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APRIL 23, 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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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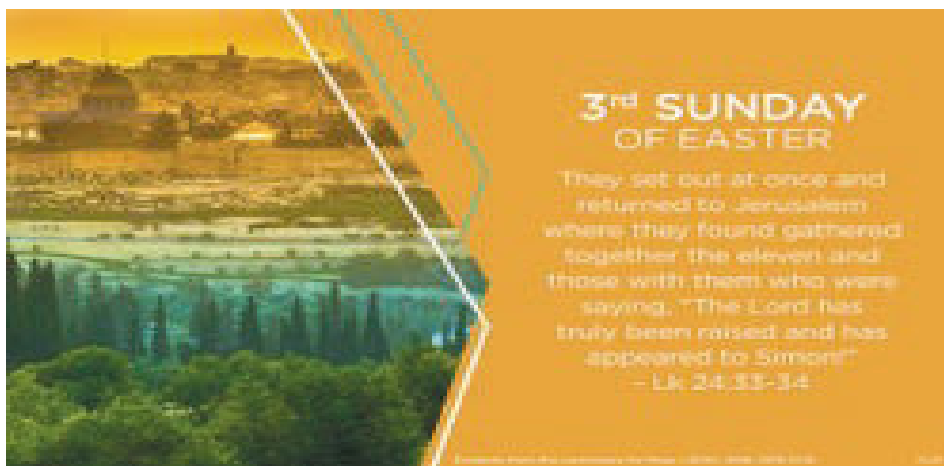
WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23		DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30	
4:00PM Rob Cavallone 7:30AM Patricia O'Reilly 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Donna Gjergji 12:30PM John Edward McQuillan 5:00PM Mary Alice and Paul J. Perrigo			4:00PM Maria Dugo 7:30AM Kenneth E. Courtney Jr. and Raymond Keller 9:00AM Michael Mezzacappa 10:30AM Fron Sokoli 12:30PM Burton Cohen 5:00PM John and Isabel Tighe	
MONDAY, APRIL 24		TUESDAY, APRIL 25	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26	
8:30AM Benigo F. DeCena		8:30AM Rose Schmitt <u>NO MASSES THIS WEEK AT NOON</u>	8:30AM Leon Yashian	
THURSDAY, APRIL 27		FRIDAY, APRIL 28	SATURDAY, APRIL 29	
8:30AM Gerard Eick		8:30AM Fred Sapienza	8:30AM Kenna Lupita Kruger (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, 9am, 10:30am Monsignor Belford
7:30am, 12:30, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil
5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Months ago we announced that we would be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Saint Nicholas Chapel with a special Mass on Sunday June 25 at 3pm in the Chapel. Bishop John O'Hara will be celebrant and preacher. We will have a lottery for the fair distribution of tickets for the Mass. We will also accept reservations for the gala dinner that follows at 5pm at Li-Greci's STAATEN restaurant. Details will follow. Join us on June 25 for this celebration/reunion of Saint Nicholas Chapel.

I am very happy and grateful to announce that once again our parishioners gave generously on Easter Sunday to support the needs and expenses of our parish. The collection brought almost \$37,000 to our account. In anticipation of your support, and using Easter vacation days with less foot traffic, we organized a big job for safety as well as aesthetic reasons: new concrete slabs in two sections near the street, and the whole plaza in front of the church.

As I wrote in last Sunday's bulletin, 22 of us were leaving on April 20 as pilgrims to places associated with saints who lived and/or died in Italy: Saints Peter, Paul, Francis, Claire, and Padre Pio. (Our itinerary is posted on the vestibule bulletin board.) We will be back this Friday. When we know in advance that Fr. John or I will be away, there is one scheduled Mass each day at 8:30, and no 12 Noon Mass. We are grateful to Father Steven Challman who is assisting with Sunday Masses.

People like us, living in a big city with many things to do and worry about, probably had no awareness that March 25 through April 1 was NATIONAL FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK. Why now, and why should we care? Because every five years — and this is the year — Congress works on a re-authorization of the federal farm bill that was written in the 1930s as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. And so already the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry is holding hearings and focusing on what should be included in this very important bill.

A coalition of many organizations, including Catholic Relief Services, which is part of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is trying to raise awareness of the difficult situation faced by many farmworkers. They say that it is a great paradox in our American food system that the people who work to feed us cannot feed their own families.

Advocates report that nearly two million people work in the farms, orchards, dairies, and plant nurseries that keep our huge and crucial agricultural industry going. Yet they describe farmworkers as among the poorest workers in our country, who often have deal with hazardous conditions, pesticide exposure, extremes of heat, and lack of clean drinking water. There are also children working in the fields, because their parents cannot earn adequate wages to support a family.

To explain more about this, let me copy some paragraphs from the column of Bishop Nicholas DeMarzio in the April 8 edition of The Brooklyn Tablet. Bishop Robert Brennan is the Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens now, but Bishop DeMarzio, now retired, is an expert on social justice issues, undocumented migration, and the crisis on our southern border.

"The Supreme Court has made clear on several occasions that Congress has the plenary power to adopt immigration laws. Sadly, Congress has not passed significant immigration legislation in decades and will not anytime soon.

The border crisis has been prompted, in part, by many people from Venezuela and other countries who are arriving at our southern border seeking asylum and relief from desperate social conditions including, but not limited to, poverty, persecution, and a lack of freedom.

70% of American farmworkers are foreign-born. Half are undocumented. While mechanization has reduced the need for as many farmworkers as in the past, farmworkers are very needed. They are essential workers who keep our grocery stores stocked and food prices low. These essential workers are human beings who do difficult work needed by our country, but they are not justly compensated, nor treated with the dignity that workers deserve.

There are 10 states that use the H-2a program, which is the legal way to employ temporary agricultural workers. More than 500,000 people are currently using these visas. The H-2a program allows workers to come for a particular period of time. But the process is cumbersome. Many employers fail to use it and instead rely on undocumented labor.

To address these problems, the US House of Representatives passed a bill in the last Congress that would have modernized the system and granted several hundred thousand undocumented farmworkers a path to citizenship. However, the bill did not pass in the Senate. The new Congress should try again to adopt this important legislation.

Reform of our agricultural worker programs is badly need. Twenty percent of these workers earned salaries below the poverty level. The average farmworker makes less than \$25,000 a year, and the average earnings for a farmworker family is between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for the whole year. And full-time employment is not available to these migrant farmworkers.

Poor treatment of farmworkers reminds us of the need for comprehensive immigration reform, as many industries in our country face a labor shortage. Agricultural and other industries rely on these workers to insure that we can put food on our tables. Our country cannot treat farmworkers in the future as it has in the past."

Msgr. William Belford



Pack 37 Bake Sale TODAY 7:30AM-1PM

Our Pack 37 Cub Scouts will be selling an assortment of baked goods and goodies outside of St. Teresa Church and St. Nicholas Chapel today.

All proceeds from this BAKE SALE will be going to fund Pack 37 Program Activities.

ENJOY A NIGHT OF OPERA MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH THIS SATURDAY APRIL 29 AT 8PM

The Riverside Opera Company will be returning to St. Teresa's Church on Saturday April 29th at 8pm in "A Shower of Song" featuring sopranos Zoya Gramagin, Gina Hanzlik, mezzo soprano Ema Mitrovic and tenor Lucas Levy. They are accompanied by our parishioner Maestro Alan Aurelia and a full orchestra. Popular arias from *Pagliacci*, *Daughter of the Regiment*, *Tosca*, *Samson and Delilah*, *La Traviata*, and *Tannhauser* will be introduced by narrator Tania Eicoff.

Many of our parishioners and neighbors are happy to come to these concerts. We host them twice a year. The very professional singers and musicians tell us that we have great acoustics!

Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. This concert is free for students and children. You can purchase tickets on-line at Richmondcountyorchestra.org or by calling the Riverside Opera Company at 718-876-7945.

DID YOU GET MARRIED IN 1973, or 1998? CALLING ALL WEDDING JUBILARIANS

We will honor GOLDEN AND SILVER WEDDING JUBILARIANS at a 10:30am Mass and Breakfast on Sunday June 4. Our Holy Name men will be the hosts for a wonderful breakfast for you and your close family. So if you got married in either 1973 or 1998, please let us pray with you and celebrate your great milestone. Call Lisa at the rectory: 718 442 5412.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That Pope Francis, Cardinal Dolan, and all bishops, priests and deacons who have been chosen by God for service in the Church, may be very effective in encouraging people to rejoice in the Gospel and to embrace God's wonderful gift of salvation, let us pray to the Lord...

Banns of Matrimony

Michael Malfi and Natalia Pomianek

Thomas Baroz and Taylor Varvara

Gabriel Downing and Rita Jerome

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.

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 March was Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan. They won \$98 for a \$5 entry—and our parish won \$98! For you to possibly win next time, fill out a yellow 50/50 envelope found in the vestibule and return it before the end of April.

THREE BIBLE RIDDLES

What sort of lights were on Noah's Ark?

Floodlights!

Who was the fastest guy in the Bible?

Adam — he was first in the human race.

When was math homework mentioned in the Bible?

When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.

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.

PLEASE SAVE YOURSELF AND US**TIME, TROUBLE, AND MONEY**

Looking forward, especially if you will be going away this summer, please consider making a practical change:

providing your weekly donation electronically. It's easy to do and will make a big difference for our parish.

This way of giving saves you preparing envelopes. It saves us money printing and distributing them.

You can do this easily by using **WeShare**. Step 1. Go to our parish website: **www.saintteresasi.org**. Step 2. Look for the cute church and see "Give Online." Step 3.

Find Primary Church Collection and then Recurring Church Collection. Step 4. Enter the amount you want to give. Your donation is deducted safely from bank accounts or credit cards, under your control as you decide.

Be a helper for us and for yourself.

**READ OUR BULLETINS ON-LINE /
WATCH MASS BEING CELEBRATED IN CHURCH**

* 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:
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talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

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Pohprets

vliagel

taklign

Crihts

berda

Clapoos

Mesos

Sonim

+ MISSION

Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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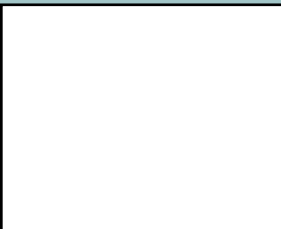


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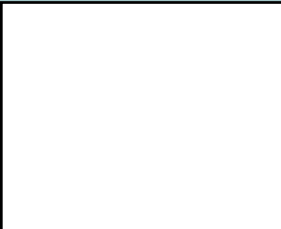
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