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MAY 21, 2023 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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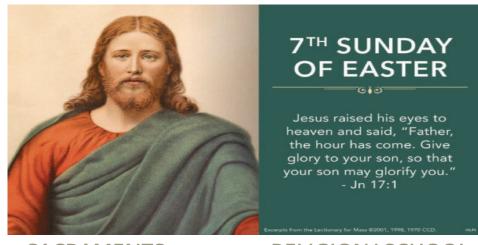
MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES SATURDAY 4:00PM SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM

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, MAY 21

4:00PM Lawrence R. Rippe III 4:00PM Karen Munnelly 7:30AM Theresa Lewis and 7:30AM Paul Battipaglia Donald Traino (Living) 9:00AM Peter Delaney 9:00AM Patrick E. Hayden 10:30AM Henry Bardel 12:30PM Jozsefine Zajacz 10:30AM Rosetta Salvo 12:30PM Lawler and Sullivan Families 5:00PM Arielle Newman 5:00PM Mary Ward MONDAY, MAY 22 TUESDAY, MAY 23 WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 8:30AM Past and Present Priests and 8:30AM Mothers of Our Parish 8:30AM Souls in Purgatory Parishioners of Saint Rita Parish 12NOON Michael Nappa 12NOON Mothers of Our Parish THURSDAY, MAY 25 FRIDAY, MAY 26 SATURDAY, MAY 27 8:30AM Mothers of Our Parish 8:30AM Deceased Members of 8:30AM Gerard Eick Forlenza and Coniglione Families 12 NOON For all Good Samaritans 12 Noon John Teres

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28

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, 9am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford 7:30am, 10:30, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil 5pm Father Challman Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Today's 10:30 Mass will be the final Sunday of the school year for our popular 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word. This offering for children ages 4 to 8 enables their own learning about the Sunday Scriptures while the 10:30 Mass is going on upstairs. The children meet their teachers at the beginning of Mass and go downstairs to a classroom where they talk about the Bible readings and have an enjoyable learning activity for their age. Parents appreciate their own quiet time for the Gospel. And then the children rejoin their parents after the collection. My thanks to the four devoted volunteers who have done this ministry since September: Dianne Fiore, Jennifer Glynn, Susan Glynn, and Roseann Zucal.

This Tuesday is also the last class of the year for our excellent Religious Education Program, which is directed by our parish's Religious Education Coordinator Mrs. Lisa Rametta. This year she served 260 young parishioners in grades 1 to 8, plus an additional 88 students in sacramental programs who attend Saint Teresa-Saint Rita STREAM and other academies. More than one hundred students are already signed up for their religion classes in September, which is good, but if you know any children who are not receiving early and constant contact with Jesus and His Church, please encourage their parents to call Lisa soon at 718 981 2632. Classes will begin again on Tuesday September 12.

By the popular choice of our parents, our religious education program takes place on Zoom, on Tuesdays, 4pm to 5:30. Covid disrupted our chance to meet in classrooms during the crisis, and even when we re-opened, all those rooms could not be sanitized in the short time between parochial students leaving and public school students arriving.

Fortunately Lisa and her teachers had become quite proficient with new technology, and had found an unexpected value in the necessity. Without the mad dash to get their kids home from one building, give them a snack, and get them over to our school by 4pm, parents were calmer and more children were engaged, and ready to begin. Attendance was better too - and we could often see a parent or grandparent sitting or working nearby and listening to the lesson too!

Another new activity we will continue next year is bringing all the children of a particular grade into church on a Tuesday to get them ready to be the ministers (readers, gift-bearers, servers, even ushers to take up the collection) of the 10:30 Mass the next Sunday. Children learn by doing things together, and this class activity was very popular. Perhaps the best Mass of all will be the 10:30 Mass today, when our Second Graders, who just made their First Holy Communion, will be taking leading roles at our Mass. And they have been invited to come in their suits and dresses.

We will be having a faculty appreciation meal this week. Happily, most of our volunteer teachers return each year, but adding to our faculty at the beginning of each summer is good for newcomers and for our parish. Anyone who wants the pleasure of helping children to learn about Jesus is invited to have a conversation with Lisa Rametta at 718 981 2632.

For their efforts this year, I want to acknowledge and thank Lisa above all, her Assistant Coordinator Susan Shanahan, and each teacher and aide, starting with grade 1: Yvonne Muro and Jackie Sistaro, with Ava Greco and Thomas Tubito; Samantha Surat and Violet Surat, with Olivia Surat; Diane Fiore, with Christopher Pfuhler; Roseann Zucal, with Ann Stumpf and Matthew Scamardella; Jennifer Peteroy and Sara Lotito, with Nico Mineo and Frank Peteroy; Gina Birnbach, with Adam and Gabriella Birnbach; Suja Perera, with Sunka Perera; Danielle Naso, with Pat Ward. Pat was also our wonderful Special Needs Catechist, assisted by Danielle Naso and Camille Brusca. And we even had a special gathering for some students on Sunday mornings after the 10:30 Mass, taught by Jennifer Glynn and assisted by Susan Glynn.

Catholic formation and education continues best in Catholic High Schools, and Staten Island is so fortunate to have so many excellent ones, and so many parents committed to wise sacrificial investing in their sons' and daughters' futures. Parish youth programs are much harder to create and sustain. Therefore I want to draw your attention to a Special Event for High Schoolers ages 13-18, happening nearby on Saturday June 3rd, on Holy Family Parish grounds, 366 Watchogue Road.

I give a lot of credit to Holy Family Pastor Father AJ Micciulla and his parishioners. They have planned and are paying for a big YOUTH DAY for Staten Island Catholic young people ages 13 to 18. This is free, and includes games and food plus interesting activities. Pre-registration is needed, so see the flyer inside on page 6. Call Holy Family: 718 761 6663 today.

Make your Memorial Day a real tribute to those who have served our country, by joining our 8:30 Mass, or the 9:30 Mass at Our Lady of Pity Church (1616 Richmond Rd., near Victory Blvd.) for their annual prayers and Tribute to Veterans.

Looking further ahead, to a Saturday in the month of October, keep October 21 free for you, your family and friends to join me and a busload of local people as we leave about 6am to be part of the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PROGRAM that day at the beautiful SHRINE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS in Auriesville, New York, about thirty miles west of Albany.

The natural beauty of the fall foliage will be matched by the enthusiasm of the crowds coming from all across New York State. Cardinal Dolan will lead the Mass that we pray will invigorate our enthusiasm and appreciation for God's gift to us of Holy Communion. You can get there by your own cars (about a three hour journey) or on a comfortable bus that we will charter for our parishioners. Please look ahead and reserve SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 for a Eucharistic day to remember.

Msgr. William Belford



OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS TO PRAY

AND FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY

Everyone is Cordially Invited To A Tribute

To The Men And Women Who Gave Their Lives

So We Could Be Free...

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1616 Richmond Avenue Staten Island, NY 10314

Monday, May 29th at 9:30 AM

A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated, followed by a service at **The FIVE STAR POST MONUMENT**, #1857 American Legion where Five Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients will be recognized:

Sergeant <u>William Shemin</u> – US Army - WW1
Sergeant <u>Henry Johnson</u> – US Army - WW1
Lieutenant <u>Vincent R. Capodanno</u> - US Navy
Vietnam War

Private <u>Joseph F. Merrell</u> - US Army - WWII Corporal <u>Desmond T. Doss</u> - US Army - WWII

The monument is located at the rear parking lot.

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 LaBau Ave. in Sunnyside, with a 3pm Mass celebrated by Bishop John OHara to be followed by a 5pm dinner at LiGrecis Staaten Restaurant. (Join us for dinner. See the Reservation Form on page 6.)

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 the rectory. No phone calls or emails please. Putting your paper in the 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.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That people who are mentally ill will accept treatment, and that Good Samaritans will not be discouraged or punished for trying to help others in need, let us pray to the Lord...

TELL US THIS WEEK IF YOU 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 BY FRIDAY at the rectory: 718 442 5412.

A MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTION FROM MSGR. BELFORD: THOUGHTS AS WE RETURNED FROM OUR PILGRIMAGE

At the airport, I reflected on the importance and privilege of having a passport to leave our country and to legally return.

Keep in mind three of the quotations that appear in a United States passport:

From the Declaration of Independence: We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

From Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: We have a great dream. It started way back in 1776, and God grant that America will be true to her dream.

From President John Kennedy: Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to insure the survival and the success of liberty.

Thank you for your faithful weekly donations to God for our Parish support.

WeShare online amount was \$1,070.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$8,640.



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. <u>Please use the notice in the bulletin or send your own note to the rectory to be in the lottery</u>. 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,

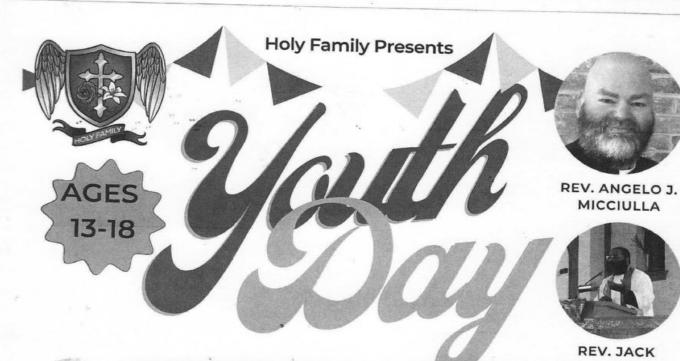
coffee, tea. Tickets are \$75 complete.

* 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.

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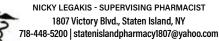
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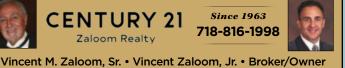


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