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MAY 7, 2023 | 5TH 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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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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"In my Father's house there
are many dwelling places. If
there were not, would I
have told you that I am
going to prepare a place
for you?" - Jn 14:2*

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

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THIS SUNDAY MAY 7		NEXT SUNDAY MAY 14
4:00PM Edward Niemira 7:30AM Theresann Yashian (Living) 9:00AM Leszek Lubinski and Krystyna Rugiel 10:30AM Bala Palushaj 12:30PM Frank Bodisch 5:00PM Mary Magnuski		4:00PM Thomas J. and Margaret M. Burke 7:30AM Rose Ann F. Repaci and Cusimano Family 9:00AM Paul Battipaglia 10:30AM All Souls in Purgatory Who Don't Have Anyone to Pray for Them 12:30PM Richard T. Garcia 5:00PM Dolores Bellerio
MONDAY, MAY 8	TUESDAY, MAY 9	WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
8:30AM Walter Kinkel	8:30AM Maria Guastella 12NOON Margaret Mary Gropper	8:30AM Theresann Yashian (Living) 12NOON Michael Ward
THURSDAY, MAY 11	FRIDAY, MAY 12	SATURDAY, MAY 13
8:30AM Joseph William Bergin 12NOON Frank Schmitt and Albert Zucal	8:30AM Mary Callaghan and Bridget Foley 12Noon Francine DeStephano	8:30AM Theresann and Kenneth Yashian (Living)

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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 DeGiulio, 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, 10:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford
 7:30am, 9am, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil
 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Thank you to everyone who offered good wishes and prayers for the 22 of us on our April 20-28 parish pilgrimage. We went to Italian cities and churches associated with awesome saints: the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul who died as martyrs outside the walls of Rome; Saint Francis and Saint Clare, both of Assisi, who became the charismatic founders of religious orders; Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, the holy man of San Giovanni Rotondo church, known and loved as Padre Pio, who bore the *stigmata*—that is, bloody signs of Jesus' suffering on his hands and feet and side. We were all happy for our pilgrimage experiences of faith and friendship. It also helped that no one can get a bad meal in Italy!

One place that we chose to visit was smaller and more remote than the famous urban shrines and churches that everybody knows about. On our Sunday in Italy, we went to the small town and the parish church of Manoppello. Why? Because there is growing belief, especially heightened by a personal visit in September of 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI, that in that church in Manoppello, in Abruzzo, near Pescara, is a true image of the face of Jesus.

I read in a book titled *The Holy Face: From Manoppello to the World*, by Antonio Bini, that the sacred object on display on the altar in that parish church is called a *sudarium*. A *sudarium* is a veil or handkerchief that was used by Jewish people to cover the face of a dead person at the time of burial. There is no certainty or official church declaration up to now about how this veil - if it is a true image of Jesus' Holy Face - got from Jerusalem to Rome, and then for the last five hundred years has been hidden in such a obscure place.

However, as the book says, while the historical origins of the Veil are largely anecdotal, years of scientific study and historical research report the Veil as having these very significant attributes:

1. The faces on the more famous Shroud of Turin and the face on the Manoppello Veil coincide perfectly. In the museum room next to the church, we could study and compare very large images of the faces on the Shroud and on the Veil. When the images of the faces were placed over one another, the size and shape were almost identical.
2. Both images are technically *acheiropoietas*—meaning they could not have been made by human hands.
3. The Veil—measuring a mere 7 by 10 inches—is dated in the time of the Lord's Crucifixion and Resurrection.
4. The Shroud of Turin shows the image of a man with closed eyes and fresh wounds. The Veil of Manoppello shows a face with open eyes and closed wounds.

As visitors in the chapel, I was given a special chasuble (the outside vestment I wear at Mass) with an image on it of the Holy Face of Jesus. We purchased one of those vestments, and brought it home to wear in our church. We priests will wear this chasuble with the image of Jesus' Holy Face at each of our Masses next Sunday. I wanted to tell you about this first, and then wear it so that you can see the image of Jesus for yourself. I hope you will be intrigued and inspired to wonder if in fact it really is a **vero niko**—a true image—of the face of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The rainy weather of last weekend yielded to a bright sunny Monday—and already the new month of May! May 1 is the feastday of Saint Joseph the Worker, a celebration of the dignity and rights of all people who work for a living.

Speaking of Mass, please make a note to yourself that the **Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven is coming soon, in about ten days: on Thursday May 18. We start with a Mass on Wednesday afternoon at 4pm. Then on Ascension Thursday, we have three Masses for all—at 8:30am, 12 Noon, and 7:30pm—**and one Mass just for our St. Teresa-St. Rita school community.

Finally, I want to invite you to read again the information inside about the celebration events on Sunday June 25 for our one hundred years of community and worship at what is now Saint Nicholas Chapel. See how to participate in the lottery for Mass seating if you want to be there at 3pm. And whether you can attend the Mass or not, treat yourself to a fine meal and good conversation at the 5pm gala dinner at the Staaten Restaurant that afternoon.

Wise people know that we are just passing through this earthly life. Glad to be with you on our pilgrimage to heaven,

Msgr. William Belford

This Sunday is FOOD PANTRY Sunday

Your personal contributions after Mass today will be used to provide credit in our local supermarket to more than 60 families and individuals near us who need some help to insure that they and their children have enough to eat. Besides giving on the First Sundays, donations by mail or delivery are always welcome.

**LOTTERY FOR SEATING + SUNDAY JUNE 25 MASS
IN SAINT NICHOLAS CHAPEL AT 3PM**

This year we are celebrating the history of Saint Nicholas Chapel, on Northern Boulevard at LaBay Ave. in Sunnyside, with a 3pm Mass celebrated by Bishop John OHara to be followed by a 5pm dinner at LiGrecis Staaten Restaurant.

(See the Reservation Form on page 5)

Seating is limited in the Chapel. It is fair to give everybody who would like to attend a chance to be inside. So we will have a lottery—free and open to anyone who registers by June 3. Then on Sunday June 4, after the 9am Mass in the chapel, we will pick 80 winners. Each will receive 2 tickets.

Simple rules: one entry per person. Write your name, address, phone number on a paper, and mail or bring it to rectory. No phone calls or emails. Collection basket is fine. You cannot control the lottery, but you can plan on joining us for a lovely dinner at 5pm at the Staaten.

**MASS BOOK RESERVATIONS FOR JULY TO DECEMBER
WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY MAY 11**

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 their church.

Coming ourselves to Mass on those days and praying to God for our loved ones expresses our loving connection with them.

And we who remember them also benefit from this praying.

So - the Mass Book for the last six months of 2023 will be open in the rectory Thursday May 11 beginning at 10am. If you have questions about this, call Lisa at 718 442-5412.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That all priests will be constantly inspired by their awesome privilege of consecrating the bread and wine that become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and for numerous vocations to the Catholic priesthood to come from our own community and archdiocese, let us pray to the Lord...

May: The Month of Mary

During the month of May the month of Mary, we are going to be thinking about Mary and her love for all of us and her love for God. She was so unapologetic in Her Yes to God and we remind ourselves of this Yes that she so willingly said and knew that Gods plan for her was steadfast and true.

We take a moment to pause for prayer and reflection to our mother Mary today

**DID YOU GET MARRIED IN 1973 or 1998?****WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE ON JUNE 4th**

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. If you got married in either 1973 or 1998, please let us pray with you on Sunday June 4, and celebrate your great milestone. Please call Lisa at the rectory: 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 \$1,377.
Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass
with contributions of \$6,506.*



PARISH DINNER CELEBRATION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT NICHOLAS CHAPEL

Sunday, June 25, 2023 / 5pm
LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant
697 Forest Avenue, Staten Island NY

This is the Reservation Form for our Reunion Dinner. Parishioners and friends of Saint Nicholas Chapel are invited to join us for a very pleasant dinner following the 3pm Anniversary Mass in Saint Nicholas Chapel. You are invited to the Dinner whether you are able to attend the Mass or not.

We have limited seating in the Chapel, and tickets for the Mass will be distributed by a lottery on Sunday June 4. Please use the notice in the bulletin or send your own note to the rectory to be in the lottery. Each of 80 winners will receive 2 tickets.

Your dinner reservations are made by sending this form to the rectory. We will confirm that we have your request and check. We hope people will come to both Mass and Dinner. Some may be able to come to only one. All will have a good day!

Here are a few things to make your dinner reservation appealing and easy:

- * You will have a very good meal: appetizer, salad, choice of entree, dessert, soda, coffee, tea. Tickets are \$75 complete.
- * There will be tables of ten, and we will be glad to seat friends together.
- * You can take chances on a 50/50 raffle.
- * Guest speeches will be short and sweet.

TO RESERVE ONE OR MORE SEATS, PLEASE USE THIS RESERVATION FORM

Guest Name: _____
Guest Name: _____
Guest Name: _____
Guest Name: _____
Guest Name: _____
Guest Name: _____

Number of Guests _____ x \$75 per person = amount enclosed \$ _____

If you wish, you can list others you would like to sit with if possible.

Your best phone number if we have to reach you: _____
Your address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

I am unable to attend but would like to make a contribution of \$ _____.

Please make your check payable to St. Teresa Church and send it with this form to:

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday of Easter • John 14:1-12

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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PLACE
GOING
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LIVING
MIRACLES

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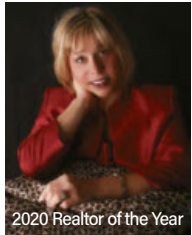
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