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ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

OCTOBER 30,2022 | 31ST 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 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 after Noon Mass until Benediction at 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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THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
4:00PM Josephine Tanzosh 7:30AM Theresa and Joseph DiCosmo 9:00AM Rose and Salvatore Messina 10:30AM Gladys Kanakry 12:30PM Burton Cohen 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Carmela Venezia 7:30AM All Souls Novena 9:00AM Maryann Granello 10:30AM Leonila and Rufo Limon 12:30PM Ernesto Chiarello 5:00PM Salvatore Messina
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
8:30AM Robert Einstman	8:30AM Charles Savren 12NOON Michael Donohue	8:30AM All Souls Novena
	7:30PMFor the People of Our Parish	
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8:30AM All Souls Novena	8:30AM All Souls Novena	8:30AM All Souls Novena

MANY PEOPLE HAVE FOUND SOLACE AND BECOME CLOSER TO GOD BY ATTENDING MASS DURING THE WEEK AS WELL AS ON SUNDAY.

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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, Joseph Pastore, 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

Spec 4 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

5pm Father Challman

All Others Msgr. Belford

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

- * All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Join us for Mass on Tuesday November 1, at 8:30am, 12 Noon, or 7:30pm. As explained last week, there is no Mass at 4pm on Halloween, nor 12 Noon Masses during November, except for November 1. We will resume noon weekday Masses when Father John returns at the beginning of December.
- * As I announced at some Masses last weekend, there are many people near us who are in need of warmer clothing, including people have come from other countries with just the clothes on their back or flip-flops on their feet. You can respond to their need with help for them in any way you choose. To make it easier for us to do something and give something, our Staten Island parishes will be sponsoring a **CLOTHING DRIVE, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 and 20** for the benefit of the many people here on Staten Island who need coats, sweaters, shoes, socks, etc. What we will collect here at St. Teresa Church will be taken to Catholic Charities of Staten Island offices at 120 Anderson Avenue in Port Richmond (718 447-6330) or to Staten Island Catholic Charities offices at Mount Loretto: 6581 Hylan Blvd. (718 984-1500). Of course, if you want to bring coats or clothing directly, or donate money or useful items sooner, follow your wish and bring things during business hours to 120 Anderson Avenue.
- * Separate from this November 19 and 20 Clothing Drive will be an annual fundraising event for our school. It will be this Thursday morning from 7am to 12 Noon. Bring your unwanted clothes and other items, in secure bags, by 12 Noon, to the small parking lot next to ArchCare at St Teresa (our former convent.) See the flyer on the last page of this bulletin for more information.
- * People privileged to be citizens should accept the responsibility to <u>study, pray</u> and <u>vote</u> when the opportunity arises. And it does arise on Tuesday November 8. Please notice the information inside about two all-night Eucharistic Vigils, with evening and morning Masses. One will be at Blessed Sacrament Church on Forest Ave. and Manor Rd. The other will be at St. Charles Church on Hylan Blvd. Let us constantly pray for our country and for its elected officials, especially as we approach Election Day.
- * Congratulations to our Deacon Jonathan Reyes as we approach the second anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon of the Catholic Church. That took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on October 31, 2020. Our parish is privileged to have his assistance at Masses and occasional preaching, and his celebration of sacraments such as Baptism and Marriage. I am also happy to announce that both Deacon Jonathan and his wife Mrs. Macrina Reyes recently became members of a society of dedicated people that helps Catholics in the Holy Land. On October 15 in St. Patrick's Cathedral, they were formally invested as Members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The Holy Sepulchre is the extremely important tomb where the body of the crucified Jesus was placed after his crucifixion. (Our group of pilgrims was very privileged to squeeze into that sacred space for Mass during our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March.) Macrina was the coordinator for our trip, and has that role again for our parish pilgrimage to Italy in April. Additional interest is stirring, and new pilgrims are welcome to join us, even though the time is short.
- * I plan to be at the Regal Theater on Forest Avenue near the Goethals Bridge this Wednesday night at 7pm—and I invite you to join me there— to see a new film about a truly inspiring woman: Saint Teresa of Kolkata. She may be better known to us as Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Tickets for **MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE** are \$16, which is a lot, but well worth the experience of meeting a genuine saint. I invite and urge you to come if you can. According to Grand Knight Patrick Kelly of the Knights of Columbus, it is now time to tell Mother Teresa's life story to a new generation. **MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE** is an inspiring, informative film for the people of today's Church and for the wider world.

The film begins in modern-day Brazil and Kenya, showing members of her Sisters of Charity at work, and then goes back to 1910 to depict the childhood of young Gonxha Agnes Bojaxhiu in an Albanian Catholic community in Skopje in modern day North Macedonia. That the future saint spent her earliest years as a "minority of a minority" in what was then a remote outpost of the Ottoman Empire is a significant detail about her life that many viewers may not have known. The film features interviews with some of Mother Teresa's family members, who all attest to her zeal for Christ and her desire to serve the poor from her earliest years.

MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE includes testimonies from people in India about how she endeared herself to the people there by learning Bengali, by becoming an Indian citizen, and by dressing in a simple cotton sari that was worn only by very poor women. She made that her order's habit. Interesting for us, in one scene Bishop Robert Barron speaks of the connection between Mother Teresa and her spiritual forebearer, our parish patron Saint Thérèse of Lisieux! At various points in the film we see how our our Saint Teresa's "little way" was the *only* way to make any progress amid the utter destitution of the streets of Kolkata. When pressed on questions of eradicating poverty through political means, Mother Teresa routinely deferred to others to worry about the big picture. She and her sisters simply did what they could, where they were.

Additional footage of the Missionaries of Charity at work in the Bronx, Haiti, India, and Brazil draws us into two areas of profound spiritual turmoil from Mother Teresa's life. The first is her intense struggle in the late 1940s as she heard God's "second calling" to leave her convent and her work as a teacher in order to embrace a life of street-level service to the poorest of the poor. Mother Teresa was finally given permission by her bishop in 1948, and the film makes affecting use of the letters she wrote to her spiritual director during this period of discernment.

The second struggle is the now well-known period of darkness and doubt that Mother Teresa experienced over the course of many years, even as she toiled in India and later travelled the globe as an ambassador for Christ. Years before the full scope of Mother Teresa's spiritual struggles became known with the publication of her private writings, *Come Be My Light*, she admitted in interviews that doubt was normal. "We all have to go through it," she told a reporter, describing the feeling of spiritual solitude as "a sign of purification and greater love." The film includes a testimony from Catholic producer, director, and writer Jim Wahlberg, who describes how seeing Mother Teresa in prison helped him find the love of Christ after years of his own spiritual abandonment.

One highlight of the film is its depiction of Mother Teresa as a cultural icon—a saint for the people of the twentieth century. Various commentators note in the film that Mother never sought publicity, but it came anyway. In 1979, Mother Teresa stood on a global stage as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. The film reminds us that she used her acceptance speech to advocate for the unborn. As she told the world that day, "The greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child. . .The nations that have legalized abortion, they are the poorest nations."

Msgr. William Belford



TWO ELECTION-EVE ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGILS

Many people think that next Tuesday November 8 will be a crucial day for the direction of our country. We will be electing national and state legislators whose decisions will have a tremendous effect on our lives, both spiritually and materially. Therefore both Blessed Sacrament Parish on the North Shore and St. Charles Parish on the South Shore will be hosting non-political all-night prayer vigils requesting divine guidance for voters on November 8th. These Vigils begin at 7PM on Monday evening, November 7th, with a Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by a Eucharistic procession, and prayers to the Sacred Heart. Then the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed, and there will be a silent prayer vigil throughout the night, concluding with a 5AM Mass to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All Staten Islanders are invited to attend.

MASS BOOK RESERVATIONS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2023 WILL OPEN THIS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

Many people faithfully commemorate the dates of loved ones' anniversaries of birth or death or other special days in their lives by requesting a Mass for their intention in our church.

Coming to Mass on those days and praying to God for our loved ones expresses our connection with them, and we who remember them at Mass also benefit from our praying.

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2023 will be open in the rectory Thursday November 3 beginning at 10am. If you have any questions about this, call Lisa at 718 442-5412.

OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY IS VERY HELPFUL

ST. TERESA'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP IS HERE TO WELCOME YOU WHEN YOU ARE READY. WE MEET ON THE 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 \$1,531.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$6,058.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That as Saint Paul did in his day, let us pray for everyone in authority, so that all people may lead a quiet and tranquil life, with devotion to God and human dignity: let us pray to the Lord...

Next Sunday is Our Food Pantry Sunday

Your personal contributions after Mass next Sunday will be used to provide gift certificates to more than 60 families and individuals near us who need some help to insure that they and their children have enough to eat. Donations by mail or delivery are always welcome.

Saint Teresa Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome + April 20-28, 2023

To see the details of our April 2023 Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and other beautiful holy places in Italy, including the church of Saint Padre Pio, take a look at the interesting Peter's Way Tours website. Go to Petersway.com. Click on "Join A Tour", and look at the many offerings. Scroll down to April 20, 2023 to see the details for our own Parish Pilgrimage. This is the time to reserve your seat on the plane and bus.

TIME FOR US TO SUPPORT THE AMS, USA

Please read the last two pages of our bulletin. One is about how to combine fall housecleaning and school fundraising. The other is about a rare nationwide collection to support the AMS, USA.

Those letters stand for: <u>Archdiocese for the</u>
Military Services for the United States of America.

Our Government rightly pays for Chaplains to accompany men and women in the six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces that protect our country, as well as to provide pastoral service to their families and to minister to our Veterans. But we Catholics need to raise and contribute the rest of the funds that our heroes need. Please give generously on November 6th — the Sunday before Veterans Day.







ear Father, Allow me to express my profound gratitude to you and your parish community for participating in the upcoming National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). As you know, the collection is approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years, to both increase awareness and support of the mission, "Serving Those Who Serve."

The ministries offered by the AMS benefit those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans, and their families. It is the mission of this Archdiocese that they be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom and speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

In addition, the AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is the only vocations program in the United States that provides priests to serve as military chaplains - and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers. After a seminarian receives approval from his bishop or religious superior to participate, education and other formation costs are shared between the AMS and the seminarian's home diocese or religious order. Once the priest is ordained, he first serves for three years in his home diocese or community before being released for full-time military service for at least five years. When the priest separates from the military, he then returns to his diocese or community.

Please help me continue to provide for those entrusted to my pastoral care - including those who originate from your own parish or diocese - by including one or more bulletin announcements in your weekly publication, making collection envelopes readily available, and perhaps consider having an active-duty or retired military member of your parish offer a witness to having been able to receive the sacraments or counsel from an AMS endorsed priest while they served on active-

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Know that your intentions will be remembered at the altar.

With my best wishes for your ministry and the expression of my gratitude, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.

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- o Home Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels....)
- o Stuffed Animals
- o Toys

Our school will receive .15 cents for every pound we collect. Please put all that you are donating into tightly tied plastic bags.

PLEASE NO: books, furniture, glassware, electrical devices, large toys, high chairs, baby cribs, VCR tapes, and outdoor play sets.

Time: 7:30 AM - Noon

Date: Thursday, November 3rd

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