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ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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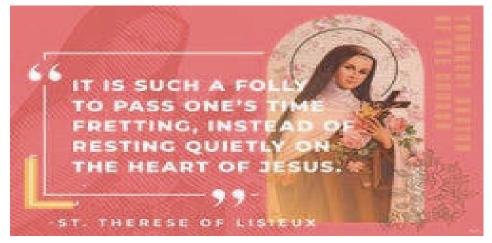
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 **NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** 4:00PM Deceased Members of Korze-4:00PM Bruno and Teresa Cavallone nowski and Mazurkiewicz Families 7:30AM Genevieve Lynk, Doris Curry 7:30AM Theresa and Joseph DiCosmo and David Malone Jr. 9:00AM Alexander Granello 9:00AM Joseph Kanakry 10:30AM Albert Witt 10:30AM Rita and John Ward 12:30PM Vito D'Armetta 12:30PM For all the Souls that don't 5:00PM Dominick Tushaj have anyone to pray for Them 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 8:30AM For the People of Our Parish 8:30AM Claudia Bewalder 8:30AM Dr. Agaton Abiera 12NOON Anthony Barbieri 12NOON Dennis Doyle THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 8:30AM Dora Pucillo 8:30AM Louis DeMaro 8:30AM Maryann Granello 12NOON Gerard P. Downey 12NOON Frank and Rose Schmitt

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, Peter Lomando, 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 Church,

This Sunday we are remembering the inspiring life of our patron Saint who died at age 24. Born exactly 150 years ago, she had a happy, loving family when she was a baby, but then many sorrows, starting with the death of her mother when she was 4, separation as her sisters left home to enter convents, wanting so much to serve Jesus that she too left her father to enter a convent, but then was not able to be with him when he was hospitalized in a mental ward. Then she became sick with tuberculosis, and suffered a lot before she died.

Yet her many experiences of joy and tears built up her trust and confidence in our faithful and loving God. Within a few years after her death, people would be eager to read what she wrote about her life: "Story of A Soul." Only that she was ordered by her religious Superior, as therapy and distraction while she was sick and suffering in bed, to write her memories and tell her ideas about God, did the world learn after her death about this consecrated woman, our Saint Teresa, who promised to use her time in heaven to do good on earth. In 1925 she would be declared a Saint and parishes would be given her name and placed under her patronage.

The life of Saint Teresa helps us believe that God can write straight with crooked lines. And that our sufferings can have a purpose and turn into a blessing for ourselves or for others. All of us who experience sorrows and losses in our own lives can learn from this humble person now known as *The Little Flower* who always tried to do little things very well. We cannot ignore or avoid our troubles. And we cannot know for sure when and how our "mistakes" will have a silver lining. Therefore, in St. Teresa's honor and to encourage us all, let me offer you names and examples of what seemed like a mistake or failure at the time, but turned out to be wonderful.

- * Ruth Wakefield was the owner of a small restaurant called the Toll House Inn. One day when she was baking cookies for her guests, she ran out of baker's chocolate. To substitute for this very important ingredient, she used sweetened chocolate that was broken into small pieces. She expected the small pieces of sweetened chocolate to melt in the cookie dough as she baked the cookies. But instead the pieces stayed intact. This "mistake" led her to what is now one of the most popular cookies in the world the chocolate chip cookie.
- * Chemist Spencer Silver was trying to create a super strong adhesive. But the results were disappointing. The adhesive he created was quite weak, and only stuck to things temporarily. A colleague named Art Fry thought that perhaps this weak adhesive could be used as a bookmark. Then the two of them agreed that the weak adhesive could work well enough on just an edge of the paper. Thus was born the ubiquitous Post-it notes.
- * Chef George Crum had a customer who complained that his French-fried potatoes were not crispy enough. So he sliced another batch of potatoes very thin, fried them, topped them with salt and sent them out to the diner in his restaurant. The guest loved the new version of the potatoes very much—and thus the potato chip was born.
- * Alexander Fleming was a bacteriologist seeking a new wonder drug, and performing various experiments in his lab. By accident he left a couple of petri dishes in his lab that were covered with different kinds of bacteria from his failed experiments. Weeks later, he discovered mold on some of those dishes. After analyzing them, he found that those dishes with mold were clean of bacteria, while others were not. The "barriers" of mold had killed several strands of deadly bacteria! His failure to clean his petri dishes led Fleming to the discovery of medicine safe enough for the human body—which is how he invented penicillin.

Msgr. William Belford



COME TO EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN NEW YORK STATE

We have a rare and exciting religious event for us and for all New York State Catholics happening this month.

People are welcome and encouraged to go to the Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville NY on October 21 on their own.

Attendees must register at nyseucharisticcongress.org.

Also, a bus will be leaving from Blessed Sacrament parking lot (Manor Road) on Saturday, October 21 at 6am, to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville. The cost is \$35, payable to Blessed Sacrament.

Attendees must first register for the Congress at nyseucharisticcongress.org, and then secure their bus reservation by their payment to Blessed Sacrament. Deadline is October 15.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO MAN UP NY!

This Saturday, October 7 at Iona University in New Rochelle, Catholic men from the metropolitan area are invited to the annual Man Up NY! conference in our archdiocese. The purpose of Man Up is to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. Gathered together, men seek God's grace to strengthen one another and grow in our commitment to our Catholic faith. Better equipped by this as witnesses of the Gospel, men can serve their families and community better. Dynamic witnessing, talks about personal experiences, music, times of fellowship, and prayer, men will be energized and enabled to be better sons, fathers, brothers, husbands.

Now is the time to register for this year's **Man Up NY Conference**. Come by yourself or encourage other men you know to step up and find out more about this experience.

To learn more and to register, go to www.manupny.com.

REMEMBER SAINT TERESA'S WORDS OF WISDOM ON THE FRONT COVER OF THIS BULLETIN

Matthew Funeral Home is sponsoring a Memorial Mass to remember all those whose funerals they conducted during the past several years. This **Solemn Mass of Remembrance** will be on **THIS SATURDAY October 7 at 1:00 PM**Our Lady of Pity RC Church + 1616 Richmond Avenue

This is a wonderful way to support other families who have lost loved ones and struggle with the feelings coming from grief. For information, contact Matthew Funeral Home at (718) 761-5544.

We Would Like You to Join Our Parish

Everybody is welcome in our church, and everybody should be known. To register and belong to our Parish, please call or speak to our priests. See the website www.saintteresasi.org.

Please complete the online registration form.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For Pope Francis, Cardinal Dolan, all Bishops, pastors and parishioners who see the needs of suffering people in trouble, and who speak up for them and ask for contributions to alleviate their urgent needs, let us pray to the Lord...





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

WeShare online amount was \$2,547.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$8,217.



Church of Saint Teresa Increased Offertory Program

We are asking every family to consider participating in our offertory program.

Please use the sample giving chart below to reflect and to ask the Lord how He is inviting you to steward our parish.

Suggested Weekly Offering			
CURRENT WEEKLY DONATION	20% INCREASE	40% INCREASE	60% INCREASE
\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$24.00
\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
\$35.00	\$42.00	\$49.00	\$56.00
\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
\$60.00	\$72.00	\$84.00	\$96.00
\$70.00	\$84.00	\$98.00	\$112.00
\$80.00	\$96.00	\$112.00	\$128.00
\$90.00	\$108.00	\$126.00	\$144.00
\$100.00	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$160.00
\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200.00

Stewardship Prayer

Lord and Source of All Gifts, we, your people, rejoice in the fullness of Your generosity. We thank you for those whose lives are visible signs of your love and blessing to others. Give us the courage to do the same. Make us good stewards of all we have received, generously sharing our time, talents and treasure to build your kingdom of love and justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ in whom we begin and end all things. Amen.

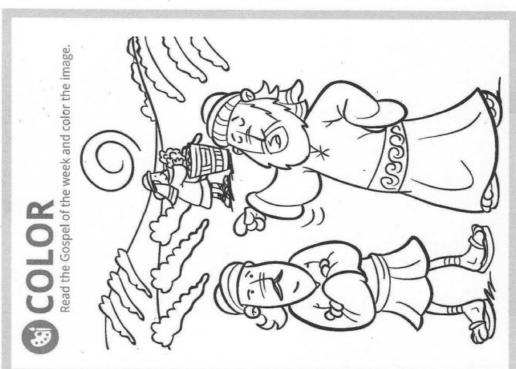
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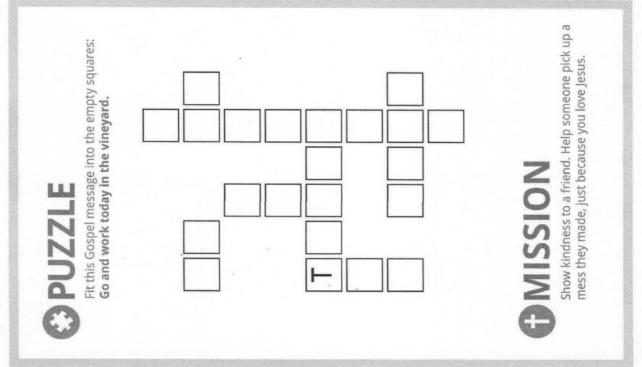
Thank you for your generosity!

Please use the program envelope to let us know you participated. For those who are giving electronically, you are able to increase your giving through our online system. If you need any assistance, please reach the parish office.





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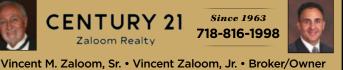


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