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FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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  
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9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS  
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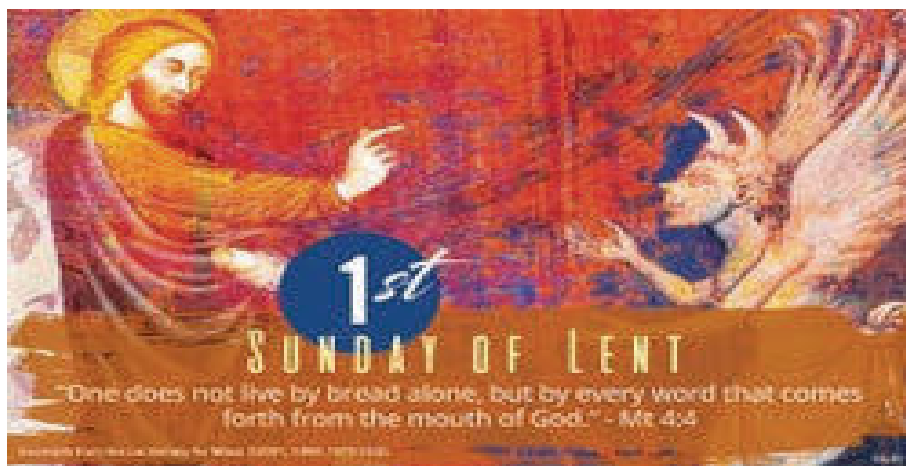
### WEEKDAY MASSES

**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

Please call and speak to a priest  
to begin planning your wedding

### ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Anytime

### NOVENA SERVICES

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THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26		DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5	
4:00PM Louie and Josephine Cerreta 7:30AM Leon and Victoria Yashian 9:00AM Anthony Palumbo 10:30AM For the People of Our Parish 12:30PM Filippo DiSanto 5:00PM Linda Sutton			4:00PM Tina DiGirolamo 7:30AM Catherine Carcaterra 9:00AM Louis Tushaj 10:30AM Lawler and Sullivan Families 12:30PM Joseph Alaimo 5:00PM Fred Richard Fischer	
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27		TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1	
8:30AM Gerard Eick		8:30AM For Vocations to Priesthood 12NOON Burton Cohen	8:30AM Luigi and Carmelo DeLuca 12NOON Marivi (Thanksgiving)	
THURSDAY, MARCH 2		FRIDAY, MARCH 3	SATURDAY, MARCH 4	
8:30AM For People with Addictions 12NOON Lydia Seguinot		8:30AM Antoinette Pentangelo 12NOON Maria Taibi	8:30AM Theresann and Kenneth Yashian (Living)	

*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, Rosemary Callenberg, 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, Elaine Libertore, Josephine Linton, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, 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, Jerry Yannaci Sr.**

### 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

4pm, 7:30, 10:30 Msgr. Belford

9am, 12:30, Clove Lake Fr. Kallattil 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

\* Because of the terrible earthquakes in Syria and Turkey early in February, with so many people killed and injured, and hundreds of thousands without a place to live, with the disbelief and hunger, the feeling of shock and hopelessness that follow such a life-changing tragedy, there is a great need to gather financial aid for the people there.

Therefore it is no surprise that Cardinal Dolan, as the head of our Archdiocese, with clergy and parishioners in our local parishes, wants to gather money and aid, and send assistance to the victims of this tragedy. Therefore we will have a **St. Teresa Collection for Earthquake Victims next Sunday March 5**. Checks written to St. Teresa Church marked **"EARTHQUAKE RELIEF"** will be cashed locally. That money, along with all the cash in any envelope which is marked **"EARTHQUAKE RELIEF"** will be forwarded to the Cardinal's Office for his distribution to those in need.

His Eminence was leading a pilgrimage in the Holy Land when this natural disaster happened. He reports that he and his pilgrims felt the tremors. Donations from our Archdiocese of New York will be distributed to trustworthy agencies such as the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, the Pontifical Mission Society, and Aid to the Church in Need.

\* People across the Archdiocese heard sad news on February 15, when the Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools announced that 12 Catholic schools will not reopen in September. Four others will merge into two, as happened with very good results for us three years ago, creating our strong **SAINT TERESA-SAINT RITA STREAM ACADEMY**. On page 5, you can read a letter from Cardinal Dolan, sent via *FLOCKNOTES* to school parents, announcing the necessity to close those schools, but also to welcome their students to other Catholic schools. One of the schools being closed is on Staten Island: Saint Christopher School in Midland Beach. Five schools are in Manhattan, and six in the Bronx. The four schools being merged into two are in the Bronx.

You might want to know how many students and schools we presently have. According to a press release, Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve nearly 53,000 students from Pre-K through 12th grade, in 170 schools in nine counties, including Staten Island, Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Orange, and Dutchess. To learn more, visit [catholicschoolsny.org](http://catholicschoolsny.org).

\* I am happy to welcome an important new neighbor, and be sure that our parishioners know that her office is nearby in case you need her assistance. In a press release, also dated on February 15, our Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis announced that her Staten Island District Office has moved from Richmond Avenue to Castleton Corners. Her new Staten Island Office address is 1698 Victory Boulevard, Suite 2L, SI 10314. Her phone number is still 718 568 2870.

Proximity can be an advantage for you. As Representative Malliotakis wrote: *"Last Congress, our office served over 7,500 constituents and delivered more than \$141 million owed to taxpayers by the federal government and to support our district's infrastructure, hospitals, NYPD, and Coast Guard. We are looking forward to building upon our successes this Congress in our new location, and we encourage Staten Island residents to contact our office should they want to visit our nation's capitol or need help navigating federal agencies."*

\* I like to keep you informed about things that our parish is doing or improvements that we are making. However, this new addition may seem like a strange thing to boast about, especially because it will cost our parish almost \$3,000.

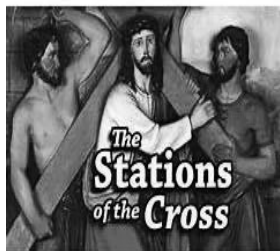
It happens that we now have so many children in our **SAINT TERESA-SAINT RITA STREAM ACADEMY**, plus games, social events and activities on weekends, that sometimes we have too much garbage on ordinary pick-up days.

After consulting with our helpful Sanitation workers and their supervisor, it became clear that we really ought to get another very large Easy Pack Trash Container. We already own two of them: one green container for general garbage, and a white one for paper, cardboard, etc. They are discreetly placed out of sight near the rectory behind the garage in which we store Boy Scout property, Baby Bin donations, pallets of salt, Holy Name Christmas decorations, etc.

If anyone has been wanting to write us a check for something practical that will serve a good purpose, this may be the answer! Come by soon and see our bright new Easy Pack Trash Container. I have to ask everybody to please not park nearby, because pick-up times are irregular, and the trucks that empty these dumpsters need a lot of room to turn.

Msgr. William Belford

DEACON JONATHAN REYES WILL LEAD A LENTEN REFLECTION ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT IN CHURCH AT 7:30PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. JOIN HIM FOR PRAYER AND CONVERSATION 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.



### MAKE THE STATIONS!

Friday Evenings

At 7:30PM

In Church

Throughout Lent

### Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday

Your 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.

### Banns of Matrimony

Christian Cutrone and Ashley Bellomo

David Samuel and Angelica Algarin

### ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

In our St. Nicholas Chapel on Northern Blvd., where we have Mass every Sunday at 9am, we will be celebrating a special 3pm Mass on June 25, led by Bishop John O'Hara, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the start of religious services in that area. This **Centenary Mass in St. Nicholas Chapel at 3pm will be followed by a Gala Dinner at the Staaten Restaurant at 5pm.**

Please share this news with people you know who might have pictures and interesting information that they can bring forward for this celebration.

### A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

*For the safety and health of mothers and babies, and for everyone to appreciate the wonderful images on ultrasound machines, which show the amazing growth of a baby in a mother's womb, 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**

### PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK

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 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 \$1,650.  
Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass  
with contributions of \$6,873.*



Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York,

As you know, I always like to share news of promising archdiocesan initiatives – like our recently launched [Good Newsroom](#) – with you, but I also have a responsibility to share more serious and somber news with you as well. You have repeatedly told us that you appreciate hearing such news from me directly, and I am grateful for your trust.

Today (Feb. 15) the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the archdiocese announced that 12 schools will complete the current academic year, and then not reopen in the fall. In addition, four other schools will merge into two. A complete list of the affected schools follows this Flocknote.

Extensive and broader than normal community research, detailed studies, and careful deliberation and analysis went into the final determination of which schools would not reopen. Unfortunately, due to shifting demographics and lower enrollment made worse by the pandemic, particularly in the Bronx and Manhattan, the impact to the financial stability of these schools was towering. Please be assured that all affected families will be welcomed in neighboring Catholic schools, with applications for financial aid and scholarships available for the upcoming academic year where applicable. Additional information will be shared with school constituencies in the coming days.

It is never a good day when we announce closures of any of our beloved schools, particularly for the students and their families, but the goal is always to strengthen the remaining institutions and preserve Catholic education in New York for decades to come. The staff of our Superintendent of Schools office, local school administrators, and our pastors and priests, are all committed to doing everything possible to minimize the impact this will have on families and will provide both educational guidance and pastoral support to those affected to ensure all children will be warmly welcomed into a nearby Catholic school.

In the coming days, the Office of the Superintendent of Schools will work closely with each affected family to help find a neighboring Catholic school for the fall. Directors of enrollment will provide each family with information and answer any questions that they may have, whether they are about enrollment, transportation, or tuition. The best resource for continually updated information will always be [www.catholicschoolsny.org/announcements](http://www.catholicschoolsny.org/announcements).

Allow me to offer a word of thanks to Michael J. Deegan, our Superintendent of Schools, and his dedicated staff who have agonized for months, doing everything they could to preserve as many schools as possible. the principals, faculty, and staff in all of our schools, our pastors and priests, our benefactors, and, most of all, our parents and students who put their trust in us each day.

As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent next week, might I ask that you keep all those affected by today's announcement in your prayers in a special way? Please know that you will all be remembered in mine.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ *Cardinal Timothy Dolan*

*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan*

Archbishop of New York

# GROWING <sup>+</sup> WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

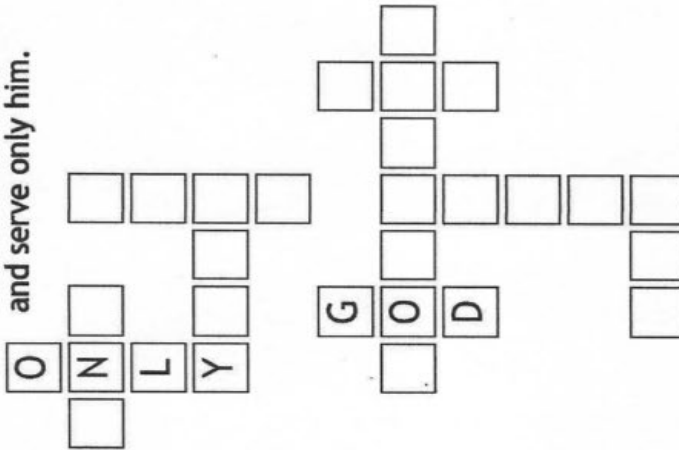


1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent • Matthew 4:1-11

## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**Worship the Lord your God  
and serve only him.**



## MISSION

One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often. Pray in the morning, at noon, and at night.

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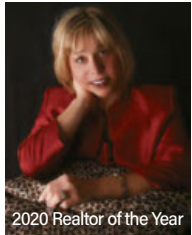


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