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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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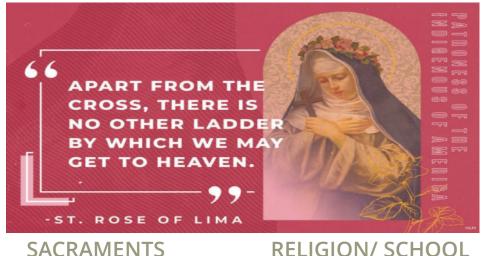
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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CONFESSIONS

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WEDDINGS

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4:00PM Fred Joseph Fischer Jr. 7:30AM Barbara Hicks (L), Vincent and Baby Shawn Hicks 9:00AM Thomas Mannino 10:30AM Kathleen Bassill 12:30PM Balina Gjergji 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Carmela and Carmine Mazzaro 7:30AM Tony Mangiaracina 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Ronald Pacciano 12:30PM Arielle Newman 5:00PM Donna Gjergji
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
8:30AM Joan Ozga	8:30AM Michael Long 12NOON Robert Gallagher	8:30AM Maryann Granello 12NOON Anthony Savarese
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
8:30AM Theresa Capobianco 12NOON Anthony Barbieri	8:30AM Claudia Bewalder 12NOON Joseph Foresta	8:30AM Jennie and Leo Granello

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, 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, 5pm Monsignor Belford 9am, 10:30 Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

On this Labor Day weekend, let us appreciate the dedication and skills of so many people whose physical or intellectual work has benefitted us and the people we love. Teachers and construction workers, bus drivers and nurses, store clerks, security guards, air conditioning specialists, airplane pilots, computer programmers—we praise God for all those who make our lives better - and for our own education, opportunities, and employment. Today and tomorrow let us not only enjoy days of relaxation, but think of all those who work hard at home or in a factory or office. May everyone have a job that pays a fair wage and provides safe conditions in which to labor. May all workers be treated with respect, and able to go home safe and happy with their day, and proud of what they have done that helps others.

Gratitude for dedication, courage, and sacrifice, and respect for the innocent victims of evil, all are on our minds at this time each year, as we approach the anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center that took the lives of so many innocent people, including ten members of our parish whose names are chiseled on the stones leading to our Celtic Cross on Victory Boulevard.

As we do each year after Sunday Masses nearest the date of 9/11, <u>I invite you to stay with us next Sunday after Masses to say a brief prayer at our parish memorial near the flag pole.</u> The few moments to hear the names of our ten deceased members is an honor to them—and a beneficial reminder of our own mortality and of our own immortal souls.

Staten Islanders are invited to Our Lady of Pity Church (1616 Richmond Avenue, near from Victory Blvd.) this Friday night for a Memorial Mass at 7:30pm for the souls of Staten Islanders who lost their lives on or after that terrible day of 9/11, and for the consolation of their still-grieving spouses, children, and community. Everyone is invited.

The reality of evil will not be fully defeated until the Day of Judgment. But there have been many examples of brave people who did resist evil. One of them you should know about was a parish priest in Sicily: Father Pino Pugliese. I learned about him during a pilgrimage to Sicily and Malta with Cardinal Dolan and other priests years ago. Now Pope Francis has written a new letter praising Father Pino's courageous ministry in his parish, and his willingness to even die for his people. It is 30 years since Father Pino was gunned down by Mafia hitmen. Pope Francis again thanks God for "the gift of the Blessed Martyr Don Pino Puglisi, son and pastor of beloved Palermo and the whole of Sicily."

Born in 1937, Father Puglisi served as pastor of San Gaetano parish in the troubled Palermo neighborhood of Brancaccio. As pastor, he became famous for his strong anti-Mafia stance, refusing to take Mafia money for feastday celebrations, and not allowing dons to march at the head of processions, as they usually do in Mafia country.

He also made great efforts to keep young people out of their reach, encouraging them to stay in school and discouraging them from stealing, drug-dealing and selling contraband. He refused to award a contract for the restoration of his church to a construction firm backed by the Mafia. Father Puglisi received multiple death threats and was eventually gunned down in the middle of the street outside his parish on Sept. 15, 1993—which was his birthday. According to the testimony of one of his killers, Father's last words were: "I've been expecting you." He is called "Blessed" - one step before being named a Saint. Beatified in 2013, Father is officially recognized by our Church as a martyr.

In his letter, Pope Francis noted how Puglisi smiled when he met his assassin and said he'd been expecting him. "Don Pino had the same traits as Jesus, our meek and humble good shepherd. He was protecting boys whom he knew well. He was a man of God who loved the little ones and the defenseless, educating them to freedom, to love life and to respect it. Puglisi would often preach in defense of the family, of the many children destined to become adults too soon, and in condemnation of suffering, underlining the urgency of rescuing them from the slavery of evil. Speaking directly to pastors, the Pope urged them to never stop when faced with the human and social wounds afflicting their area: "The preferential option for the poor is urgent." He urged pastors to help the beauty and difference of the Gospel to emerge through their words and actions, finding ways to convey God's tenderness, justice, and mercy. He noted how Father Puglisi would often say, "If each one of us does something, then we can do a lot." His words are an invitation for each person to overcome personal fears and to work together to build "a more just and fraternal society."

Msgr. William Belford





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A Prayer for Students to Pray

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you this year in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan for the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat both my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for my school. Amen.

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

WeShare online amount was \$1,320.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$6,583.



A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That all teachers, especially grandparents and parents, will help children to know that Jesus Christ is their Savior, his mother Mary is our Mother, and the Saints are our models, let us pray to the Lord...

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.

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"To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

September 2023

Saint Teresa Church Staten Island, New York

One Minute

St. Padre Pio Born to farmers

in 1887, in southern Italy, Francesco

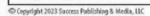


Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15, taking the name "Pio." In 1918, St. Pio received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion, called the stigmata, in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands flocked to him for Confession and spiritual direction. Amidst his suffering, he continued to labor for the spiritual and physical well-being of others, founding a hospital that still operates today.

Perfect is possible

Jesus said, "... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Perfection to Jesus means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. Love and service is the true measure of perfection.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor" Romans 12:9-10.



Seven virtues for successful Catholics

Practicing virtues - habitual and firm dispositions to do good - leads to long-lasting interior freedom, joy, and peace. The following seven virtues, with God's grace, can

help you do that: Faith enables our

belief in God and all that He has revealed through Scripture, Tradition, and the Church's teachings. Reciting the Creed, especially at Mass, is an act of faith.

Hope is the desire for Heaven and trust in God's promises to us. Trusting in the Lord even in trials and asking for forgiveness for sins

Charity enables us to love God above the authentic good of others.

are acts of hope. all things and our neighbors as ourselves. True love is when we wish - and act for -

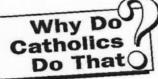
Prudence is the virtue that helps us to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.

> Justice helps us respect others' rights and give to each his due. We owe God our worship. We are made in

His image, so we owe each other respect.

Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ in the world, even if it's unpopular and uncomfortable.

Temperance properly orders our desire for pleasure, so that we appreciate earthly goods in moderation and value heavenly goods most. Observing the one-hour fast from food before receiving the Eucharist is an act of temperance.



Why do Catholics attend Mass on holy days of obligation?

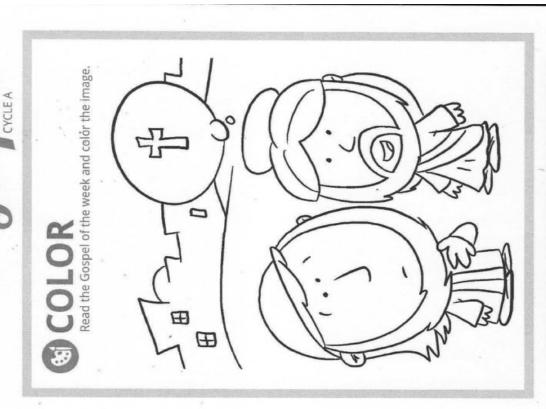
Throughout the year, the Church celebrates six feasts that honor a central mystery of our faith with extra enthusiasm. These days are so important that all Catholics are required to attend Mass to celebrate. They are listed on the US Conference of

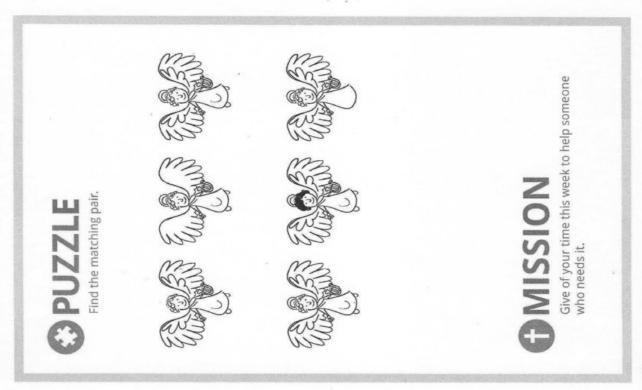
Catholic Bishops' website, http://www.usccb.org. All Sundays are also holy days of obligation. We live the third commandment to honor the Sabbath by attending Mass every Sunday. Celebrating these holy

days is a reminder that we belong firstly to God.

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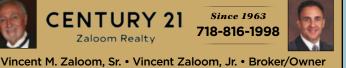


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