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## MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**SATURDAY 4:00PM**

**SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,**

**10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES**

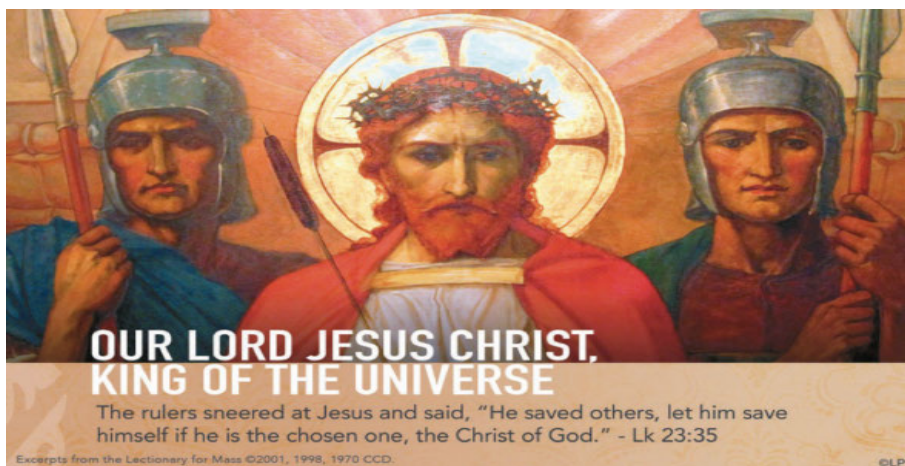
**MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM**

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon**

**SACRAMENT OF**

**RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM**



## 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

### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Anytime

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|---|--|--|---|--|
| 4:00PM Salvatore Fedele<br>7:30AM Maryann and Mary Fair and Patty McVey<br>9:00AM For the People of Our Parish<br>10:30AM Sadie DiPilli<br>12:30PM Allen D'Arcy<br>5:00PM Anna Mathew |  |  | 4:00PM Rose Schmitt<br>7:30AM Stephen Januszewski<br>9:00AM Gerard Eick<br>10:30AM Denise Bonomi<br>12:30PM Salvatore Provenzano<br>5:00PM Arielle Newman |  |
| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21   |  | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22   | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23  |  |
| 8:30AM Roberta Wisnieski  |  | 8:30AM Carmella LaFerlita  | 8:30AM Rene Serrano   |  |
| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24   |  | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25  | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26   |  |
| <b>PARISH THANKSGIVING DAY MASS</b><br>9AM Burton Cohen   |  | 8:30AM Lorraine Pasadino   | 8:30AM Paul and Annamaria Caruselle   |  |

*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, Elaine Liberatore, Josephine Linton, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Bill McMillen, Marie 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 Parish,

The image we have of Saint Francis of Assisi — lover of animals, gentle beggar, writer of a prayer that begins “Lord, make me a channel of your peace”— does not include the sickness called PTSD. Yet in fact St. Francis leaves lots of evidence of his suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, resulting from his time as a soldier and prisoner.

The first stop on our St. Teresa Church Pilgrimage to Italy (April 20-28, 2023; [www.petersway.com](http://www.petersway.com)) will be Assisi, the beautiful hilltop home of this great saint. Outside the magnificent Basilica with its own awesome spaces and many vivid images of Francis’ life, is a larger-than-life work of art, all alone on a lawn. It shows Francis in full military armor, slumped on his armored horse, his head hanging down as if in deep sorrow.

An article in the St. Anthony Messenger magazine of last November tells this story with the help of a Francis-can priest who served as a chaplain in the Marine Corps for 22 years, and who now leads pilgrimages of healing.

“Long before St. Francis would hear the voice of Christ and renounce wealth for a life of poverty, he lived the privileged life of a young aristocrat. When war broke out between Assisi and the neighboring city of Perugia, he eagerly signed up...Rushing into battle without any training, Francis was captured. Those from Assisi were vastly outnumbered, and were slaughtered in a crushing defeat. Many prisoners were immediately put to death, but the men of Perugia realized that this young aristocrat might bring a ransom, and so they threw him into prison.

Francis was held in miserable conditions for a year. Eventually his father paid for his freedom. Some analysts of his writings say that long after his release and conversion, Francis still suffered from PTSD. Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM, the Marine chaplain mentioned above, explains: “In some of the writings, he is with the brothers, and wakes up yelling in the middle of the night, feeling rats crawling all over him.”

This is not a nightmare you would expect from the patron saint of animals, but it is one that military veterans can relate to. And it has helped Father Targonski through his own struggles with PTSD. During one of his tours in Iraq, he was the only Catholic priest at the Battle of Fallujah in 2004. He remembers running through the streets from unit to unit, ministering to others, being bored for a few minutes, and in utter terror five seconds later.

In battle he carried with him a small replica of the famous Cross of San Damiano, the image of Jesus which inspired Francis to change his life completely. Back in Assisi after his misadventures in war, while praying before that crucifix, Francis heard the voice of Christ, which told him to “rebuild my church.” He responded by trying to sell his father’s goods to pay for the work that was needed. But rebuked by both his father and the local bishop, he renounced his birthright, embraced poverty and returned everything he had to his father, even the clothes on his back.

But what was it about that dirty cross, hanging in a crumbling church, that caused such a radical change in Francis? Father Targonski thinks he has an answer: the three military people on the icon. *(By all means, find and hold your own San Damiano cross if you have one, or look for it in a prayerbook, or Google it so you can see it.)*

Under the outstretched arms of the crucified Christ are five people. They are witnesses described in the Bible. One is Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Another is Saint John, the Beloved Disciple. At the far right is the Roman centurion who has been stationed to guard the prisoner. His hand is raised as if he is just uttering his all-important profession of faith: “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Below them are two smaller figures: the soldier who pierced the side of Christ with a lance, and the soldier who offered Jesus a sponge soaked in vinegar. These military men, all turned towards the crucified Christ, may have shown the war-weary veteran where he should turn to find healing.

But back to that slumping Francis outside the Basilica. The dejected figure on a horse is Francis coming home to Assisi without a victory after going to the Crusades. Like a wounded soldier signing up for a second tour of duty, still angry about his imprisonment, possibly trying to redeem himself, Francis had volunteered to fight in the Crusade. But before reaching battle, this would-be crusader heard the voice of Christ, stopping him from proceeding. When Francis asked God what he should do, God answered: “Go back home. It will be revealed to you.”

So what we might see in that statue as exhaustion is also bad memories, discouragement and fear about what people at home will think of him. But instead of withdrawing, Francis decides to embrace others. Outside Assisi, he comes upon a leper—an outcast, contagious, sick and horribly disfigured by his illness, shunned by everyone. Francis finds his purpose. He embraces the man and kisses him in brotherly love. He understands that God can use someone’s own darkest experiences to bless those around him.”

**CLOTHING DRIVE THIS WEEKEND!**

There are people near us who are in need of warmer clothing. Some are long-time neighbors and some are people who have come from other countries with just the clothes on their back or flip-flops on their feet. You can respond to their need in any way you choose. But to make it easier for us to do something very effective locally. So **ST. TERESA PARISH IS HAVING A CLOTHING DRIVE THIS SATURDAY and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 and 20.**

**BRING YOUR CLEAN ITEMS TO OUR LOWER CHURCH HALL BETWEEN 9AM AND 5PM ON NOVEMBER 19 or 20.**

This will benefit of the many people here on Staten Island who need coats, sweaters, shoes, socks, etc. What we 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).

Our parish always supports **PROJECT HOSPITALITY'S POOR PEOPLES DINNER**. We make a generous contribution to support the great work of Project Hospitality to feed the hungry every day, but especially at Thanksgiving. So we have reserved a table for ten, for whoever wants to come, especially for the first time. Please talk to Msgr. Belford to see if we still have room. It can be good to be hungry, if we learn to appreciate what we have, and to share. This is the menu for the POOR PEOPLE'S DINNER: a bowl of soup, a piece of bread, NYC water, and personal stories. The date is Monday November 21, the time is 6pm, the place is the Hilton Garden Inn at 1100 South Ave. Your ticket is paid for, but you can bring money and/or canned goods to donate to PROJECT HOSPITALITY.

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Another community event that you are invited and welcome to attend will be held this Sunday night November 20 at 7pm, at Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun, 275 Martling Avenue at Manor Road. Our local annual **BUILDING BRIDGES INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION** was interrupted by Covid, but is now renewed by our local gathering of religious communities called **BUILDING BRIDGES**. Everyone is welcome. To know more, go to [www.buildingbridgescoalitionsi.com](http://www.buildingbridgescoalitionsi.com).

**On Thanksgiving Day, please join us at 9am for our Church's greatest thanksgiving meal—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!**  
**Donations of food and money will be welcomed and used by our Sr. Margaret Mary Food Pantry.**

**A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK**

*That those who have been elected to public office will ask God for guidance, live by the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, and be able to do a lot of good for everyone during their time to serve, let us pray to the Lord...*

**CHRISTMAS TREES** will appear in a few weeks on our lawn in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of World. A joyful lighting ceremony for the Christmas Tree display will be on Saturday December 10, following our 4pm Mass.

This display of faith in Jesus by our parish is arranged through the leadership and physical labor of the men of our Holy Name Society.

The final reservation form is on page 5 in today's bulletin. We have found that fifty is the right number of quality trees to order, so make your commitment soon if you wish to put your family name on a tree, and/or to decorate it with your own designs.

The tree lights are included so that the appearance is standard and very attractive. The donation is still \$200. Monies collected by the Holy Name Society are used to buy these quality trees, and for parish improvements such as the outdoor Christmas crib and large figures that will be on display again by December 10.

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totaling \$10,416.*

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

**The winner of our 50/50 Drawing for the month of was Mr. and Mrs. Donald Iafe. They won \$128.50 for a \$5 entry—and our parish won \$128.50! For you yourself to possibly win next time, pick up a yellow envelope and return it before the end of November.**

**LIGHT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON!**
**ST. TERESA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE**

**LIMITED SUPPLY – ONLY 50 TREES WILL BE ORDERED**

St. Teresa's Holy Name Society is proud to sponsor once again this wonderful event that will turn our Parish grounds into a WINTER WONDERLAND! You can purchase one of the brightly lit trees that will adorn our prominent corner on Victory Boulevard & Slosson Avenue as a way to express our joy that Christ our Savior is born! Your Christmas tree comes with a customized name plaque and will be yours to decorate. All trees will be lit on **December 10th** and will shine throughout the Christmas Season in honor of or in memory of people who are dear to you.

**Holy Name Society Christmas Tree Reservation Form**


Yes, I would like a Christmas Tree  
Please have my plaque read as follows:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Rectory at 1634 Victory Blvd. 10314 with a check for \$200 payable to the St. Teresa Holy Name Society.

Note: Multiple Families may join to purchase a single tree.

Lighting Ceremony on December 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following 4pm Mass.

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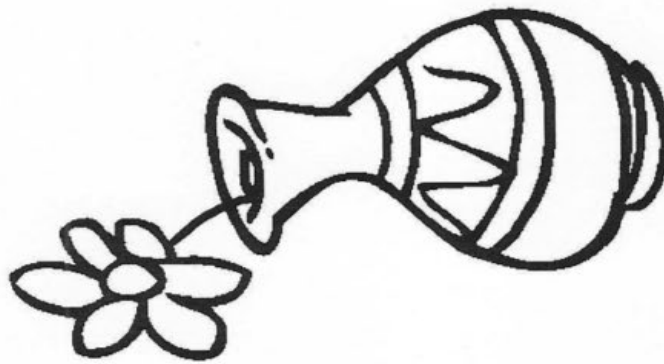
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Christ the King • Luke 23:35-43

## PUZZLE

Draw different flowers for Jesus.



## MISSION

I will ask God to help me forgive when I am hurt and angry.

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