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AUGUST 29, 2021 | 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM

**SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

*ALL THESE MASSES ARE IN ST. TERESA
CHURCH ON VICTORY BLVD., EXCEPT THE
9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS
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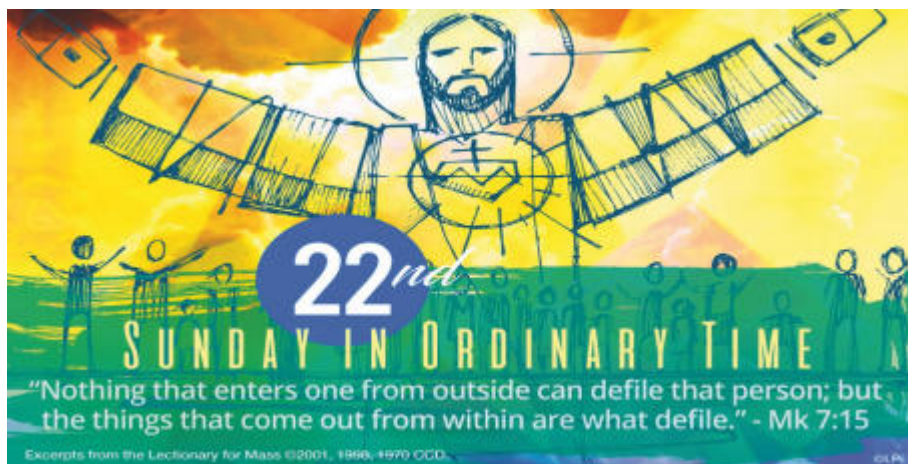
WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Designated Sundays at 1:30
Please call the rectory to check
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deacon.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm,
in the sacristy near the altar

WEDDINGS

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THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 29		DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	
4:00PM Teresa Naso 7:30Am June Joanne Keller 9:00AM Maria Guastella 10:30AM Hermes Bonomi 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Jose Caban			4:00PM Joan Ozga 7:30Am Tony Mangiaracino 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Anthony Antenucci 12:30PM Phil Meli 5:00PM Joan Ozga	
MONDAY, AUGUST 30		TUESDAY, AUGUST 31	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	
8:30AM Burton Cohen		8:30AM Albert Pagano 12NOON Kathryn Linqvist	8:30AM Arcangelo Venezie 12NOON Alejandro Arce	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2		FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	
8:30AM Jose Caban 12NOON		8:30AM Fred Joseph Fischer 12NOON Sister Janet Baxendale	8:30AM Marie Sapienza	

IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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 Guarino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Josephine Linton, 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, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, Joseph Tirone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, William Wisnieski.**

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Private Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Garrison Humphreys, South Korea.

*Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps Base
Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

4pm, 7:30am, 12:30 Monsignor Belford
9am, 10:30, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil
5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

My sincere thanks to all of you who responded with expressions of support and promises of prayer after reading the letter that I mailed to you on August 18, or who saw me at Masses last weekend. I received expressions of trust and support from our Cardinal and bishops, priests who have known me a long time, and many parishioners and co-workers from various places. It feels good to hear from people who know you, if you have the misfortune of being accused of something that is not true.

Letters are good [I have to say that as a happy USPS mail carrier for four summers] but it would help us if more parishioners would sign up for a free and practical form of rapid communication called FLOCKNOTE. Read and sign up on our website: www.saintteresasi.org. Cardinal Dolan used FLOCKNOTE on August 16 to send a letter to "The Family of New York" to help people know the context and next steps of the Child Victims Act lawsuits. Here are key parts of the Cardinal's letter:

This past Friday, August 13th, marked the close of the Child Victims Act "window," legislation passed in Albany in 2019, which suspended the civil statute of limitations for two years and allowed individuals to file lawsuits seeking monetary compensation in state court for alleged sexual abuse, no matter when the alleged abuse was said to have occurred. Originally meant to last for only one year and close in 2020, the window was extended for a second year due to the courts being closed because of the pandemic. You have undoubtedly seen or heard the seemingly incessant ads from attorneys seeking clients on television and radio, on billboards, and in the newspapers.

The position of the archdiocese has always been clear: we strive to settle meritorious claims as quickly as possible, and always treat victims of abuse with compassion and respect. This was the motivating force behind our past successful Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, and remains our guiding principle today. Caring for those who suffered abuse by clergy or other representatives of the Church is a moral imperative.

We have begun the expensive and demanding process of responding to these lawsuits. Over 1500 cases have been filed naming the Archdiocese of New York as a defendant. (This is the number of claims, not the number of alleged abusers.) The individual alleged most frequently to have been an abuser is a former parish janitor and basketball coach, who died in 1992. The archdiocese is also listed as a defendant in lawsuits claiming abuse by priests, teachers, scout leaders, foster parents, men and women in religious orders not controlled by the archdiocese, and others.

In many recent cases the suits fail to specifically identify an alleged perpetrator but merely claim that the plaintiff was abused. There are lawsuits alleging abuse as far back as eighty years ago - suits from the 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Fortunately, there are only a few lawsuits alleging abuse by clergy from the past 25 years, as the important anti-abuse child protection measures instituted by the church took hold. We are committed to a conscientious review of these suits so we can do our best to compensate those persons with meritorious claims. We are committed to calling upon our insurers to respond to covered claims and redeem the insurance coverage we purchased over many decades.

As you would probably expect, there are also cases where we believe the evidence will show that the accused person did not commit the abuse that is alleged, many cases where the archdiocese was not at fault under the law since it had no knowledge of the alleged abuser's conduct, and other cases where we believe that the archdiocese had no connection to the alleged abuser. We will, of course, seek to have these lawsuits dismissed.

While it is impossible to predict precise numbers at this point, there is likely to be a very significant financial impact on the archdiocese. Four of the eight dioceses in New York State have already declared Chapter 11 as a way for them to equitably handle their cases. That is not now our plan.

We remain in regular contact with Judge Barbara Jones, to ensure that the archdiocese is living up to its promises, policies, and protocols for protecting youth. Our Safe Environment office has now completed 138,220 background checks and provided age-appropriate safe environment training to 122,801 adults and children. And, in 2020, the archdiocese was once again found compliant with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, for the 16th year in a row.

This has been a very somber two years for victim-survivors and their families, for you, God's people, and for our priests, the vast majority of whom have led faithful and virtuous lives. Be assured that I will do my best to keep you updated as these cases begin to either be settled, dismissed, or tried in court. As always, I ask that you keep in your prayers all those whose lives have been touched by the sin and crime of sexual abuse, no matter who the abuser was, as well as all of the good and faithful priests who have humbly served God's people throughout this trying time.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
+ Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

ANNUAL PRAYERS IN TWO SUNDAYS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS KILLED ON 9/11

As we do each year after Masses on the Sunday nearest to September 11th, we will invite the congregation leaving Mass to stop and gather at our parish's 9/11 Memorial for a brief service, to remember by name the ten parishioners who became victims of that terrible day of violence.

You are also urged to come on Friday evening September 10 to Our Lady of Pity Church, at 1616 Richmond Avenue, just hundreds of feet from Victory Blvd. at 7:30pm for the annual Staten Island Mass of Remembrance sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Staten Island.



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INVITATION TO OUR SACRAMENTS

Have you not been baptized? Or did you miss First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Wouldn't you like to receive these Sacraments and become a full-fledged member of our Catholic Church? It is not too late! If you would like to know more about this, talk to a priest or to Deacon Jonathan Reyes so that you can join our wonderful Sunday morning meetings known as RCIA—the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We begin in September, so please let us know.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That married couples will be open to God's gift of life, and that they will bless their parents with the new and noble title of "grandparent" - let us pray to the Lord...

Message from Pope Francis

Here is the English text of an appeal by Pope Francis for all people of goodwill to take any COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the competent authorities:

"In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together.

Being immunized with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people.

Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you, and thank you."

SCHOOL IS AROUND THE CORNER!

All our children need a religious education.
We can help you to give it. Call our Catholic School at 718 448 9650 or our Religious Education Program at 718 981 2632 soon.

Thank you for your monthly donations to help people who need food (First Sunday of the Month) and mothers+babies (Third Sunday of the Month)
Volunteers receive donations in the vestibule.
Baby food, clothes and supplies are also welcome.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAYS SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE SENT TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH, TO SUPPORT A HOME FOR GIRLS IN DANGER IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. READ ABOUT THEIR NEEDS IN LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN, AND PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN PERSON OR BY MAIL.

BUT THERE IS MORE, BECAUSE HELP NEEDED FOR HAITI AND WE WILL HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

You may remember the catastrophic 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. Eleven years later, another earthquake has destroyed thousands of homes in a nation still reeling from the assassination of its president in July.

Then Tropical Storm Grace forced a temporary halt to search and rescue efforts. Grace battered southwestern Haiti, which was hit hardest by Saturday's quake. We must offer prayers for the families who have suffered great loss, and be helpful to every Haitian priest serving in our archdiocese.

As we often do, we instinctively want to be involved in the humanitarian, long-term recovery and Church needs arising from these calamities.

Cardinal Dolan is reluctant to ask for another second collection. But he knows the generosity of our parishioners and your deep care for those in distress. So I ask you to make our second collection next Sunday September 5 our emergency response to help our Catholic brothers and sisters in woeful hurting Haiti. Again: thank you for your support!

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, intercede for us that this special appeal will be successful and provide a lot for the needs of the people and of the Church in Haiti.

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We have gone to this 2,000-seat theater to see performances such as The Miracle of Christmas and JESUS. Everyone enjoys it. We will have a wonderful all-you-can-eat lunch buffet at famous Millers' Restaurant.

Your ticket to the show, the buffet meal, and transportation, all for \$160. Most seats are sold already. Call Club President Lorraine Sellers at 917 292 6737 for a reservation.

CHRISTMAS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS AND TOUR OF HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA
RIGHT AFTER THANKSGIVING: NOVEMBER 29 AND 30.

We have a new GOLDEN AGE offering just being announced here: **CHRISTMAS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS & HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA.** This goes on Monday and Tuesday, November 29-30. All included for \$214: comfortable bus transportation, one night's lodging, activities at beautifully decorated Longwood Gardens, guided tour of historic Philadelphia, shopping at a Christmas Village and at King of Prussia Mall. Contact Lorraine at 917 292 6737 soon if you want to get into your Christmas spirit right after Thanksgiving.

Finally, don't forget about our bus trip to Atlantic City on Tuesday Sept 28; \$35 per person.
You know who to call!

All our bus trips begin and end at Our Lady of Pity Church parking lot, 1616 Richmond Ave., close to Victory Blvd., because our own parking lot is needed for our school activities. Many thanks to Our Lady of Pity Church Pastor Father John Wroblewski for his kindness to us!

Thank you for your Sunday donations!

WeShare online amount was \$1,424.

Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of \$7,924.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

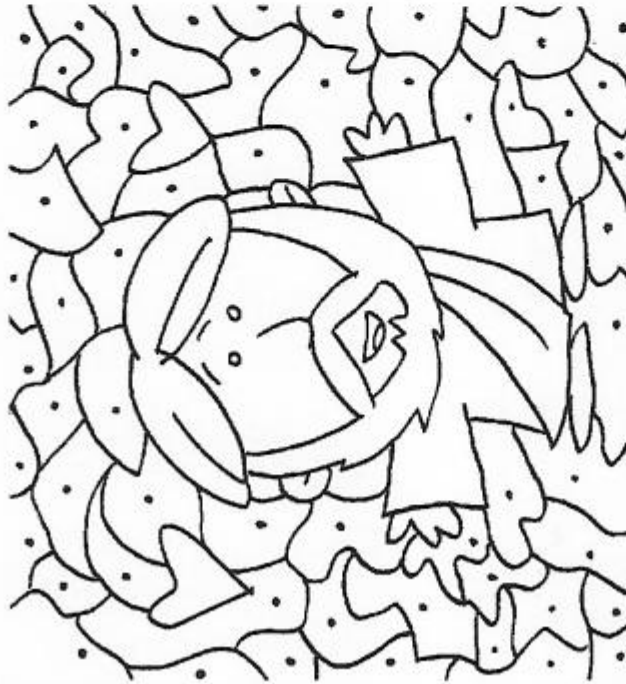


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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MISSION

I will open doors for others and say, "Have a happy day."



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