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JULY 23, 2023 | 16TH 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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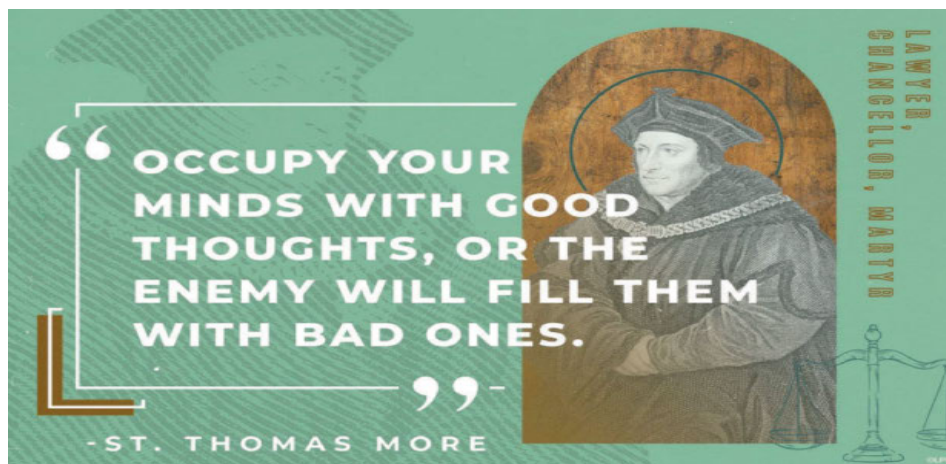
WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

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

Mondays after 8:30 Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays after Noon Mass until Benediction at 3PM

RELIGION/ SCHOOL

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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, JULY 23	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30
4:00PM Rob Cavallone 7:30AM Karen and David Malone and Sr. Margaret Mary Quino 9:00AM For Vocations To Holy Orders 10:30AM Leonila Limon 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Stanley Modzelewski		4:00PM Andrew Thomas Williams 7:30AM Donna Wisnieski 9:00AM Mary and William O'Farrell 10:30AM Joseph Loos 12:30PM Burton Cohen 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, JULY 24	TUESDAY, JULY 25	WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
8:30AM Anthony Polisano (Living)	8:30AM 12NOON Pedro Asuncion	8:30AM Joseph Rozas 12NOON Mona Zaloom and Family (Living)
THURSDAY, JULY 27	FRIDAY, JULY 28	SATURDAY, JULY 29
8:30AM Gerard Eick 12NOON	8:30AM Josephine Argento (Living) 12NOON Sebastian Miceli	8:30AM

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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, Donnalyne 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**

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, 7:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford

9am, 10:30 Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil

5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Summertime can be a good opportunity for parishioners to consider coming to Mass one or more times during the week. Our Pope and Bishops are especially encouraging people to have a “Eucharistic Revival” - and a good way to do that with new joy and appreciation for Jesus is by receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, as well as every Sunday.

Those of us who come to weekday Masses—our parish offers Masses every Monday to Saturday at 8:30am and also on Tuesday to Friday at 12 Noon— have additional valuable time to offer prayers for people we love, to find out more about parts of the Bible we never knew were in there, and also to learn about very interesting men and women who are officially called Saints. For example, here are four Saints that we celebrate in July:

* Saint Augustine Zhao Rong (feastday July 9). China was very suspicious of and closed to other influences in the late 1700s. When French missionary Bishop Gabriel Taurin-Defrasse went there to preach about Jesus, he was arrested and condemned to death. One of the soldiers assigned to guard him and bring him to Beijing for his execution was so impressed by the Bishop's courage and faith in Jesus that this soldier asked to be baptized. Later he was chosen for ordination as a Catholic priest. In 1815 former soldier Augustine Zheo Rong was the first Chinese-born Catholic priest to be put to death as a martyr. Courageous conversion to Catholicism and perseverance despite persecution of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and hundreds of other Chinese martyrs during the 1800s reminds us to pray today for the many Catholic Chinese people whose sufferings remain hidden under the oppressive tactics and hostile-to-religion policies of the present Chinese government.

* Saint Camillus de Lellis, whose feastday was last Tuesday July 18, had a very adventurous life. Six foot six and physically impressive, he was a soldier who fought for pay with various armies in Italy. He was also a big gambling addict who lost all his money. Needing work, he found a construction job at a Franciscan Capuchin monastery, and was won over by the example of the monks he met. Too old to join their order, and inspired to find his own way to serve God's people, he decided to start a religious order that was dedicated to caring for the sick. That Order—known as the Camillians—continues today. And Saint Camillus' story of changing his life and giving up gambling helps people today. A priest I knew was the chaplain in a high-security prison near me in Dutchess County. This priest was very effective with the staff and the inmates. He even succeeded in getting the warden to give him precious space in the prison for an interfaith chapel. Inmates decorated it with original religious art, and they named for this gambler who reformed and rebuilt his life: Saint Camillus de Lellis.

* Talk about somebody with a bad reputation! Saint Mary Magdalene (feastday yesterday) has been mistakenly gossiped about as a fallen woman for centuries. About her life before she met Jesus: all we really know is that Jesus cast seven demons out of her. That means that she had been sick in her mind, and probably acted out in a scary way—and Jesus cured her. Was she also the fallen woman in the Gospel of Luke 7:36ff. who wormed her way into a dinner in someone else's house and was so sorry for her sins that she cried over Jesus' feet and scandalously dried his feet with her hair? Most scholars today say no, it is not the same one. What we do know is this: Mary Magdalene was a loyal follower of Jesus Christ, and was there with Jesus on the day of his crucifixion. Not only was she there for his burial on Friday afternoon—Saint Mark identifies her as among the first to discover the empty tomb on Easter morning. She became an “Apostle to the Apostles” by running to tell Peter and John this amazing news. But they did not believe her, and ran to see for themselves.

* Saint Ignatius of Loyola (July 31) was another soldier with no respect for God, who needed to be taken down a peg—and was by a cannonball! Stuck in bed to recover, he began to read about Jesus and the lives of saints, and he had a conversion of heart. The result of God's mercy to him is a worldwide religious community of priests and brothers engaged in teaching and missionary work. We call them “Jesuits” - with the official name of: Society of Jesus. And let us not forget the most famous Jesuit in the world. He lives in Rome, wears a white cassock, and is the Successor of Saint Peter. If anyone needs another clue: he always ends his messages and meetings by asking everybody to do this one thing: “Please pray for me!” So now, so do I.

Msgr. William Belford

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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's children need a religious education. If you are in public schools: we have a plan for you. Please call our parish's Religious Education Program at **718 981 2632**, or email ccd@saintteresasi.org and leave a message. We will call you.

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WeShare is helpful for our parish future.

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SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH 2:30PM-5:30PM

**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM SAINT THOMAS MORE
ON THE FRONT COVER OF THIS BULLETIN:**

**OCCUPY YOUR MIND WITH GOOD THOUGHTS,
OR THE ENEMY WILL FILL THEM
WITH BAD ONES.**

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

*WeShare online amount was \$1,715.
Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass
with contributions of \$6,626.*

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For all of us to obey Jesus, and ask God - the Master of the harvest—to send more men and women to plant the seeds of faith and to give good example that will bring more people to know and love Jesus; let us pray to the Lord...

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 June was Ms. Laura Caccamo. She won \$ 71 for a \$5 entry—and our parish won \$71! 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 July.

He Was a Stranger and I Took Him In

The story is told of a Kansan who owned a general store. He was a well-intending man who made a pious habit of quoting a verse of Scripture whenever anyone purchased something from him. The group of local people who sat around the store in this rural area enjoyed watching these exchanges, because some of the conversations were very interesting.

One winter day a Texan stopped in, wanting to buy a blanket for his horse. The locals knew that the store stocked just two types of blankets. One sold for \$60, and a more expensive one cost \$89.95.

The storekeeper showed the visitor the cheaper one for \$60. "No, that's not good enough. I need something warmer for my horse." He showed him the second blanket for \$89.95. "That's not good enough, either. Don't you understand? This is for my horse, and nothing's too good for my horse. Now show me your most expensive blanket!"

The store became very quiet. The storekeeper reached under the counter to the \$89.95 stock, pulled out a different colored one, and spread it on the counter with great finesse. "This is our finest and the only one I have. Colorfast pure 100 percent wool with a very tight weave. It sells for \$250."

"Now you are talking! I'll take it." He counted out the money, folded the blanket, and left with a big grin on his face.

The shopkeeper opened his cash drawer and quietly put in the money. Then he looked up and said to his audience in the room, "Matthew 25:35: He was a stranger and I took him in."

Race For The Chaste

What does the morning entail?

Join us on the boardwalk of Midland Beach on Staten Island on August 19th for a 10:00 AM Run/Walk. Promote the mission as you walk/run/pray for your special intentions helping to "spread the joy" of authentic love.

How much does it cost?

Registration

\$25 (Individual) \$10 (Teens 13-17) \$30 Families
\$100 (Group Rate of 4 or more)
FREE (Children 12 and under)

CASH PRIZES! Event includes pre & post-race refreshments 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes male and female overall and teens from 13 to 17, kids under 12 get 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes, water stations, T-Shirts, free books & resources and a lot of encouragement and spirit!

Benefits NY Goretti Group Chapter - Contact Deborah Sucich at 929-218-6502/ny@thegorettigroup.org

Donate or register at www.thegorettigroup.org/new-york.html

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Saturday, August 19, 2023.

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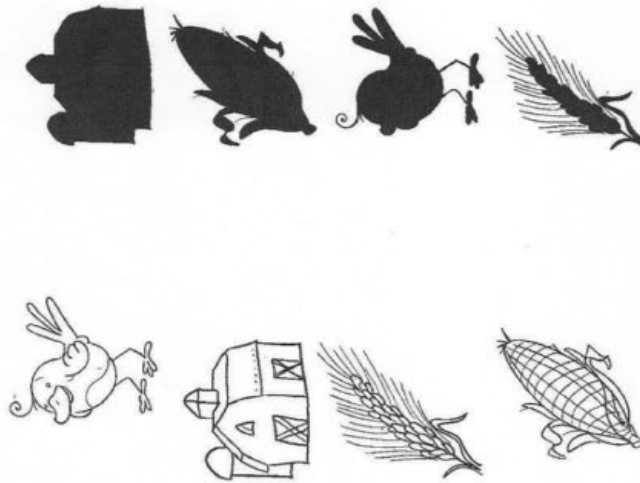


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:24-43



PUZZLE

Find the matching shadow.



MISSION

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.



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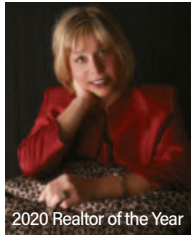


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