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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 | 23RD SUNDAY IN 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
dates and to meet with a priest or
deacon.

CONFESSIONS

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

WEDDINGS

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to begin planning your wedding

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

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4:00PM Fred Joseph Fischer 7:30AM Audrey Lewis (L), Barbara Hicks (L), Vincent and Baby Shawn Hicks 9:00AM Students and Teachers 10:30AM Fr. William Boldt 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Joan Ozga		4:00PM Mary and William D'Angelo 7:30AM June Joanne Keller 9:00AM Albert Witt 10:30AM For the People of Our Parish 12:30PM Filipinas Decena 5:00PM Thomas J. and Margaret M. Burke	
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5		TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
8:30AM Josephine LoPresti	8:30AM Maryann Granello 12NOON Alejandro Arce	8:30AM Theresa Capobianco 12NOON Perera Family (Thanksgiving)	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8		FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:30AM Michael Long 12NOON Joseph Foresta	8:30AM Jennie and Leo Granello 12NOON Norma Roginetsky	8:30AM Edward Donnelly	

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, 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, 10:30, 12:30 Monsignor Belford
7:30am, 9 at St. Nicholas, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil
5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

One of my pastors used to say, **"Sunday isn't Sunday without the two Ms: Mass and Macaroni."** That second M may not be as universal a custom today, but Catholics will always need the divine wisdom, the Holy Communion, and the fellowship we gain when we are together for Sunday Mass. So please prioritize, be at Mass, and bring your families and friends with you. And if you have a child ages 4 to 8, I am delighted to announce that we will resume our popular CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD during the 10:30 Mass, beginning in two weeks. Please see the announcement on the top of the next page.

Next Sunday, September 11, will be our annual commemoration of the lives lost at the World Trade Center. After each Mass in church, we will have prayers and the reading of parishioners' names at our 9/11 Memorial near the Cross and flagpole. And if you can participate this Friday night Sept. 9 at the annual Staten Island-wide Mass for the 9/11 victims and their families, join me at Our Lady of Pity Church, 1616 Richmond Avenue, just off Victory Blvd, for a 7:30pm Mass led by Bishop John O'Hara.

Every September we are especially inviting people who want to catch up on their Sacraments. Many adults missed out on special events in their younger lives, usually because of circumstances out of their control, leaving them without the advantage and divine assistance that comes with the Sacraments of our Catholic Church. This is also a reminder for all parents, grandparents and godparents, to ask and be sure that every child in our families is getting a **religious** education this year.

Sacraments are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace. God's grace can now help people who were baptized but not confirmed or introduced to Holy Communion, or who have never made a good confession, or who did not ask for God's blessing on their marriage, to feel much better about themselves and to be closer to Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd.

Since September is a time for new starts and for finishing things you want to do: seize the day! If you need a sacrament, we want to help you. Please contact me at 718 442 5412, or Father John or Deacon Jonathan when you see any of us at Mass. Our parish is soon starting Sunday morning meetings after the 10:30 Mass. Speaking up now will get you ready to celebrate at Easter any of the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Holy Communion, or Confirmation—that you are missing. Mrs. Macrina Reyes and other adult volunteers will help you to enjoy God's graces and succeed with the challenges of your life.

A few weeks ago during August we had the annual feast-day of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, a Deacon of Rome. I would like to remind you of his story, because Deacon Lawrence is one of our bravest saints. He was martyred in a gruesome way for his faith in Jesus Christ and for his service to the poor people of the Church. This torture was done in Rome almost 1800 years ago, on August 10, 258, by the Roman Emperor Valerian.

Saint Lawrence was born in Spain around the year 225. As young Christian, after his studies in Zaragoza, Spain, he went to Rome. There he was ordained a deacon – who is someone who provides service and leadership for our community, who helps his bishop or priest during Mass, and helps the needy on behalf of the Church. Pope Sixtus II made Lawrence his Archdeacon – his right-hand man – at a time when the Emperor Valerian's greed and his hatred for Christians got worse and worse.

As Archdeacon, Lawrence was responsible for collecting and distributing money to feed the many poor people of Rome. After arresting other deacons and even executing Pope Sixtus, the Emperor Valerian planned to confiscate (a polite word for steal) whatever valuable possessions people had given to God and the Church. Accordingly, Valerian arrested Archdeacon Lawrence, brought him in, and demanded that Lawrence turn over all the treasures of the Church. Then Lawrence would be set free and save his own life. Lawrence pretended to accept. But he asked that he be given three days to get everything together.

On the third day, Lawrence came to the Emperor's palace as he had promised. But instead of all the gold and silver treasures that the Emperor was expecting, Lawrence brought with him many people - the poor, the sick, the old, the beggars. And Lawrence—who had secretly sold everything that the church had, and given all that money away – Deacon Lawrence stood in front of the Emperor and told him that these people were the treasures of the Church.

Infuriated and humiliated, the Emperor ordered that Lawrence be beaten, tied by chains on a gridiron, and slowly be grilled to death over a fire. It is reported that Lawrence endured this torture by fire very bravely, and even had the courage and humor to say to the men stoking the fire: "You can turn me over now; this side is done."

There is a lot to think about in this true story. And if you get to visit Saint Patrick's Cathedral, look for the awesome stained-glass window that shows Saint Lawrence being grilled on a fire and becoming a martyr for the treasures of the Church.

Msgr. William Belford

OUR SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 4 TO 8 AT OUR SUNDAY 10:30AM MASS

On Sunday September 18 we will begin our popular **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at each 10:30am Mass. Children 4 to 8 will be invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and go downstairs with skillful volunteers who use attractive materials to explain the Scriptures and do activities with them. Children return to parents at the collection time. Parents can accompany children at first if they want.

We have to close the doors after the children leave, so be in church by 10:30 am, and give this a try!

Invitation to a Sept. 26 Zoom Meeting of Catholic Mental Health Professionals

Are you a Catholic mental health professional who would like to meet like-minded professionals for mutual support and professional growth? If so, Dr. Connie Salhany and Laura Mitchell of Emmaus CBT/ Cognitive Therapy of Staten Island extend an invitation to you to join us for a zoom meeting on September 26 at 7:30pm.

Our group is Catholic Mental Health Professionals and our mission statement is as follows:

We are a community of mental health professionals who are committed to the Catholic faith. Together we strive to establish and foster a spiritual and professional community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Our Divine Healer and Redeemer, as our foundation. We accomplish this through discussion, mutual support, collaboration, networking, dissemination of ideas, mentoring, and Christ-centered activities.

To register for this event or for more information, please email Dr. Connie Salhany or Laura Mitchell at info@cognitivetherapysi.com.

OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY IS VERY HELPFUL

ST. TERESA'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP IS HERE TO WELCOME YOU WHEN YOU ARE READY. WE MEET ON FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS EACH MONTH AT 10:45 IN OUR PARISH HOUSE, ON WINDSOR RD. AND SLOSSON AV.. CALL MICHAEL SCHIFFLER AT 347 466 0603 SO HE CAN CONFIRM THE NEXT DATES AND MAKE YOU WELCOME.

Thank you for your faithful weekly donations to God for our Parish support.

*WeShare online amount was \$1,056.
Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass
with contributions of \$5,734.*

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That our nation, in this time of political and financial stress, may strive to always be one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all, born and unborn, let us pray to the Lord...

ST. TERESA GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY MEETINGS HAVE BEGUN

The summer is finally over for those who have been waiting to meet friends at our Saint Teresa Golden Age Society! And of course additional members are invited to join us. We have more space and plenty of parking, in the Msgr. Glynn Center at HOLY FAMILY PARISH, 366 Watchogue Rd. Doors open at 12:30, and we go home by 3:30.

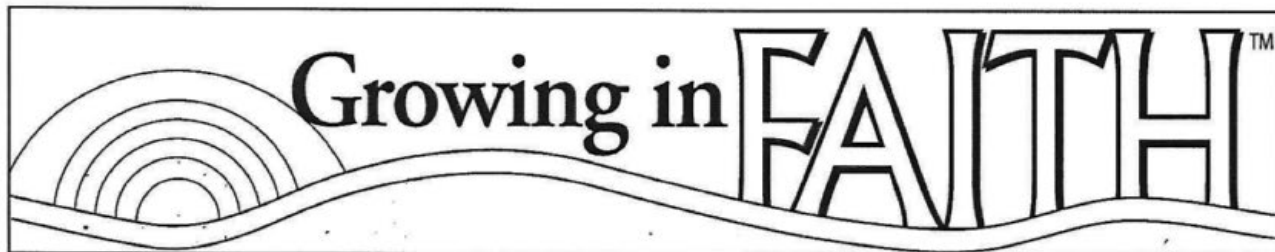
Many thanks to Father AJ Micciulla, the Pastor of Holy Family Parish, for allowing us to adjust to a good problem (more students in St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy) and letting us move from St. Teresa's gym to the much better facility for socializing at Holy Family Parish. And even more thanks to our excellent Golden Age leader, Lorraine Sellers, who is adjusting from having about 20 members in our gym, to over 80 members at our June meetings!

One complication at Holy Family is that the Board of Elections takes over for Early Voting. We will tell you their days in October. In the meantime, we meet on four Thursdays in September: 1, 8, 22, 29. (Why not the 15th? Lorraine has two full buses going on a trip on September 15.)

OUR PERIODIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO KEEP A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

"To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."





Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

September 2022

Saint Teresa Church
Staten Island, New York

One Minute Meditations

The most important thing

When Jesus promised to be with us always, He wasn't just talking symbolically. He meant that He would stay with us – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In fact, when we go to Mass, we meet Jesus, Himself, "truly, really, and substantially contained" in Holy Communion (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1374). Don't miss a single Sunday Mass. He is there every time.



Our "Call"

When God calls, He asks that His children respond. Throughout history, when the Father called a chosen people, prophets, and kings to service, they responded. Jesus called His apostles and disciples. They responded. God calls each of us. Have you responded? Are you where He wants you to be?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths"
(Proverbs 3:5-6).



Four tools for spreading the Good News

Before He ascended, Jesus told His disciples, "Go...make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We are all called to preach the Gospel, sometimes by words, but always by the holiness of our lives. Jesus gave us four must-haves for this task:

Peace: The confidence that all things, even our greatest sufferings, will be for our good is peace. Living a Gospel-centered life brings peace and sets us apart in what we choose: music, recreation, dress. These choices are counter-cultural and testify to our faith. Be at peace: our security is in the Truth, not others' opinions of us.

Simplicity: We can't give what we

don't have. To give Christ to others, we must make room for Him in our own hearts. For example, buy only what's necessary and limit time on social media. Frequent the Sacraments and Mass. Pray daily.

Charity: Jesus uses us to communicate His love to others. In addition to acts of mercy for the poor, charity requires treating others with dignity, respect, patience, and kindness – even when it's challenging.

Joy: We experience joy when we receive God's love. This means keeping our hearts open to accepting the Good News, not giving into bitterness and resentment, reminding ourselves of the ways God has shown His love for us. Don't keep it to yourself. Tell others.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do some churches have altar rails?

Altar rails, or "Communion rails," located between the sanctuary and the front pews, helped facilitate the Communion distribution when everyone received Communion on the tongue while kneeling. The rails encouraged the faithful to be reverent before the Face of God –



literally. Called, "the people's altar," the rails were also where communicants offered their spiritual sacrifices to God directly as they received Him. We can do this without rails, but kneeling for Communion is a powerful reminder of Who we are receiving.

GROWING ⁺ WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 14:25-33

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

DISCIPLE
FATHER
MOTHER

WIFE
CHILDREN
BROTHER

SISTER
LIFE
CROSS

C R O S S U L I F E
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