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OCTOBER 3, 2021|27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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LOYAL PARISHIONERS ARE APPRECIATED, AND NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. PLEASE REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN SERVE YOU AND KEEP IN TOUCH.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM
SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM

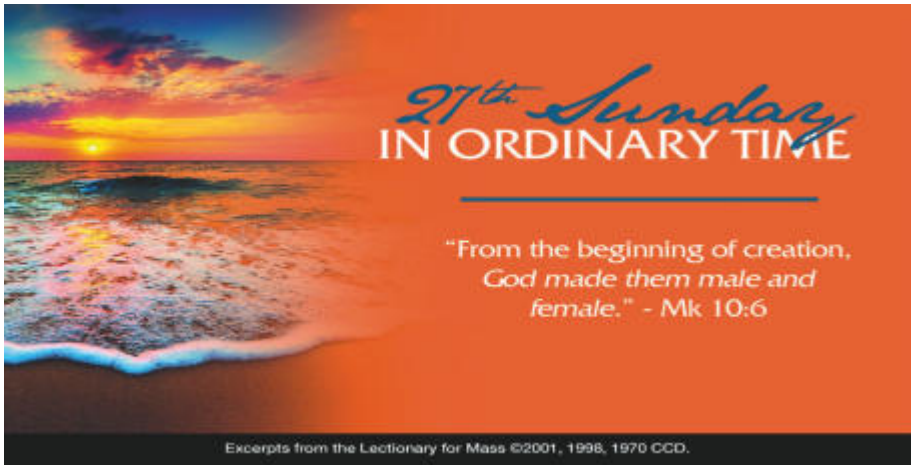
ALL THESE MASSES ARE IN ST. TERESA CHURCH ON VICTORY BLVD., EXCEPT THE 9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL, ON NORTHERN BLVD. AT LA BAU AVE., ONE BLOCK IN FROM VICTORY BLVD

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 dates and to meet with a priest or deacon.

CONFESSIONS

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

WEDDINGS

Please call and speak to a priest to begin planning your wedding

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anytime

NOVENA SERVICES

Mondays after 8:30 Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays from 9am to 3pm

RELIGION/ SCHOOL

St. Teresa Religious Education Program for public school students begins with first grade and leads to sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Students are taught on Tuesdays 4pm to 5:30. Call 718 981-2632 or email ccd@saintteresasi.org.

ST. TERESA — ST. RITA STREAM ACADEMY for 3k to 8th grade offers a sound education in the Catholic faith. Students take part in a rigorous instructional program that challenges them in a STREAM- supported atmosphere—science, technology, religion, engineering, art, mathematics. Our ultimate goal is to provide students with the skills to be productive members of the church and positive members of society. We offer five full days of in-school instruction. Please call the office at 718 448 9650 or visit stsrstreamacademy.com.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
4:00PM Charles Festa 7:30PM Sr. Margaret Quinn, Genevieve Lynk and Doris Curry 9:00AM Giuseppina Nappi 10:30AM Fr. Vic Phelan 12:30PM Anthony Antenucci 5:00PM James Hession		4:00PM Fred Joseph Fischer 7:30PM Stephan Januszewski 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Patricia Marrone 12:30PM Lynda Kanakry 5:00PM Thomas McDonald

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
8:30AM Dominick Muscolo	8:30AM Msgr. Vincent Julian 12NOON Dora Pucillo	8:30AM Maryann Granello 12N00N Charles Cipriano

THURSDAY, 0CTOBER 7	FRIDAY, 0CTOBER 8	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
8:30AM Alberto Feliciana Geronimo 12NOON Lorraine Harburg	8:30AM George Griffith 12NOON Rob Cavallone	8:30AM Jimmy Parroll

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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Religious Education Coordinator

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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, Beatrice Clark, 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, 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,**

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Private First Class 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, 9:00am, 10:30am Monsignor Belford
7:30am, 12:30pm, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil
5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

This Sunday we honor our Parish's illustrious Patron, Saint Teresa of Liseaux. Her official feastday was Friday, but a parish like ours, dedicated to her name and example, has the right to ask for her continuing intercession at the nearby Sunday Masses. Thus more of us can benefit from remembering her life and be involved with asking for her intercession. To help us, I invite you to take notice of the two statues and the painting and the photograph of our patron saint in the body of the church. There is also a beautiful but largely hidden-by-the-organ stained glass window of St. Teresa visible in the choir-loft. Try and see it if you can. (A great way to see it often is to join our Parish Choir, which is led by our excellent organist, Mr. Edward Morand.) But there is more! Try and think of one more statue we have of our saint—a statue which in fact is fifteen feet tall.

- ST. TERESA-ST. RITA STREAM ACADEMY opened on September 8, and we have had a great beginning. Our registration has grown this year, reflecting the skillful leadership of Principal Mrs. Nicole C. Fresca, the preparation and dedication of faculty, and the commitment of our families, who know the value of a Catholic School Education for their children. We have more than three hundred students in our school, from PK3 to 8th grade. That is the most in many years. All Covid precautions are in place, and we have offered Masses of the Holy Spirit to pray for God's help for our students, faculty, and parents, for all we do this year in school. Call our school office at 718 448 9650 with any questions or interest you may have in sending your children here.

- Dedicated educators and administrators never stop learning! On everyone's behalf I am very pleased to congratulate our Coordinator of Religious Education, Mrs. Lisa Rametta, for continuing her professional studies and recently completing another level of Archdiocesan certification. Mrs. Rametta leads our very important parish work of providing religious education and sacramental preparation for our parishioners in grades 1 to 8 who attend public schools. More than three hundred students are already registered for our religious education program this year, with classes on Tuesdays at 4pm on zoom. This virtual teaching on zoom worked well last year, and is necessitated right now by the impossibility of completely sanitizing every classroom, bathroom and hallway in one hour between the last STSRSA dismissal and the first students arriving for religious education. Every child needs a religious education, so we gladly welcome yours. Please contact Mrs. Rametta at ccc@saintteresasi.org or call 718 981 2632.

- I would like to draw your attention to excellent teamwork and practical service rendered to our parish on September 18 by members of Troop 37, Boy Scouts of America. More than twenty Scouts worked together to safely trim bushes and improve 150 feet of wrought iron fencing around our parish's rectory. After laboriously scraping away years of rust, the Scouts did careful painting of the fence with bright black Rustoleum paint. The day's work was completed in a very satisfactory way. Notice their work on the fence the next time you pass by. This Eagle Scout Leadership Project was conceived and led very well by Life Scout John Carp, a 16 year old junior at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn. Twenty Scouts took part in this project: Andrew Asher, Stephen Avena, Jarod Carp, Randy Changoo, Aidan Colamaria, Kyle Colamaria, Thomas Costello, Chris DiScalo, Paul Gottlieb, Trevor Lichtensteiger, Luis Martinez, David Minew, Sandun Perera, Sunka Perera, Luis Quezada, Jack Sherwood, Daniel Shprints, Declan Staiano, Leo Staiano, and Quinton Tuthill. We are also grateful to Scout leaders and parents Stephen Avena, Bernard Carp, Lillian Carp, Mike Di Trani, and Bill Sherwood.

- We are very proud of our parish's long history of sponsorship of Troop 37, Boy Scouts of America. Our Troop began here in 1956. Since then, a truly extraordinary number - 138 - have become Eagle Scouts. Eagle Scout is the highest award a Scout can attain, and it is noticed and respected in the academic and business worlds. Any parent who wants to find out more about the adventures and advantages of Scouting - starting with Cubs in the lower grades, and going through high school - can email or give a call to Cubmaster Jim Duffy at cubmaster.pack37@gmail.com or (917) 678-5425. And here is good news for all parishioners who love Bake Sales at church and are eager to support our Scouts. I am happy to announce that Cub Scout Pack 37 will have their delicious annual Fall Bake Sale on our plaza next Sunday, October 10!

- We have received new brochures with information for people who want to know more about our March 14-23, 2022 Saint Teresa Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Look in the vestibule to see the brochure on the bulletin board, and/or go online to petersway.com. Pilgrims who were already registered are eager to go, and I was pleased to be quizzed in church by other people who want to know more about this special opportunity to be in the Holy Land during Lent, just six months from now.

- If you like beautiful orchestral music and outstanding singing, come to our church on Saturday night, October 16, for an 8pm concert! It will be led by our parishioner, Maestro Alan Aurelia. He will be conducting a 25 piece orchestra performing what he calls the RICHMOND COUNTY ORCHESTRA'S GREATEST HITS. Music will include Bach, Mozart and Broadway show tunes. Guest artists include Soprano Alison Madill and local youth orchestras. Admission is free for children and students, $15 for seniors and all people who order in advance, and $20 at the door. Order your tickets soon by going to www.tix.musae.me/rcogreatest.

- Reading these news items about our parish activities, I hope you are happy to see so many signs of activity and recovery and renewal going on in our midst. Return to your good practices and relationships. And be inspired to put your relationship with God and your obligation to come to Mass, if you are able, at the top of your list of things for you to do every Sunday.

United with you in Parish Life, in Faith, Hope, and Charity,
Msgr. William Belford

AN IMPRESSIVE AND MUCH APPRECIATED RESPONSE FROM OUR CONGRESSWOMAN TO MSGR. BELFORD AND OTHER CONSTITUENTS WHO WROTE TO HER ASKING FOR HER SUPPORT FOR PROTECTION OF UNBORN BABIES AND REFUSAL TO LET OUR TAXES PAY FOR ABORTIONS

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about your support for the unborn. This is a critical issue and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to some of your concerns.

Let me begin by saying that I fundamentally believe that children are an absolute blessing to be cherished and protected. That is why I cannot, in good conscience, support initiatives that expand access to abortion, especially with taxpayer money. I recently signed onto a letter to House and Senate leadership voicing my profound opposition to radical efforts to repeal the Hyde Amendment, a legal provision which ensures that our tax dollars never fund abortion providers. Moreover, I recently cosponsored a bill to protect babies who survive abortion by ensuring doctors and nurses present act to save the child's life. Horrifically, some pro-abortion activists would prefer a child who survives abortion to die on the operating table. This simply cannot stand.

Even from Washington, I will continue to take a stand against radical policies like New York's Reproductive Health Act, legislation which allows abortions to take place up until the moment of birth, removes requirements that protect women during abortion procedures, and eliminates criminal penalties that protect victims of domestic violence. As I said on the Assembly floor when this bill passed, being assaulted and suffering a miscarriage is not a woman's right to choose. Moving forward, I plan to continue to support initiatives that protect babies and mothers at every stage of life.

Once again, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to share your views and concerns with me. If there is anything I can do for you in the future please do not hesitate to reach out to me. You can view what I'm working on in Congress on behalf of the 11th District of New York by checking my Twitter (@RepMalliotakis) or by subscribing to my official newsletter by clicking here.

Rep. Nicole Malliotakis
Member of Congress

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Be part of saving the lives of babies. Your prayer and presence are welcome at our **40 Days for Life** campaign on Staten Island. The forty days are from **September 22 to October 31.** 40 Days for Life is a nationwide peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil locally at SIU Hospital North - 475 Seaview Ave. 10305. Please email Debbie at 40DaysSI@gmail.com to join. Our Parishioners are there especially on Fridays. To know more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For the forgiveness by God of any sins that were committed among us through human weakness, and for the merciful healing of all regrets, hurts and memories, let us pray to the Lord...

TODAY

For the Feastday of Saint Francis

A BLESSING OF ANIMALS

2pm outside Church

All God's Creatures Are Welcome

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Edward Engelson-Erin Turner

Christopher LaMastra-Tricia Fesinstine

Last Call to see QUEEN ESTHER

You may have seen even NYC TV ads for the SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER Production of QUEEN ESTHER. There may be some seats left for our Golden Age Society bus trip on Wednesday October 13. Call Lorraine at 917 292 6737. Cost is $160 for your ticket for the play, a fabulous lunch, and transportation. As you may know from the famous Book of Esther in the Bible, Esther was the heroine who saved her whole community from an evil plot to kill all her people. Even if you do not come, read about another great woman!

Thank you for your Sunday donations!
WeShare online amount was $1,539.
Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of $8,293.

INVITATION TO YOUR FIRST SACRAMENTS

Did you miss getting 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. .

OUR BEREAVEMENT GROUP RESUMES

Our St. Teresa's Bereavement Group has resumed meetings in person at the Parish House on Windsor Road every other Saturday morning beginning at 10:45am. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Please call Michael Schiffler at (347) 466-0603 before your first meeting so he can welcome you.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE

WHO CAN LISTEN TO YOU?

Everyone goes through crises sometimes. When that is happening, you 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 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 NETWORK** on your behalf, and then you can call and arrange your first visit with someone who knows how to listen.

MEALS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP

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

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

Adults can pick up meals from 3 to 5 p.m. on school days only. Meals are not available to the general public at other times. 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.

HOLY WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS—SUNDAY OCT. 17TH

The Mass for Healthcare Professionals and students, sponsored by Catholic Mental Health Professionals, will be at St Clare's Church in Great Kills this year. The Holy **"White Mass"** (named for the white coats worn by medical professionals) is held annually on Staten Island on or around the feast of St. Luke, a physician. It will be held at St. Clare Church, 110 Nelson Ave. Staten Island, NY 10308 on Sunday October 17th at 1:00 PM. Please join us in celebrating the contributions of so many health care workers. A special Blessing of the Healing Hands will be bestowed. If you require further information contact: Dr. Constance Salhany or Laura Bonamo at info@cognitvetherapysi.com

ARE YOU READY TO SAVE

TIME, TROUBLE, AND MONEY?

This way of giving saves you preparing envelopes. It saves us money printing and distributing them!

We recommend you do this by using **WeShare**. Follow these steps: 1. Go to our parish website: **www.saintteresasi.org.** 2. Look for the cute church and see "Give Online." 3. Go to Primary Church Collection and then Recurring Church Collection. 4. Enter the amount you want to give. Your donation is deducted safely from bank accounts or credit cards, under your control as you decide.

This is important for our parish future.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
CYCLE B

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

~~Jesus~~	husband	divorce
Moses	wife	papers
law	married	joined

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Mssoe — _ _ _ _ _

hsbndua — _ _ _ _ _ _ _

jndoie — _ _ _ _ _ _

wfie — _ _ _ _

lwa — _ _ _

pprsae — _ _ _ _ _ _

MISSION

Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

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