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JUNE 25,2023 | 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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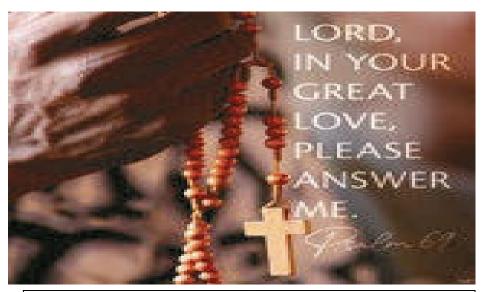
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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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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4:00PM Edward Niemira 7:30AM Kenneth Yashian (Living) 9:00AM Santin DiStefano 10:30AM Kelly Henley 12:30PM Angela DeVito 5:00PM Arielle Newman	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Richard Tiongco 7:30AM Brian and Ernest Hicks Jr. 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Patrick Hayden 12:30PM Richard Rodriguez 5:00PM Arielle Newman
MONDAY, JUNE 26	TUESDAY, JUNE 27	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28
8:30AM Kenneth Yashian (Living)	8:30AM Gerard Eick 12NOON Vito D'Armetta	8:30AM For the Fathers of Our Parish 12NOON Mathew Kurian
THURSDAY, JUNE 29	FRIDAY, JUNE 30	SATURDAY, JULY 1
8:30AM Roberta Wisnieski 12NOON Marie Sapienza	8:30AM Barbara Michelson 12NOON Burton Cohen	8:30AM For the Fathers of Our Parish

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 DeGiulio, Ed Diaz, Rachel Diaz, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarlino, Ricky Gundacker, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, 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., John Paul Yezzo, William Wisnieski

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Spec 4 Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Middle East.

Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

Staff Sergeant Michael Mazzarella, U.S. Air Force, Africa

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

4pm, 7:30, 12:30 Msgr. Belford

9am, 10:30, Clove Lakes Fr. Kallattil 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Today is the long-awaited day when we celebrate the 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT NICHOLAS CHAPEL.

Besides our usual Mass schedule, we look forward to a special Mass this afternoon with Bishop John O'Hara as celebrant and preacher. This will be in St. Nicholas Chapel at 3pm, followed by a Gala Dinner at 5pm at the Staaten Restaurant at 697 Forest Ave. (We wish that everyone who wanted to come could do so, but all the seats in the Chapel have been spoken for, and reservations were needed days ago for the restaurant.)

In last week's bulletin we began to print our longtime parishioner Mr. Joseph Granello's <u>History of the Chapel of Saint Nicholas</u> in the <u>Parish of Saint Teresa 1923-2013</u>. If you missed it, ask us for a copy of that June 18 bulletin, or read it online on our website: saintteresasi.org. In this second of three parts, the author picks up the story of those early days of the St. Nicholas Chapel community:

A coal stove located within the nave was St. Nicholas's first source of heat. Each Sunday morning, long before the early Mass began, a 49-year-old Italian immigrant from Avellino, by now a New York City Department of Sanitation worker named Michele Tirelli would fire up the coals.

In 1924, his 10-year-old son, Annibale Alexander (Nebo) Tirelli would serve as an altar boy at Mass, also attended by Michele's wife, Elizabeth and four other children: Margaret, Elvira, Rosalie and Ralph. Michele and his family faithfully attended Mass at St. Nicholas until he died, sitting in his favorite chair listening to Italian opera on his radio at 9:45 on the Sunday night of February 10, 1963 at the age of 88 in his home on Ontario Avenue.

His sons and daughters also have since passed away. Michele and Elizabeth's granddaughters, Maryann and her sister Elizabeth were taught religious education by Sister Margaret Mary Quinn, the co-founder of St. Teresa's food pantry. Religious education was also taught by the Nichetta sisters (Nicolina's daughters) following the 8:30 Mass each Sunday morning at the Chapel.

Maryann Tirelli married Joseph Granello at St. Teresa Church on January 25, 1964. The Church was chosen for the wedding because the center aisle of the Chapel was too narrow for two people to walk side by side.

CHAPEL IMPROVEMENTS

Thanks to Capital Campaign Funds and the generosity of current parishioners of St. Teresa Church and St. Nicholas Chapel, the Chapel was completely restored under the then-pastor, Father John J. O'Hara. It now has a modern gas-heating system which replaced the 60-year-old oil burner, which replaced the original coal stove. The pump organ was replaced by the Chapel organist, Mr. Philip LaMarca, in the 1950s. A restored digital Allen Organ was played by Mr. LaMarca.

In 2010 that restored organ was replaced by the upgraded, theatre-quality organ (Allen Renaissance Digital Organ) currently in use. In 2007 new pews and flooring were installed, and the interior tin ceiling and walls were repaired and repainted. The center aisle is now wide enough for 2 people to walk side by side. The Chapel roof was replaced by the current pastor, Monsignor William Belford.

As a result of the generosity of individual parishioners such as the Forte and Norton families, the statues of the Sacred Heart and Blessed Mother were refinished and the Infant of Prague, with 4 beautifully-made dresses in its garderobe, stand in the Chapel. A commissioned carved wooden triptych of the Virgin and Child, by Steliga, also a gift from devoted parishioners, hangs on the heavenly blue wall of the Chapel. Parishioners enter the Chapel through 2 new glass and wooden doors donated in memory of Addolorato Forte by his wife, Giovannina. Over the altar hangs the Cross of San Damiano as does a statue of St.Nicholas blessed at a High Mass on Sunday, January 30, 1949, commemorating the 25th Anniversary of St. Nicholas Chapel.

In memory of her parents, Augustine (Gussie) Perrone and Frank F. Barretta, Josephine Fodera restored the Stations of the Cross donated to the Chapel by Gussie and Frank on June 20, 1932, to commemorate their wedding day. As were his neighbors, Frank's parents were immigrants from Borgetto, Sicily. They brought with them their devotion to La Pieta, Our Lady of Sorrows.

BUCOLIC SUNNYSIDE

The Chapel of St. Nicholas is tucked away in the residential Sunnyside community at Northern Boulevard and Labau Avenue in Clove Valley. The valley is surrounded by three hills: Emerson, Grymes (once known as Signal Hill), and Todt aka, Iron Hill. The valley was very much like the small Italian villages of the Mezzogiorno from which the 1920s residents were born and raised. Staten Island was not their first home in America but the second step in the American dream of owning their own home. The first stop after Ellis Island for most of them was the congested concrete streets of the Borough of Manhattan in New York City.

Despite Staten Island's consolidation 25 years earlier, in 1898, with the City of Greater New York, as one of its five boroughs, Sunnyside was bucolic. The footpath to Sunday morning Mass involved crossing a freshwater stream fed by an artesian well which still exists today. People from miles around continued to fill jugs with water from the well.



Next Sunday is Our Food Pantry Sunday

Your voluntary contributions after Masses each First Sunday provide credit in our local supermarket to more than 60 local families and individuals who need help to insure that they and their children have enough to eat. Please make this a habit. Besides the First Sundays, donations by mail or delivery are always welcome.

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Financial assistance may still be available to new families that qualify. For more information, please call the school at (718) 448-9650 and you will get a call back.

All our parish children need a religious education. Families in public schools: call our Religious Education Program at 718 981 2632, or email ccd@saintteresasi.org and leave a message. We will be glad to get back to you.

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

WeShare online amount was \$1,685.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$6,085.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For people of all ages to resist the temptations, addictions and sins that so easily destroy lives and break up families and friendships, 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.

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June 2023

Saint Teresa Church Staten Island, New York

One Minute Meditations

Pray for priests daily

The average parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, minister, and financial manager. He works more



Love at home

"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him" (Proverbs 23:24).



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God so loves the world

In 1673, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, and revealed the intensity of His love in the image of the Sacred Heart, "Behold the Heart which has so loved [mankind] that it has spared nothing...in order to testify Its love."

God's love is intense: The famous image illustrates the reality of a love that is intense, extravagant, passionate, and eternally faithful. Display the Sacred Heart image in your home or workplace to remind you that His extravagant love is for you.

His Heart is our safe place: Jesus advised St. Faustina: "Do not bargain with temptation but lock yourself

immediately in my Heart." Seek His protection often throughout the day, "O Sacred Heart of

Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

God shares our nature: The Sacred
Heart illustrates the mystery of the Incarnation – when the Son of God became (sinless) man. He "worked with human hands; he thought

with a human mind ... with a human heart he loved (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #470). He shared and understands our human condition.

Our hearts can conform to His: When we put others needs before our own, find the good in others, and show patience, we love like Christ. We do this with His help, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like Yours!"

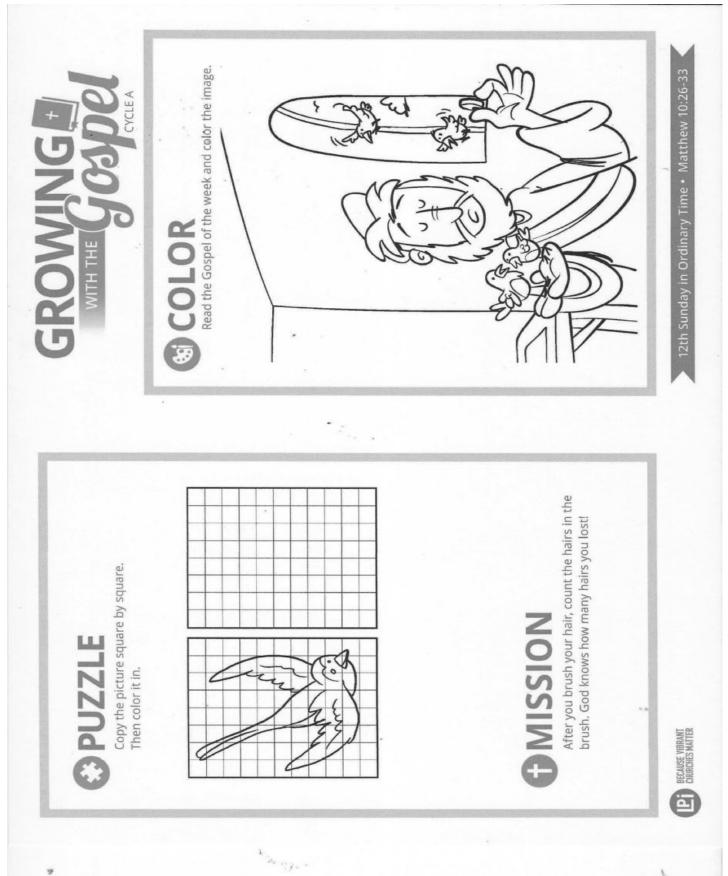
Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is more than a symbol?

Catholics have it on divine authority that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the

bread and wine, we believe that Jesus becomes truly present. Scientific investigations of the hundreds of Eucharistic miracles support this amazing mystery. In the Eucharist, Christ fulfills His promise to remain with us "to the end of time" (Matthew 28:20).

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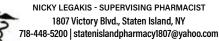
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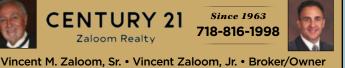


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