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MAY 1, 2022| 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 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.

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 1	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8
4:00PM Burton Cohen 7:30PM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Maria Lydia Columbo 10:30AM Salvatore Provenzano 12:30PM Stephen J. Murphy 5:00PM Nick and Carol Panarella		4:00PM Josephine Tanzosh 7:30PM Rocco DiAntonio 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM All Mother's of Our Parish Living and Deceased 12:30PM Jose Caban 5:00PM Delores Bellero
MONDAY, MAY 2	**TUESDAY, MAY 3**	**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**
8:30AM Pamela Trought	8:30AM Kevin Tracy 12NOON Dr. Robert C. Schelin	8:30AM Michael LaGallo 12N00N Joyce and William Lambert
THURSDAY, MAY 5	**FRIDAY, MAY 6**	**SATURDAY, MAY 7**
8:30AM Mary Whelan 12NOON Angelina DeGirolamo	8:30AM Maryann Granello 12NOON Charles Termine	8:30AM Theresann Yashian (L)

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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 Guarlino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, 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, Gerry Pye, Edwin Rodriguez, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, David Valle, Michael Walsh,**

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., Camp Lejeune, NC

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

I occasionally meet members of our parish who have never been inside of or even driven by our Saint Nicholas Chapel, where we have Mass every Sunday at 9am. If you would like to have directions: coming from St. Teresa, go along Victory Blvd. towards the ferry. Two-thirds down the Clove Lakes hill, make a right onto Renwick Avenue. The next intersection is Northern Boulevard, and you can see Saint Nicholas Chapel on your left, at La Bau Avenue.

Before there was a Saint Teresa parish—which was formally established in 1926; we are coming up on our 100th anniversary!—-there was a Saint Nicholas Chapel. It began in 1923 in a neighborhood called Sunnyside. This chapel was started in response to a letter by Mrs. Nicholina Nichetta to His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes. She was concerned for local Catholics who lived in that area and who could not easily get to Mass or catechism classes at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, established in 1899, or Blessed Sacrament parish, established in 1910. She made such a good case that His Eminence assigned Father Philip Conran, in addition to his work at the Seaview tuberculosis hospital on Brielle Avenue, to start a chapel in Sunnyside in 1923. Three years later, Father Conran—for whom our Conran Hall gymnasium is named—became our first pastor when Saint Teresa of the Infant Jesus parish was established in 1926. And because Nicholina spoke up, Cardinal Hayes honored her by naming the chapel for Saint Nicholas.

Our chapel building is kept in good order by our maintenance men and by our loyal parishioners. Recently Jimmy Gofas and three others spent a Friday and Saturday giving a new coat of paint to the outside walls, preserving and making it look even more beautiful. Another neighbor, Joe Rossetti, volunteers his care and puts seasonal decorations near the handsome tree at the front door of the chapel. Many thanks to both Jimmy and Joe for their personal work and enhancement of this building that is a special place to worship and a true blessing for our community.

Many thanks as well to everyone for your Easter donations and reliable support for our parish. The Easter collection is nearing $35,000 so far. I say "so far" because some of our parishioners have been sick, or away visiting relatives on the great feast of the Lord's Resurrection, and their contributions are still coming in. We know that Easter and Christmas are special times for people to "catch up" on the Sundays when they could not come to Mass. As one lady wrote this week in her envelope, enclosing a check for five hundred dollars: "For health reasons we have not been coming to Mass, but we do not want to neglect our precious parish."

Another thank you, along with prayers for her soul, should come from us to a deceased benefactor of our parish, who recently left us $10,000 in her will. I received that check after Easter from the estate of Joanna M. Crannan. Her niece, the trustee, fulfilled her aunt's wishes by sending this amount, and she thanked us for providing comfort to her aunt during her life. In turn, I will offer Masses in St. Nicholas Chapel for Joanna. On our behalf, I thanked her family for this very significant contribution, and acknowledge her gift in our bulletin today.

Her thoughtfulness when she made her will, and her plan to do good for others, is an example I should mention more often. Please remember our parish when you make your will. This is both praiseworthy and practical to do, whether the amount or percentage of the whole is large or small. For example, St. Teresa Church, and in fact each parish I have served in, is in my will. My brother Paul, who died two years ago, left money for our nieces and nephews, but also for numerous good causes. Of course St. Teresa Church was in his will, and so was our home parish of St. Rita. Also: St. Rita School and St. Teresa School. And since the two schools were brought together as St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy years after we made our wills, I presented both checks to STSRSA Principal Mrs. Nicole Fresca.

I am doing you a favor if I remind you to prepare for the future. You probably realize that many people procrastinate about providing essential spiritual preparations for themselves, or legal protection for their families. Going to confession, returning to Mass, getting your relationship with God in order gives you peace of mind. Receiving the Sacrament of the Sick while you are still well is wise. And: making or updating a will now while you are able, is practical, because it helps your family tremendously in a health crisis or after a sudden death to have your wishes in writing.

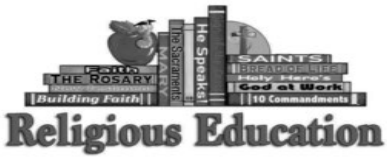
Preparation also allows your thoughtfulness, through bequests, to direct your money to people or institutions or causes you support. It also shines a light on your name, which can too easily be forgotten. God already knows the intention and generosity of donors, but we the living benefit from good example. And I believe that an acknowledgement and thank you if you are remembered in a will means something very important to family and friends.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Msgr. William Belford

PARISH COUNCIL SELECTION PROCESS

Our Parish Council is a group of about a dozen parishioners that meets with Msgr. Belford every other month, five times a year. Each May—except during Covid!– we have had a selection process to allow some members to retire after their three year term, and to welcome new members to be advisors and help Msgr. with his responsibilities. Members are chosen, not by popular vote nor by the pastor, but a selection process that trusts in the Holy Spirit. From now until Friday, parishioners can offer to serve on our St. Teresa Parish Council. Calling the rectory is the best way to volunteer. Then next Sunday May 8 at the 10:30 Mass, as we have done numerous times before, the names of those who volunteered to serve will be put in a bowl. After the homily and a prayer, the bowl will be carried to the middle aisle, and people at random will pick a card. And new members whose names were chosen will get right to work, joining veterans for a meeting in the Religious Education Office of the school the next Wednesday evening.



St. Teresa's Religious Ed program is currently looking for volunteers to teach in our program. We will offer virtual classes given via zoom and in-person classes as well. We meet each Tuesday from 4-5:30pm. Summer training is available. Please consider sharing your love of God with our children. Teaching is a wonderful and rewarding experience that I am sure you will enjoy. Please contact me at ccd@saintteresasi.org if you would like to know more about our program. Thank you!

Mrs. Lisa Rametta

Banns of Marriage

Matthew DeFendis-Kristin Golat

Andrew LaDoucer-Amanda Bellomo

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus, Son of Mary, may your blessed Mother who cried for you as you carried your cross, be the comforter of the many sick and suffering people in the world who are carrying their crosses today, we pray to the Lord...

Today is Food Pantry Sunday

Your free-will contributions after Mass on first Sundays each month provide gift certificates for food to more than 65 families or individuals near us who need help to insure that they and their children have enough to eat. Donations to FOOD PANTRY are also welcomed in person or by mail.

Holy Family Church Offers Defensive Driving Class

The Holy Family Church Holy Name Society is hosting a **Discount Defensive Driving Class** on **Saturday June 4** from **9am-3:30pm** at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road, in a classroom under the church.

This lively Department of Motor Vehicles-approved course entitles New York State drivers to a 10% auto insurance discount for three years, and as much as 4 violation points reduced from your NY driving record

The cost is only **$39** for those who register and pay by May 27. Then $44 after May 27 if any seats are still available. No registrations can be accepted once class is full. Water, tea, coffee and snacks will be served. To register, send your name, phone number, and payment to: Defensive Driving, 174 Woolley Ave., Staten Is. 10314. Please make your check payable to **Holy Name Society**. Questions? Call (718) 637-3934.

St. Teresa Boy Scout Troop 37 is proud to congratulate four more members for achieving the impressive rank of **EAGLE SCOUT.** We salute **Andrew Michael Asher, Mitchell James Hartman, David Vincent LaGanga,** and **Mathew Henry Pfuhler.** Troop 37 hosted an **Eagle Scout Court of Honor** on Saturday April 23 in St. Teresa Church. Our Parish is proud of these young men and very grateful to all our Scout Leaders.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES ARE THIS SATURDAY! PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR YOUNG SAINT TERESA PARISHIONERS WHO WILL RECEIVE JESUS IN HOLY COMMUNION!

Please Join in Praying For and Congratulating Saint Teresa's First Holy Communion Children

RYAN ADONE

ELLIE ALPANO

JAKE BENFIELD

ERIK BENO

KATHARINA CAPILOS

IKER CARRION

NICOLETTE CRIVERA

ELLA D'ARCO

ILLANISSE DAVALOS

JULIET DECLARA

LILAH DECLARA

JULIANA DEFOREST

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SOPHIA DONATO

CHARLOTTE DUFFY

FRANCESCA FERNANDEZ

EDWARD FINE

NOAH FOGLIA

JACK GIAMBRONE

LILLIAN GIAMBRONE

JORGE GONZALEZ

MICHAEL GRUBE

MARCUS GUARIN

JILLIAN HOEY

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ANDIE KLIESCH

AUBREY KLIESCH

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ALEXANDRA MCDONALD

NICHOLAS MELE

SLOANE MURPHY

PENELOPE NEWCOMBE

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ANJALI PATEL

MASON PETTINATO

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FRANCIS REYES

THOMAS RINELLI

MICHAEL RIVERA

SIERRA RIVERO

ETHAN RODRIQUEZ

RICARDO RUSSO

GIANCARLO SCAMARDELLA

SEBASTIAN SCAMARDELLA

OLIVIA SELLITTI

SIENNA SHEEN

BRODY SMITH

JOSEPHINE SPOSITO

ERYK SWIETLIK

DOMINICK TERRA

CARMEN TORRES

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LIAM TRUBITS

GLADYMAR VICENTE-MILLAN

CHRISTOPHER VIDAL

MAX VUOTTO

GROWING WITH THE Gospel
CYCLE C

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~FISHING~~	JUMPED	CHARCOAL
CATCH	DRAGGED	APPEARED
BOAT	BREAD	RAISED

J E S U L B R E A D T
R C A T C H A R T R O
I H S D P L E A S A L
N A G F I S H I N G H
E R T S H O R S O G F
L C K E J T I E B E R
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N A P E M R T H O A S
T L H A P N I L F R O
M A P P E A R E D C A
N J E S D N J O N H E

MISSION

Invite a friend over to eat dinner with your family, so you can share food just like Jesus did.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

3rd Sunday of Easter • John 21:1-19

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