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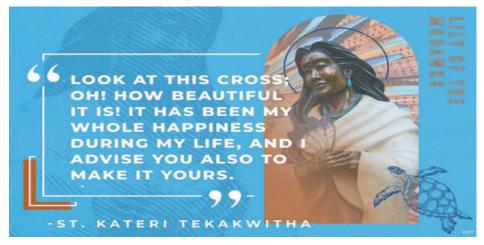
MASS SCHEDULE

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anytime

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4:00PM Jack Pomianek 7:30AM Hiessinger, Gallant and Warren Families 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM David Plum 12:30PM Avelino Fiel 5:00PM Linda Sutton	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Andrew Thomas Williams 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Hermes Bonomi 10:30AM Anne and James Prato 12:30PM Gerard Eick 5:00PM Bahria Lokaj
MONDAY, AUGUST 21	TUESDAY, AUGUST 22	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
8:30AM Rosario DiFiore	8:30AM Denise Deriso 12NOON Ward, Gallo and Ragusa Families (Living)	8:30AM Nancy Petruzzi 12NOON Carmella Pelliccio
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24	FRIDAY, AUGUST 25	SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
8:30AM Dorothy Grandberg 12NOON Anthony Barbieri	8:30AM Louis DeMauro 12NOON	8:30AM Marie and Ernest DellaDonna

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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, 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., 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

Technical 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 Parish,

Last weekend a tremendous experience was happening for hundreds of thousands of young people in a small nation that has a great history of spreading the Catholic Faith. **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023** was stirring up faith and joy among many thousands of participants in Lisbon, Portugal – and among many more watching from their homes in countries around the world.

On another day I will bring you more quotes from the words and deeds of Pope Francis. But here is a description from the Catholic website ALETEIA of what the World Youth Day was like for the many young people and adults who were there.

Saturday 5th August LISBON

From around 4pm on Saturday there was a transition on the streets of Lisbon from bustling racket to eerie stillness. Pilgrims spent the day getting their sleeping bags in order and stocking up on provisions in preparation for their long walk to the place where they wanted to be for the two big events that would climax World Youth Day events: the Saturday vigil and Sunday Mass.

The World Youth Day tradition is to sleep outdoors on Saturday night under the stars, beside Catholics of all nationalities, staying there through Mass and the close of proceedings the following day.

Upon arrival on Saturday evening, it became clear that the population of a small country had arrived. If figures are accurate, 1.6 million people were present on the banks of the widest part of the Tagus River, with the gargantuan Vasco da Gama Bridge jutting out across the water and into the sunset.

As pilgrims took their places, drones behind the stage took to the air. Making an impressive spectacle, they appeared in various formations, combinations and colors, first as the Paraclete's traditional representation as a dove and later with punchy biblical messages in various languages such as "FOLLOW ME".

When the Pope made his speech in Spanish he gave lessons and reassurances about the Christian spiritual life—in the official script even quoting JRR Tolkien's fine words about the Eucharist in a letter to his son and describing the Lord of the Rings as "surely one of the greatest stories of a journey of adventure ever written".

A great theme was to assure pilgrims, all of whom were naturally at different levels and depths of faith, that they should not expect nor seek ease if they should wish to follow Christ. "It is not always easy or downhill, because he is the God of adventure and exodus, not of pleasant walks in the park" Pope Francis said: "Jesus is not someone who gives you a pat on the back and then walks off, but the true friend who accompanies you along the way, helps you to overcome your fears, and brings you to the mountaintop, to those heights for which you were made."

The Holy Father encouraged young Catholics to put down their phones, to not only pray, or go to Mass, or be charitable when they feel like it—but to imitate the Virgin Mary in her flight in haste to help her cousin Elizabeth. "As for you, don't be afraid to swim against the current. Take your life into your own hands, get involved, turn off the TV and open the Gospel. Put aside the cell phone and go to meet other people!"

A very reverent time of Eucharistic adoration followed, during which the Pope was helped to his wheelchair and a cardinal raised the monstrance in blessing for all present. The first major extended moments of silence for WYD 2023 followed.

Sunday 6th August PARQUE TEJO TRANCÃO, LISBON

Pilgrims who managed to get a good night's sleep woke up at 7am to an orange sunrise and the sound of a Portuguese DJ and priest booming music through speakers in the park.

He remixed soundtracks from Pope Francis and Avicii to create a contemporary, upbeat and strange alarm clock. Pilgrims cheered and danced. Waving flags, some clambered upon fellow traveler's shoulders with arms spread wide.

Any suspicious onlooker would be forgiven, in that moment, for supposing that this was a hardcore electronic dance music festival still going from the night before, wired artificially on narcotics and stimulants.

There were, however, no drugs or heavy drinking to be seen. Pilgrims had been remarkably well behaved and in bed at a reasonable time.

As the music subsided, preparation for the Mass ensued. Cardinals and clerics surged to the front areas by the stage. The area around the Pope became a sea of black and red as cardinals from every continent arrived.

The sun beat mercilessly upon the spectators as the Mass began. An amusing sight was the army of priests, thousands of whom took to concelebrating the Mass, wearing World Youth Day bucket hats.

Pope Francis' speech emphasized gratitude. He eloquently thanked volunteers, pilgrims and clerics for having made the journey. As he closed his talk he encouraged all the pilgrims to pray and look to Mary.

A highlight was when Pope Francis revealed where the next World Youth Day celebration would take place. When Seoul in South Korea was announced, a small but loud section of the park erupted. Koreans were jumping up and down, and then took to the stage waving their flag. Much of the rest of the park seemed pleased and confirmed this with their applause.

Korea certainly is enjoying a cultural moment. As pilgrims exited the park for home in the now blistering heat, individual and Korean groups were handing out Marian iconography and gifts to fellow Catholics, educating people about the Church and Faith in their homeland and culture.

Understandably, as people left, the Portuguese transport system seemed overwhelmed. The park was far away from anything central in the city. Taxis were nearly impossible to find and queues for buses and trams were long. Though the Tagus is not safe for swimming, it looked particularly inviting, as did all the water fountains and decorative pools that beautify the city.



COME FOR A WALK WITH BUILDING BRIDGES AND VISIT THREE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Our parish wants to build relationships with neighbors of all religions. Here is something you can enjoy too. Next Sunday August 27, at 2:30 pm, meet at Temple Israel, 315 Forest Ave. From there walk (or drive if needed) to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Victory Blvd and Austin Place. Then a three block walk to the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center, on Victory Blvd. all welcome. www.buildingbridgessi.com / 718 816-1998

Thank you for welcoming our Guest Speaker last Sunday: Sister Maria Virgen Prometida, of the Incarnate Word Institute. Many of you donated to help missionaries through the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH, with offices at 1011 First Av., NY 10022. If you wish to help after today, simply send a donation with our parish name.

Reminder: If you are willing to volunteer to serve on our Parish Council, this is the time to make your interest known to Msgr. Belford.

At this time of the year, the weekly collection decreases, while parish expenses remain constant. As you enjoy your warm-weather respite, please remain connected to St. Teresa through your financial support of parish operations during the summer months. We need and appreciate your loyalty and your commitment. You might think about making your Sunday contributing easier. You can do this by joining WeShare. On a computer follow these simple steps: 1. Go to our parish website: www.saintteresasi.org. 2. Look for a church and see "Give Online." 3. Look for Primary Church Collection. 4. Pray and pick a percentage of your income. amount you want to give. Money can be deducted safely from bank accounts and credit cards, always under your control and as you see fit. Having more people join us in this practice is important for our parish future.

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

WeShare online amount was \$1,400.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$10,989.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That Jesus Christ will help all the people of His Church to deal courageously with the temptations and sorrows of this world, and to trust his revelation of eternal life and happiness to come; let us pray to the Lord...



BABY BIN GIFTS WELCOMED TODAY

After Mass today in the vestibule, and every third Sunday of the month, donations for babies and their mothers will be collected. Thank you for helping families in need of assistance at a crucial time for their families to make a better start in life.



As they do on every third Sunday of the month, members of the **Legion of Mary** are receiving Holy Communion together at the 12:30 pm Mass today. If you would like to know more about the Legion of Mary, visit their pamphlet rack in the vestibule, or speak to one of the Legion members after Mass.



Banns of Matrimony

Douglas Walstrom—Michele Vicario

Daniel Rakauskas—Nicole Eick

German Pustov—Karla Galindo

Daniel Burriesci—Danielle Taino

Holy Family Parish on Watchogue Road is announcing to us and inviting vendors to sign up for a Car Show on Saturday September 16 on their grounds

Vendors: please contact Tom at 917 853 4692

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One Minute Meditations

A vessel of God's grace

We are each asked to share God's love with others. How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. We fill up with grace when we frequent the Sacraments, pray, and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

Our powerful Lord

In the Gospels, Jesus healed people 20 times. Seven times Jesus expelled demons. Three times He raised people from the dead, and eight other miracles showed His power over nature. With God all things are possible. All we have to do is ask in harmony with His will.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all

generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:46-48).



Build up the Kingdom of God

As followers of Jesus, we're each called to take our place in the Kingdom of God and help build it up. Consider these suggestions to do your part:

Find your gifts: What special gifts do you possess? In addition to talents and skills, these can include wisdom from life experience or a particularly deep faith. Discern your gifts and ask God where He wants you to use them.

Cultivate gratitude: Write down everything for which you are grateful in a "blessings list." Review it and add to it regularly, especially when tempted to jealousy or discouragement. Praise and thank God daily for whatever is on your

Practice humility: St. Thomas Aquinas

said, "Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift." Let others have the best place, the

> biggest piece of cake, the last word. Imitate Him who is "gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). Be ready to serve: Any act of service

can build up your parish, neighborhood, or community. Small

or great, everyone can contribute something. Give of yourself.

Strive for the higher gifts: Jesus asked every one of us to love God and each other. Without love, St. Paul said, "I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). If you have true charity, you're on the right track.

Why Do

Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room and said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He breathed on

them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose

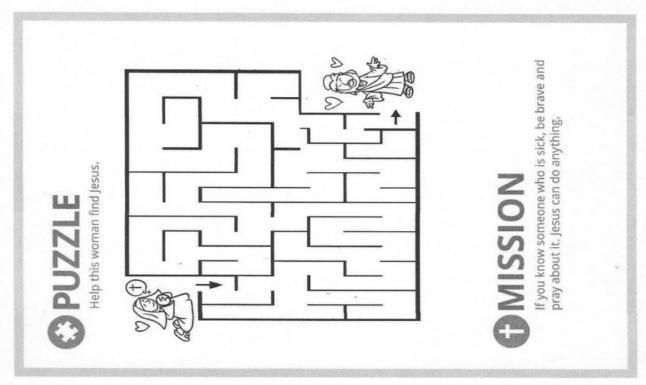
sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

> With that, Jesus established an efficacious way to dispense forgiveness of our sins. He knew we'd need to be assured of His forgiveness by personally hearing the words, "I absolve you of your sins."

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