schimenti	Holy Mass	 4:00 PM Ellen Thatcher 7:30 AM Dale J. Maturi 9:00 AM For the People of our Parish 10:30 AM Eileen and Vincent Brogan 12:30 PM Philip Birnbach 5:00 PM Patricia Surat
MONDAY, February 1 8:30 AM Sr. Marie De Lourdes	TUESDAY, February 2 8:30 AM John Langan 12 Noon Rosario Alaimo	WEDNESDAY, February 3 8:30 AM Jennifer D'Ambrosio 12 Noon Jane Ceurvels
THURSDAY, February 4 8:30 AM Michael D. Keane 12 Noon Myra Somma	FRIDAY, February 5 8:30 AM Vincent Benintendi 12 Noon Vito and Carmela LaFerlita	SATURDAY, February 6 8:30 AM Maryann Granello

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, 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 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.

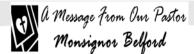
<u>Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military</u> Private Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Gordon, GA. Corporal Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.

MASSES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

February 7		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 \$2,570. Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of \$5,011.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

I am happy to draw your attention to a wonderful, relatively new spiritual resource for people in our neighborhood: <u>Our Lady of the Eucharist Adoration Chapel.</u> It is located within Saint Rita Church, at 281 Bradley Avenue.

The usual days and times for personal prayer and adoration are: Monday to Friday, from after the 9am Mass to 5pm. Regulars, called Adorers, often come for adoration for one hour, but you can try it first for a shorter time.

This Wednesday February 3 is the feast of Saint Blaise, a beloved Bishop and Martyr of the 4th century. Because he saved a boy who was choking, he is the patron saint whose intercession helps us to be free of illnesses of the throat. At Masses today and again on Wednesday, this prayer will be offered for all who wish to receive this special blessing:

THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR, MAY GOD DELIVER YOU FROM EVERY DISEASE OF THE THROAT AND FROM EVERY OTHER ILLNESS, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Our usual practice of blessing each person with two unlit candles in the form of a cross placed against the neck is obviously not to be done during this pandemic. Instead, the priest will extend his arms and pray the blessing printed above, over the whole congregation at once, without the use of candles and without physical contact. We priests will do this after the General Intercessions, better known as the Petitions, at all our Masses this weekend. We will also give this blessing at the 8:30am and 12 Noon Masses on Wednesday, which is the official commemoration of Saint Blaise.

This leads us to an early first announcement about Ash Wednesday, which this year comes on February 17.

With so many concerns about protecting ourselves from the coronavirus, we are planning special procedures for the safe distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. We will print the details in next week's bulletin. Remember that only people in good health should come to church that day (or any day) and that this is not a holyday of obligation. The imposition of ashes will be during each Mass after the homily, and at the end of Mass. We will have <u>Masses on Ash</u> <u>Wednesday at 8:30am, 12 Noon, and 7:30pm</u>. St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy students will receive ashes in school. There will be another <u>special service for children and families in church at 3:30pm</u>.

Speaking of our parish's young people, whose sacramental growth is so important to them as children of God, and to all of us as their parish community, I invite your prayers for them and for their parents and families as we plan and set dates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, of First Holy Communion, and of Confirmation. Our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs. Lisa Rametta, led two recent ZOOM meetings for everyone. With God's grace, we look ahead to celebrate First Penance on March 17, First Eucharist on May 1, and Confirmation on November 19.

Another announcement and sign of renewed life is that our Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which was fully subscribed and set to take off for Israel in November of 2020, has been rescheduled for November 8 to 17, 2021. The large majority of original pilgrims will be coming with me as the Spiritual Director, with Mrs. Macrina Reyes as the Coordinator, and with our new Deacon Jonathan Reyes. Some brochures are on display now in the vestibule. Among our destinations are Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Cana, Nazareth, Emmaus, Masada, the River Jordan and Sea of Galilee.

We are travelling with an excellent company that I have been to the Holy Land with several times before: Peter's Way Tours. The all-inclusive package is \$3,395 per person, sharing a twin room. We are limiting ourselves to just one bus so that our group is not too large and can move easily. Right now there are some seats available because of changes in schedule or circumstances. For information or questions, contact angela@petersway.com, or call 800 605 1551. If this experience appeals to you, give it both thought and prayer. We will not be tourists. You will become a pilgrim, seeing places you have imagined, and finding a closer relationship with the Lord in the places where He lived.

Knowing by faith that we are all pilgrims, passing through this world with a need for divine guidance and human companionship, let us keep up our spirits and fix our eyes on our ultimate destination, which is the kingdom of heaven.

Msgr. William Belford

2021 BUS TRIPS WITH ST. TERESA'S GOLDEN AGE

Golden Age President Lorraine Sellers—who people say is a great travel leader and friend to all her flock- is announcing two more trips for 2021! This is great for everyone with cabin fever and a desire to have some fun with our experienced and enthusiastic travellers!

* The first addition is to THE SHORE - going to historic Cape May New Jersey next May. The dates are May 18-20. The price is \$439. You will be staying 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, with 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, a carriage house exhibit, a tour of the Physick Estate and a Trolley Tour of the Historic District. Shopping at Washington St. Mall, Dolphin Watch Boat Cruise, Towne of Historic Smithville. Also included in your package: Motorcoach transportation, Souvenir gift, luggage handling, all taxes and meal gratul ties.

* The second new trip is to BOSTON - Boston/Salem/ Cape Ann. Also including a stop at Foxwood Casino in CT. Dates: September 17-20; price \$424 for 4 days, 3 nights. Call Lorriane for a flyer for full details.

Please call Lorraine at 917-292-6737 ASAP if you are interested coming on these trips. Once filled, wait list only.

OUR CHURCH BEARS WITNESS TO THE FACTS OF LIFE

EVERY BABY IS A HUMAN BEING, A CHILD OF GOD, A GLORIOUS MIRACLE

EVEN IF NOT PLANNED, A BABY IS NEVER TO BE DISCARDED, ALWAYS TO HAVE HIS OR HER CHANCE TO LIVE

LET SOMEONE ADOPT — DO NOT ABORT

ABORTION UNJUSTLY ENDS THE LIFE OF AN DEFENSELESS PERSON

"The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <u>http://www.reportlineweb.com/</u> <u>ADNY</u>. Both are available 24 hours per day." A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, intercede for us and for our nation and world, that we your children will be spared from this coronavirus and from the suffering and fear that accompanies it among us. Amen.

HOW TO WATCH SUNDAY MASS AT SAINT TERESA CHURCH

For the benefit of the people who cannot come to Mass in our church at this time, we started to livestream our 4pm Mass on Saturday.

Hundreds of people watch Mass as it happens or the next day or another time later. Go to our website <u>www.saintteresasi.org</u>. Look for ECA-THOLICLIVE. Then choose the date to find the Mass you wish to watch.

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 Michael Schiffler at 347-466-0603 if you have any questions. A call before is requested to make first-time visitors comfortable.

DO NOT FALL FOR TELEPHONE SCAMS!

WE SOMETIMES HEAR FROM PEOPLE THAT— USING THE NAME OF OUR CHURCH AND PAS-TOR—PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO HELP SOMEONE IN AN EMERGENCY BY BUYING GIFT CARDS. NEVER BELIEVE SUCH A CALL. BE SUSPICIOUS. JUST HANG UP IS THE BEST ADVICE!

READ THIS BULLETIN ONLINE AND KEEP UP WITH PARISH NEWS AND/OR <u>WATCH MASSES</u>: GO TO OUR NEW IMPROVED WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTTERESASI.ORG.

The winner of our January 50/50 **Drawing** was Mr. and Mrs. George Harp. The prize was \$110. 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 January.



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 loyally mailed in or delivered their contributions, and to all who help us make up for those who are missing. But please also think about using this crisis to make your Sunday contributing easier and more dependable. You can do this by joining more and more people who donate via WeShare. On a computer follow these simple steps: 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

<u>WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE</u> SOMEONE WHO CAN LISTEN?

Everyone goes through crises sometimes. When that is happening, we can benefit from a conversation with a professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective.

Our parish can make a connection for you with the Archdiocese of New York's PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK. Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor on Staten Island or anyplace in the Archdiocese, for up to six meetings, with only a \$10 co-pay per session. This can be arranged easily. Tell one of our priests that you want to talk with a counselor. He will contact the PARISH COUNSELING NET-WORK on your behalf, and then you can call and arrange your first visit with someone who can listen.

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.

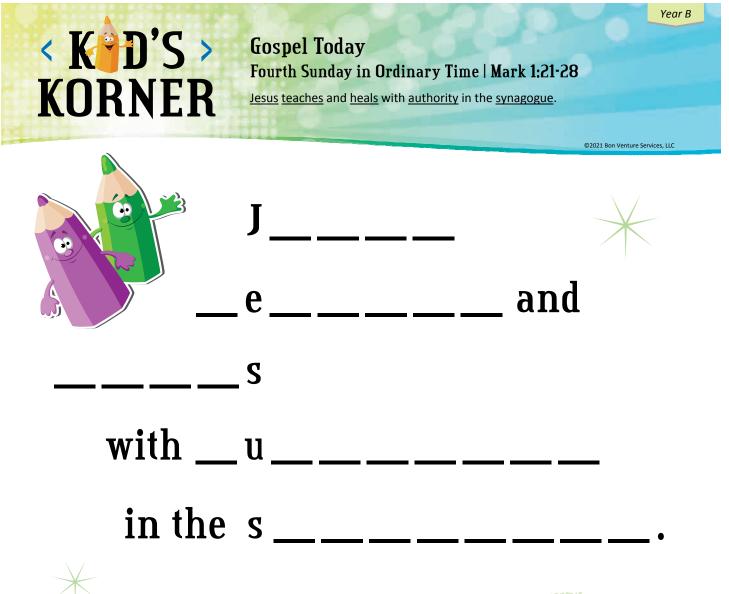
Families can search "Free Meals" on <u>schools.nyc.gov</u> or call 311 to find a site near them. Families can also text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 to find a meal near them.



SIGN UP NOW TO BE CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH AND TO GET THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR CARDINAL AND OUR PASTOR! JOIN FLOCKNOTE TODAY FOR ALL OUR CHURCH NEWS.

> Registration is easy and fast. Register on our website which is **saintteresasi.org**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949. She may also be reached via e-mail at victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found at the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is printed several times a year in our bulletin to ensure that children remain safe and secure.



Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- → Where can we hear the Good News?
- → How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- → Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?





