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

February 7, 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
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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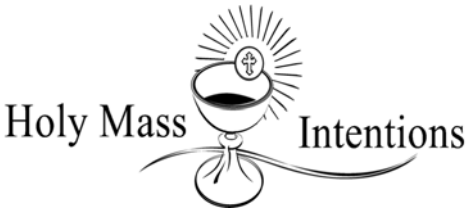

THIS SUNDAY, February 7		NEXT SUNDAY, February 14
4:00 PM Ellen Thatcher **7:30 AM Dale J. Maturi** **9:00 AM For the People of our Parish** **10:30 AM Eileen and Vincent Brogan** **12:30 PM Philip Birnbach** **5:00 PM Patricia Surat**		**4:00 PM Marie Belford** **7:30 AM For the People of our Parish** **9:00 AM Mary Roche** **10:30 AM Alice B. Townsend** **12:30 PM Religious Sisters and Brothers** **5:00 PM Paul Sheeran**
MONDAY, February 8	**TUESDAY, February 9**	**WEDNESDAY, February 10**
8:30 AM Marlene Friscia and Family	**8:30 AM Ruth Doyle** **12 Noon Robert John Dougherty**	**8:30 AM Varkichan Kallattil** **12 Noon Robert John Dougherty**
THURSDAY, February 11	**FRIDAY, February 12**	**SATURDAY, February 13**
8:30 AM **12 Noon Felicita Sequinot**	**8:30 AM Frank Russo** **12 Noon Renado Serrano**	**8:30 AM Natalina Scala**

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.

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

February 14		Priest
Saturday	4:00 PM	Msgr. Belford
Sunday	7:30 AM	Fr. Kallattil
	9:00 AM	Msgr. Belford
	10:30 AM	Msgr. Belford
	12:30 PM	Fr. Kallattil
	5:00 PM	Fr. Challman

Thank you for your Sunday donations! WeShare online amount was $1,920. Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of $6,169.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Though this has been a challenging year for students, for teachers, and for parents, I am delighted to tell you that our Catholic schools on Staten Island—and our own St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy—have been flourishing. We have many new students in our building. Look for an invitation next week from our Principal, Mrs. Nicole Fresca.

Do you recall that Jesus told His disciples, *"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me"* ? We should never forget that. And therefore we should appreciate the opportunity every year near the season of Lent to make a personal contribution to help the needy through our CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL.

The 2021 Appeal has just begun. Look at the printed flyer inside, announcing the ambitious but much-needed goal of $21 million, which will be divided in the following ways: half for parishes that cannot provide for their people or sustain themselves. 27% for charitable outreach and pastoral support. 10% for evangelization and Catholic education. 5% for formation of new priests. 5% for taking care of old priests. 5% for Covid-19 relief.

I know that you may have lost work or are low on money. It is safe to say that some people have it much better than you. It is also true that many other people have it worse. This is our once-a-year request from our Cardinal to help him help the many hands that are stretched out, asking for their parishes to stay open, for education for their children, for services for the sick and dying, or maybe for their daily bread. Please give something appropriate from your income or your savings, especially if it represents a sacrifice. For it will be grand to one day hear Jesus say to you, *"Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me."*

Today marks a long-awaited return to an important ministry of our parish. St. Teresa Church is responsible for the spiritual care of the residents and staff at Clove Lakes Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. Before Covid-19, Fr. John Kallattil or I have gone there every Sunday to offer an afternoon Mass at 2:30 in the large social room on the first floor. That Mass was also shown live on the televisions upstairs for the patients who could not come down.

When the virus became such a terrible reality last March, all gatherings, including Masses, had to be suspended. We priests have been able to go in only to give the anointing of the Sacrament of the Sick. But this Sunday Father John will go there and offer a televised Mass in the empty social room. Thus all the people upstairs who have been missing Mass a lot, can have the consolation of having their own Mass even though they are not in the same room.

Father John has not been able to visit his family in Kerala, India, for more than a year. This absence is difficult by itself, but when a family member dies, there is no chance for him to be present in the last days or offer the Funeral Mass. Months ago his sister Elizabeth passed away. Last week Father's brother Varkichan Kallattil went home to God. Those who wish can join us for a Memorial Mass for Father's brother in our church this Wednesday at 8:30am.

Ash Wednesday is coming soon, on February 17. <u>We will have Masses on Ash Wednesday at 8:30am, 12 Noon, and 7:30pm.</u> <u>There will also be a brief Liturgy of the Word for children and families in church at 3:30pm</u>. (We will be live-streaming the 8:30am Mass from our church, at www.saintteresasi.org. It can also be watched later in the day.)

With concerns about protecting people from the coronavirus, we have planned for the safe distribution of ashes. Changing the usual practice of imposing ashes on foreheads by hand and repeating for each person the traditional words—REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN– the priest will say that formula once for the whole congregation. Then as those who want ashes on his/her forehead come to the altar, the priest or deacon, instead of his hand, will use a new Q-tip to make the sign of the cross with ashes on each person.

This small change adjusts to the circumstances we face right now. While we certainly want people to come to Mass and begin a thoughtful, vigorous Lent, getting ashes is not an obligation. Even if you cannot come to church on Ash Wednesday, you can and should start Lent in a positive way by committing to prayer and fasting. Let us make Lent a time to strengthen our relationship with Jesus, identify our weaknesses, and make up for our sins.

While you can creatively choose your own special sacrifices for this Lent, <u>Catholics are obliged to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.</u> Fasting means eating only one full meal. (Two smaller meals can also be taken.) Abstinence, which is required for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday, means not eating meat. This should be our deliberate penitential sacrifice on eight days: Ash Wednesday and every Friday until after Easter.

Msgr. William Belford

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THE VERY SPECIAL DEVOTION FOR LENT—MAKING THE FOURTEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS—WILL BE HELD AT 7:30PM IN CHURCH EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT, FROM TWO DAYS AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY UNTIL GOOD FRIDAY. COME, EXPERIENCE AND FEEL OUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION TO THE SUFFERINGS OF JESUS.

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A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE IN NOVEMBER

A St. Teresa Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which was set to go to Israel in November of 2020, has been rescheduled for November 8 to 17, 2021.

Most of the original pilgrims will be going this November with Msgr. Belford as Spiritual Director and Mrs. Macrina Reyes as Coordinator. Brochures are on display now in our vestibule. The all-inclusive package is $3,395 per person, sharing a twin room. Among places we will visit in the Holy Land are: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Emmaus, Cana, Masada, Capernaum, the River Jordan and Sea of Galilee.

We are travelling with an excellent company: Peter's Way Tours. We are limiting ourselves to just one bus so that our group is not too large. There are some seats available now for reservation because of the change in date. For information or questions, email angela@ petersway.com.

OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL

You are invited to come and see a new spiritual resource for people who want to pray quietly in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus. Our Lady of the Eucharist Adoration Chapel has been opened within Saint Rita Church, at 281 Bradley Avenue.

The usual days and times for visitor's personal prayer and adoration are: Monday to Friday, after the 9am Mass to 5pm. Anyone can come for a few minutes or longer. Regulars, called Adorers, plan to stay for adoration for one hour, but you can begin with a shorter time.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For the good health and safety of those who protect us, who heal us, who respond to our emergencies, and who serve in our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord...

INVITATION TO SAINT CLARE CHURCH EMPLOYMENT ZOOM MEETING

St. Clare's Church in Great Kills sponsors an Employment Group that is open to jobseekers and their families. Monthly meetings begin at 7:30 PM. If you or someone you know is seeking work, which is hard, this group provides encouragement and ideas. You do not even have to drive there. Just contact the St. Clare Rectory at 718 984-7873 with your name, phone number and email address. They will send you a link to the Zoom Meetings. The schedule and topics for the February, March, and April **St. Clare's Employment Group Zoom Meetings** are as follows:

February 18 - "Using Recruitment Agencies Effectively in your Job Search" - Len Adams, President and CEO, ACG Resources

March 18 - "Dynamics of the Interviewing Process" - Holly Block, Assistant Director , College of Staten Island Office of Recruitment and Admissions

April 15 - " Current Recruitment Opportunities" - Monet Rankins-Dorsainville - Community Partner Manager, Staten Island Workforce1 Career Center

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 347-581-1082 if you have any questions. A call before is requested to make first-time visitors comfortable.

READ THIS BULLETIN ONLINE AND KEEP UP WITH PARISH NEWS AND/OR WATCH MASSES: 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.*

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KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:29-39

Jesus healed many people as He and His disciples moved from town to town.

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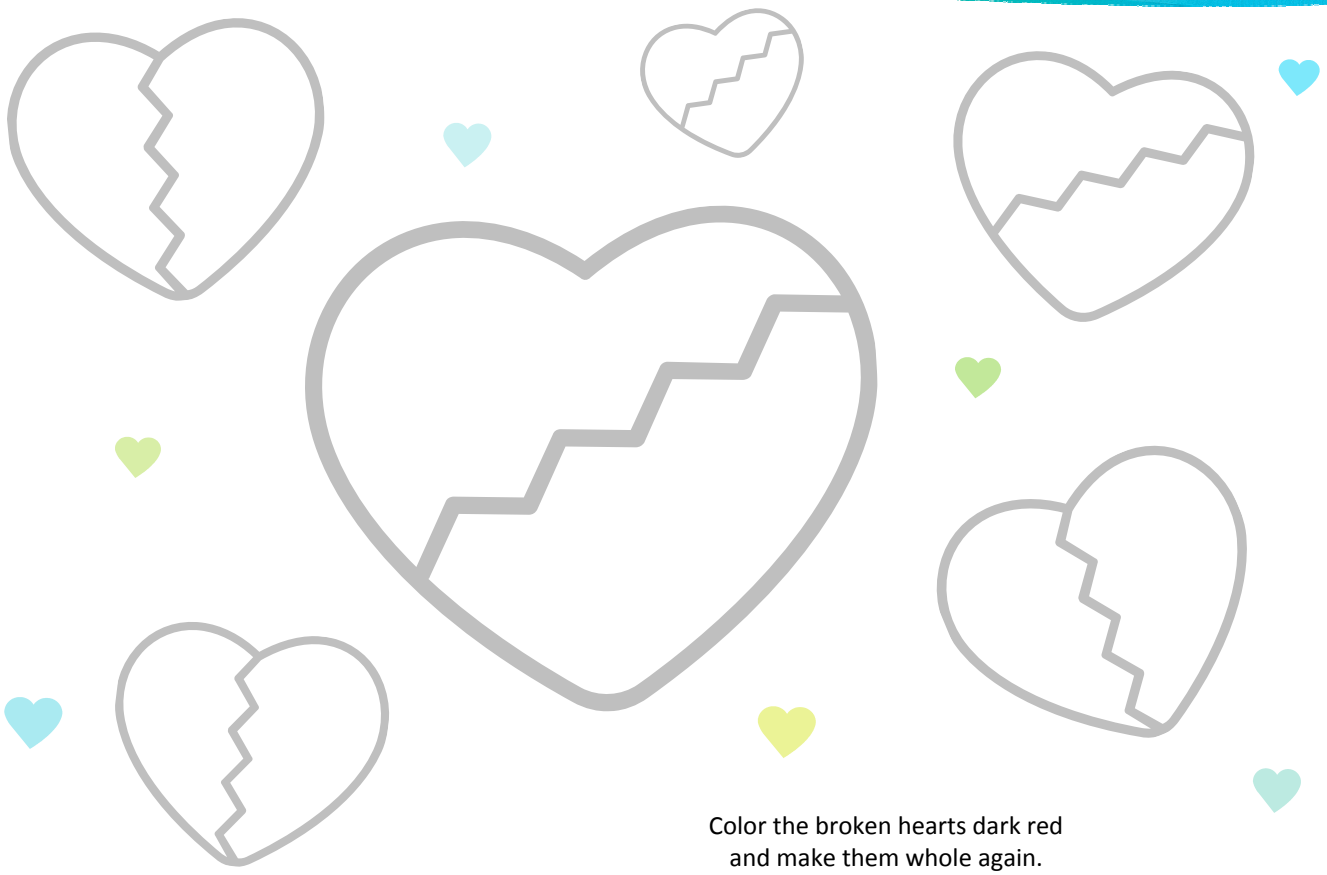

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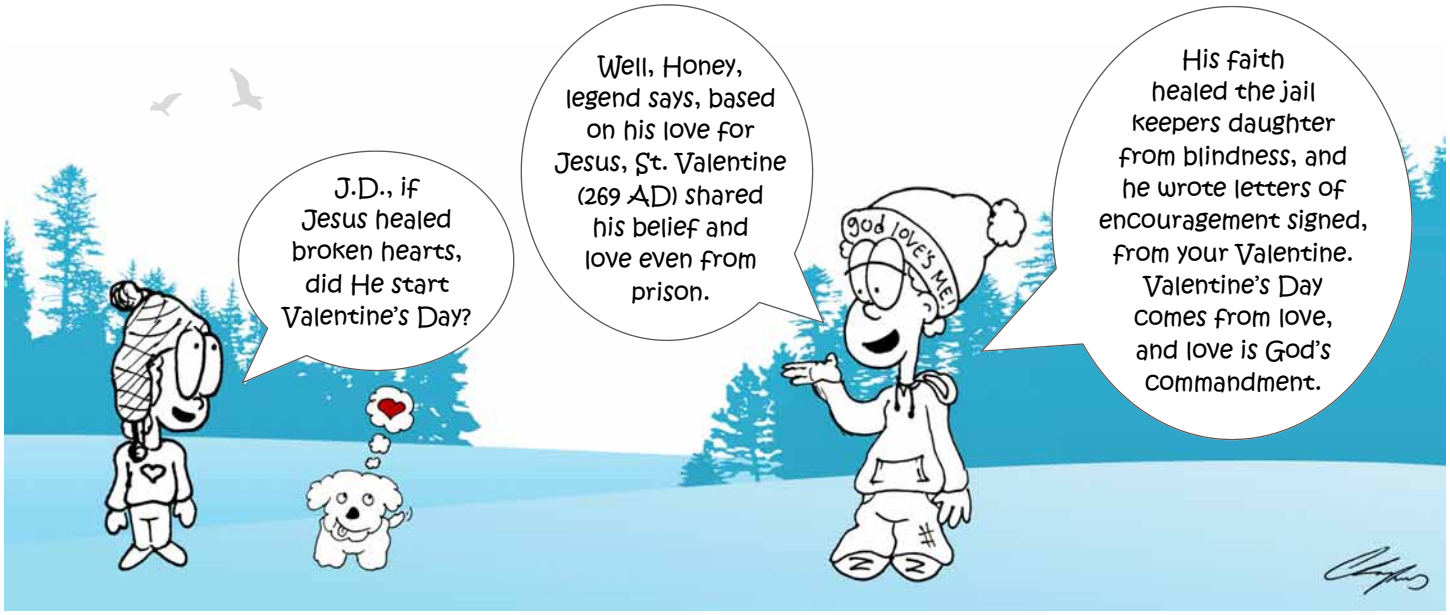

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