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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM

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

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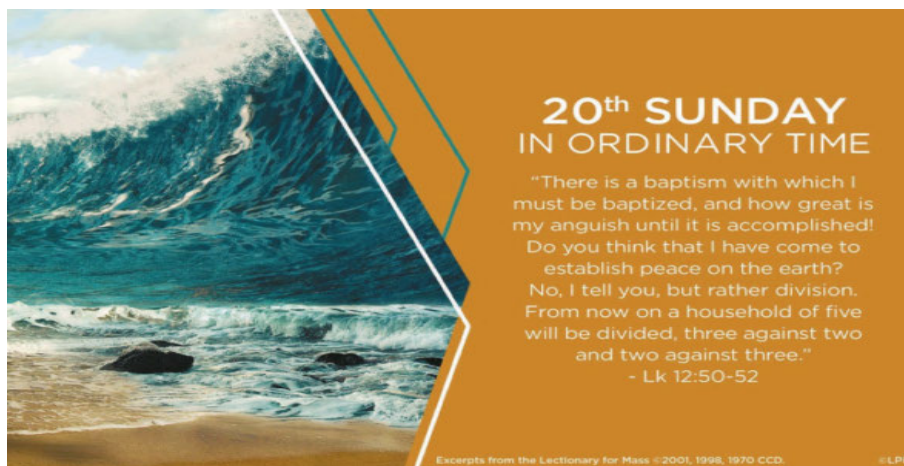
WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



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THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 14		LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!	NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
4:00PM Rob Cavallone 7:30AM Msgr. Clement Krug 9:00AM Theresa Kallattil 10:30AM Daniel Panarella 12:30PM David Plum 5:00PM For the People of the Parish		4:00PM Bruno and Teresa Cavallone 7:30AM Hiessinger, Warren, and Gallant Families 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Hank Brandt 12:30PM Joseph LaDuca 5:00PM For Vocations to Priesthood	
MONDAY, AUGUST 15		TUESDAY, AUGUST 16	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
8:30AM Peter C. Granello 12NOON Lorraine Pasadino 7:30PM Nicholas DeSinena	8:30AM Theresa Kallattil 12NOON Salvatore Messina	8:30AM Irma Michelson 12NOON Manfredi and Cuozzo Families	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18		FRIDAY, AUGUST 19	SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
8:30AM Paul Wanna 12NOON Daniel Panarella	8:30AM Robert Wisnieski 12NOON John and Mary Keenan	8:30AM Theresa Kallattil	

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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, 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

PFC Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Stewart, GA.

Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Join us to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary tomorrow, Monday August 15, as we celebrate the feast of the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN. Mary is the Mother of God, and also a loving Mother for all of His followers. It is very fitting that she who was conceived without original sin, and who never committed any sin, would at the end of her life on earth, be taken, body and soul, into heaven. Though Monday is not a day of obligation to come to Mass, it is a day of opportunity to strengthen the bonds of love in our own families and parish. If you can, join us at one of our Masses on Monday - at 8:30, 12 Noon, and 7:30pm.

On August 3rd I was honored to attend the blessing and ribbon-cutting for an impressive new Medical Intensive Care Unit at Richmond University Medical Center.

You may know that this hospital at Castleton and Bard Avenues, now known as RUMC, was begun by the Sisters of Charity of Mount Saint Vincent on this site in 1903. They put their hospital under the patronage of Saint Vincent de Paul, a French priest and a wonderful example of prayer and charity. I think that RUMC has maintained the spirit and heritage of the Sisters' ministry, and that we should count on the continuing patronage of the great Saint Vincent.

Congratulations to our parishioner Dr. Daniel Messina, the president and chief executive officer of RUMC, and to all his co-workers and medical staff. At the ribbon-cutting, religious representatives - Protestant, Jewish, Muslim and Catholic - asked God's blessings on all who donated, built, will use, and will serve in this new suite of rooms.

The Advance reports that this MICU opening is the first in a series of new upgrades and expansion projects, costing over \$250 million. Scheduled for completion in the months ahead are a new Emergency Department and ten ultramodern surgical suites. Dr. Messina pointed out that each of these will greatly benefit patients, staff, and family members, and improve the level of care that RUMC will be able to deliver to our Staten Island community.

By coincidence, there is another priest from France to tell you about today—and a reminder to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Every August 4th, our Catholic Church celebrates the life of the Patron Saint of Parish Priests – Saint John Vianney. Born in France in 1786, he was a very poor student who barely got ordained. When he was assigned to a neglected parish in the village of Ars, he gave his whole life to showing people how to live closely to God and find meaning in their lives. Here is part of a catechism lesson that Father Vianney taught to his young parishioners, and which people of all ages can learn from too.

“My little children, reflect on these words: the Christian’s treasure is not on earth but is in heaven. Our thoughts then ought to be directed to where our treasure is.

This is our glorious duty: to pray and to love. If you pray and love, this is where you will find your happiness.

Prayer is nothing else than union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, that person is given a kind of serenity and sweetness. In prayer, God and a human soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart.

We had become unworthy to pray, but God in his goodness has allowed us to speak with him. Our prayer is incense that gives him the greatest pleasure.

My little children, your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God. Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven, and something of paradise comes down upon us. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.

Prayer also makes time pass very quickly and with such great delight that one does not notice its length. Some people immerse themselves as deeply in prayer as fish in water, because they give themselves totally to God. Saint Francis of Assisi used to see our Lord and talk to him just as we talk to one another.

How unlike them we are! How often we come to church with no idea of what to do or what to ask for. Yet whenever we go to another human being, we know very well why we go.

And still worse, there are some who seem to speak to the good God like this: “I will only say a few things to you, and then I will be rid of you.”

I often think that when we come to adore the Lord, we would receive everything we ask for, if we would ask with living faith and a pure heart.”

Msgr. William Belford

Next St. Teresa Parish Pilgrimage**ITALY IN APRIL 2023**

To see the details of our April 20-28 2023 Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and many beautiful holy places in Italy, look at the Peter's Way Tours website. Go to Petersway.com. Click on "Join A Tour", and scroll down to April 20, 2023 for the details about our St. Teresa Parish trip.

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* Our Sunday bulletin is posted on our website every Friday. Be the first to read it, or look up an old issue if you were sick or away on vacation.

* For the benefit of people who cannot come to Mass in church right now, though we hope they will again, we livestream our 4pm Mass on Saturdays as it happens. It is kept on the website and can be viewed anytime afterwards. Hundreds of people watch our Saturday evening Mass live or the next day.

For Praying and for Reading, go to our website: www.saintteresasi.org.

One Sunday a pastor in a parish far away from here told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. I think you will find it very interesting. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read the Gospel of Mark, chapter 17."

The following Sunday, as he got into the pulpit to deliver his sermon, the pastor asked for a show of hands: "How many of you read Mark 17 this week?"

Every hand in the church went up.

The pastor smiled and said, "Thank you very much. Mark has 16 chapters. So now I am sure I should proceed with my sermon about the sin of lying."

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That God will constantly inspire our elected officials so that our government will respond more effectively to the financial crisis that many people are now facing in their daily lives, let us pray to the Lord...

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**

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Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor on Staten Island. This can be for up to six meetings, with only a \$10 co-pay per session.

This can be arranged very easily. Tell one of our priests that you want to talk with a counselor. He will contact the **PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK** on your behalf.

Then you will call and arrange your first visit with someone who really knows how to listen to you.

OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

ST. TERESA'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE SUMMER. WE WILL RESUME OUR MEETINGS ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3 AT 10:45. CALL MICHAEL SCHIFFLER AT 347 466 0603 SO HE CAN GIVE YOU THE FUTURE DATES AND MAKE YOU WELCOME.

**YELLOW 50/50 CLUB ENVELOPES ARE ON THE TABLES
IN THE VESTIBULES. ENTRY AMOUNT: FIVE DOLLARS.**

The winners of our 50/50 Drawing for the month of July were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer! They won \$137 for a \$5 entry—and our parish won \$137! For you yourself to possibly win next, pick up a yellow envelope and return it before the end of August.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A LOCAL
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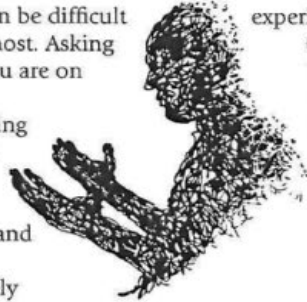
A direct support professional to care for people in our area who are living with developmental disabilities is invited to contact Mr. Craig Longley at Catholic Guardian Services: clongley@catholicguardian.org. 212 371-1000, ext 2300.

Discerning God's will

Do you have a big decision to make? It can be difficult to hear God's voice just when you need it most. Asking the right questions and looking for signs you are on track can help you make the right choice.

"Will it help me get to Heaven?" Answering this question first will weed out extraneous options quickly. Then, when deciding between two good choices, consider which one makes best use of your strengths, gifts, and your state in life.

Deep peace. In heartfelt prayer, you'll likely



experience a deep peace for one of your options. Only God gives this kind of peace (John 14:27). It's a good sign when that peace lasts throughout the decision process. Lack of peace is usually God saying, "no."

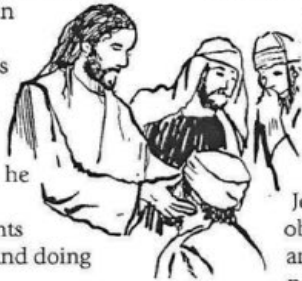
Good fruits. These are easiest to see after you have taken steps toward your decision. If you see spiritual fruits like generosity, joy, patience, and self-control growing in your soul, you're on the right track. Anxiety, turmoil, anger, tension are signs that you made a misstep.

from Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14, Unreciprocated kindness

Jesus was under close and careful scrutiny by the Pharisees who were watching for a misstep in order to discredit him. They were afraid that his "radical" ideas would undermine the religion and tradition they protected. Nonetheless, he never let this critical scrutiny by his opponents keep him from saying and doing the right things.

As Christians, we must never succumb to pressure to do what is politically or socially correct at the expense of our spiritual beliefs and obligations. For example, there is a cultural value to



"networking" – entertaining people who can further our personal or professional goals. There is usually an exchange of favors implied in this kind of a relationship, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

In this parable, however, Jesus urged us to forget about obtaining benefit or admiration and instead serve people in need. He said that doing favors for and being kind to the disadvantaged can be very rewarding and will bring blessings to the host. The guests won't be able to reciprocate, but God will certainly repay the kindness.

Q What does Mary's & Assumption mean for us?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared that, "having completed the course of her earthly life," the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory.

Although this doctrine was declared relatively recently, the Church's belief in it isn't new. Sacred Scripture and Tradition repeatedly emphasize Mary's sinlessness and holiness (Luke 1:28), and her deep involvement in the mysteries of Christ's life. Given this, we believe Jesus preserved her body from decay and raised her to heavenly glory.

For us, the Assumption, is a "sneak preview" of what our ultimate destiny can be if we are faithful to Christ, as Mary was - having our glorified bodies, sinless and perfectly happy. What she is now, we hope someday to be. Moreover, the Assumption reveals the value of our bodies in God's plan. When God created us in His image, He created us body and soul and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). It's so good, that He intends to raise us, bodily, into His glory.

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Feasts & Celebrations

August 2 – St. Peter Julian Eymard (1868). Born in France, Peter was ordained in 1834 and earned a reputation as a preacher. He was friends with St. John Vianney. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

August 9 – St. Edith Stein (1942). Born Jewish, she was a brilliant atheist intellectual in Germany. Edith converted to Catholicism after studying St. Teresa of Avila, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her

from the Nazis, she was arrested and executed at Auschwitz.

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century). Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



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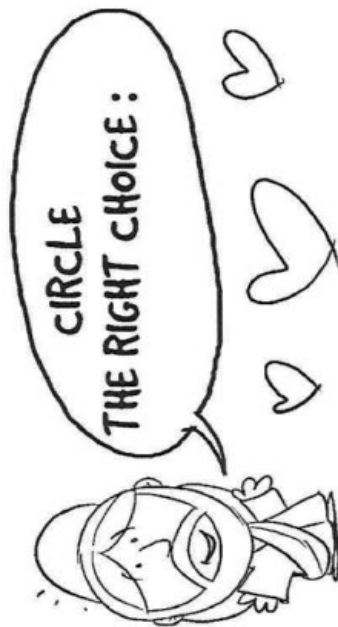
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 12:49-53

PUZZLE



1-STEAL TOY / PAY FOR TOY

2-FIGHT / TALK NICELY

3-LOVE / HATE

4-HIDE CANDY / SHARE CANDY

MISSION

When I am tempted to do evil, I will pray,
"Make me strong, Lord."

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