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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  
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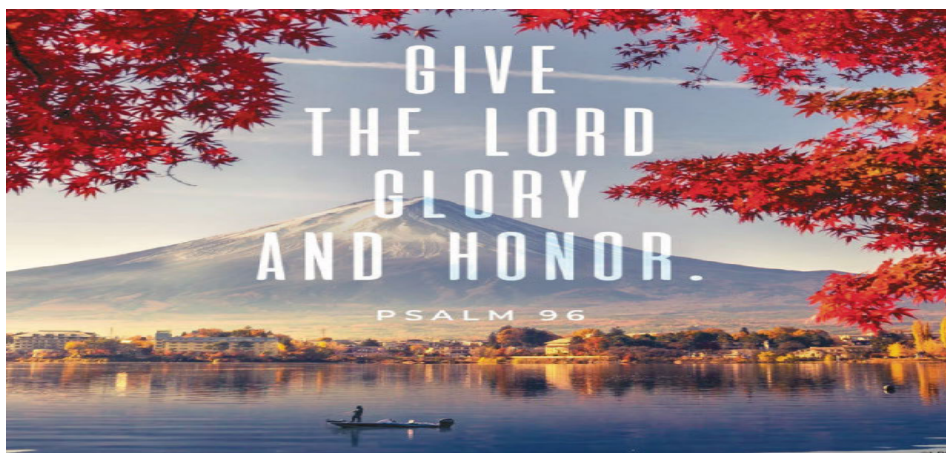
### WEEKDAY MASSES

**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,  
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 23		TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25	
8:30AM Dominick Cosolito		8:30AM Michael Walsh 12NOON Maura Mulhall	8:30AM Josephine Iafe 12NOON James and Veronica Famiglietti	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26		FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28	
8:30AM Mary Jane Malicay 12NOON Maureen and Bob Gallo		8:30AM Gerard Eick 12NOON Rose and Sal Messina	8:30AM Christopher Barnes	

*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, 10:30am Monsignor Belford

9am, 12:30, Clove Lakes Fr. Kallattil

5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

I hope you will look inside on page 6 for a very good explanation of our Catholic Church's understanding of Halloween—coming soon, and one of the most popular days on many people's calendars. Our monthly adult education offering —“GROWING IN FAITH”— also offers us a very encouraging reminder of the fact that each of us has a Guardian Angel assigned to guide and protect us all through our lives.

The word “Halloween” is a contraction of words. Hallow is a word associated with saints, and Halloween is the evening before All Saints Day. We say the word *hallow* every day. We do that in our morning and evening prayers, and at Mass, when we all praise God the Father and say: “*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*”

You may have seen this: It is a devout and loving practice to come to Mass and to pray for the souls of our loved ones who have died. {Give yourself a pat on the back if you know where in this bulletin to find these words of wisdom.} Respect for the deceased, and offerings and prayers for the repose (that is, peaceful rest) of their souls, is a deeply human and important thing. Religious people instinctively hope and pray that our family and friends who have died have a) avoided the eternal sufferings of hell; b) completed the cleansing from their earthly sins in the transitional place called purgatory; c) already entered God's place of eternal light, joy, and peace. That is why October 31, November 1 and 2 are significant days for people in a variety of ways to confront their inevitable future and to speak about death without fear, through a mixture of costumes and candy and prayer.

All Saints Day—November 1—falls on a Wednesday this year. Because not only is it right and just that we pray for our dear departed, but we should also celebrate their new life with God in heaven! A few thousand people have been so prominent and inspiring that they have been formally declared to be SAINTS by our Church. Thus we can be confident that they are in heaven, so we ask that they intercede for us.

That answers why we pray for the help of our favorite famous saints. But November 1 is for all the other SAINTS too, besides the many official ones. There are many many more of them. Think of the holy and loving parents, siblings, spouses, grandparents, teachers, protectors and benefactors, etc., etc., whom you have known, and whom we are certain are saints. All Saints Day is a celebration for them and with them, and encouragement to become saints too. So this day is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses on November 1 will be at 8:30, 12 Noon, and 7:30. We also have a Mass just for the students of our St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy. Because experience has shown us that very few people are willing to leave their homes—or give up trick-or-treating— on Halloween afternoon, we do not have a 4pm Mass on Halloween.

Before we get to Halloween/All Saints Day/All Souls Day, you can expect to see at the 4pm Mass this Saturday October 21, many basketball players, with their coaches and families. After Mass players will be going over to the gym for a loud start-of-the-season rally. Father Steven Challman will be the celebrant for this Mass; he helps us on Sundays at 5pm. I will be upstate with more than 7,500 Catholics in Auriesville, New York, at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs. (Extra credit if you remember their names or research their sacrifices: Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, Charles Garnier, Rene Goupil, Jean de Lalande, Noel Chabanel, Antoine Daniel, and Gabriel Lalemant.) Auriesville is also the place where Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - the “Lily of the Mohawks” - was baptized.

I want to salute all parents who encourage and enable their children to play team sports, which build both confidence and friendships. Even more, I thank and praise all the leaders and coaches of our St. Teresa Parish sports teams! With their cooperation, we make sure each year that all the coaches who work with our young people have been to Archdiocesan Safe Environment training and know the rules and best practices for protecting our children. This year we have 23 basketball teams for boys and girls - the most on the North Shore of Staten Island.

I especially thank CYO leaders Greg Percoco and Rich Costello, who give great amounts of their time, energy, and patience. The list of names of all the other coaches is too long for the space we have here, but our experience says that many coaches and their words will be long remembered by their players. And this season we are starting something new and important for all the Catholic Youth Organization teams on Staten Island. This will be the practice of beginning each game with the recitation of the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. This initiative to say the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each game came from the Staten Island Director of CYO activities Michael Neely. He was supported by the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of Staten Island. We met several times this summer and ironed out the details. Joseph Delaney, the Chairman of the Board of Catholic Charities of Staten Island, and a great fan of the University of Notre Dame sports teams, sent us this reflection from a young ND graduate, Samuel Carlson, about the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, also known to us as the Our Father:

*The Our Father prayer is the central prayer of the Church for good reason. There is wisdom in each verse: petitioning for our daily bread (physical or spiritual), being forgiven tied to how we forgive, and praying that the kingdom of God come to fruition according to God's will. Even the prayer's title carries a message that should be recognized. The Greek word in Luke's text is the standard Greek term for father. But Jesus was often known for using the Aramaic abba, which carries a tone of tenderness and affection similar to the English word papa.*

*At that time, the word father was as much about authority as it was about familiarity. The father was the head of the house, and his rule in that domain was total—not unlike how God's rule over all of creation is absolute. However, considering that Jesus refers to his Abba as merciful (Luke 6:36), generous (Luke 11:13), and attentive to our needs (Luke 12:30), one could argue that Jesus was not simply developing a more intimate understanding of God—but of fatherhood as well.*

Msgr. William Belford

**MASS BOOK RESERVATIONS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE****2024 WILL OPEN THIS TUESDAY OCTOBER 24**

Many people faithfully commemorate the dates of loved ones' anniversaries of birth or death or other special days in their lives by requesting a Mass for their intention in our church.

Coming to Mass on those days and praying to God for our loved ones expresses our connection with them, and we who remember them at Mass also benefit from our praying.

The Mass Book for the first six months of 2024 will be open in the rectory Tuesday October 24 beginning at 10am. If you have any questions about this, call Lisa at 718 442-5412.

**40 Days for Life Staten Island**

From now to Sunday, November 5th, you can join Staten Islanders who are praying together as part of **40 Days for Life** - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion of unborn babies—outside of SIUH North, 475 Seaview Ave. (corner of Mason & Seaview), each day from 7am to 7pm. To sign up or receive updates go to <https://www.40daysforlife>.



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

*WeShare online amount was \$2,122.*

*Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$8,709.*

**A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK**

*For peace and safety to come quickly in Israel for all the innocent people living there, who want and need a tranquil life without bombs or bullets, let us pray to the Lord...*

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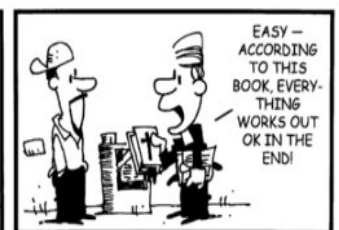
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YOU CAN HONOR AND PRAY FOR YOUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS BY GIVING US THEIR NAMES ON ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES. WE PLAN A NOVENA OF MASSES STARTING NOV. 2. AND THOSE NAMES WILL BE PLACED NEXT TO THE TABERNACLE DURING NOVEMBER.

**OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY IS VERY HELPFUL**

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## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## Increased Offertory Program

### **THANK YOU**



You are very important in our parish community. At the Church of Saint Teresa, we are grateful for your commitment and stewardship.

Take a moment to reflect on how to prioritize the Church of Saint Teresa as part of your household's budget. Our deepest gratitude to all increasing their offertory during this program.

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## Growing in Faith™

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## "Angel of God, my guardian dear ..."

"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life," said St. Basil. The Church teaches that we each have a guardian angel, assigned to guide and protect us until death (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #336). Jesus said: "In heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). Tap your angel's powerful protection to grow in virtue and holiness:

**Confide in your guardian.** Guardian angels aren't mind-readers, but they do observe us



carefully. The more we tell them, the better they can help us make good choices, avoid sin, and keep us safe.

**Ask for help.** Our guardian can help make tough decisions, resolve conflicts, offer protection especially for our souls. They intercede for us, and help to prepare our souls for the moment when we stand before God.

**Respect guardian power.** Angels are powerful creatures, created by God to care for us. They aren't answerable to us but stand ready to help us get to Heaven.

from **Scripture****Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers**

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees wanted to trap Him by getting Him to say something that contradicted Jewish law. Then He could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent was aware that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked Jesus to choose which of the 613 commands of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them all by saying everything starts and ends with love – love of God and love of others. To love

God is to love one another. These laws are at the heart of all the other laws.

Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that.

While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including people when the natural inclination is to exclude or avoid them.

Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies. True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and He calls us to do the same.

**Feasts & Celebrations**

**October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary.** Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

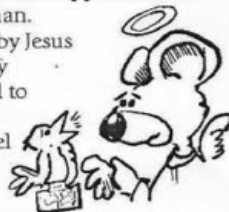
**October 9 – St. John Leonardi (1609).** Born in 1543 in Lucca, Italy, St. John spent his priesthood ministering in hospitals and prisons and teaching the Faith. He established the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God, and helped found the Congregation of Christian Doctrine.

**October 16 – St. Hedwig (1243).**

Born to the Duke of Croatia, St. Hedwig married the Duke Henry of Silesia. They founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. After his death, St. Hedwig became a Cistercian nun, donating her fortune to charity.

**October 28 – Sts. Simon and Jude (1st century).** St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman.

After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.

**Q & A Can Catholics & celebrate Halloween?**

Catholics can celebrate Halloween as a holiday with Christian roots. In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of All Martyrs (later All Saints Day) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallows' Even or "Holy

Evening," and eventually Halloween. Villagers visited local homes to gather contributions for the feast to be held the next day, All Saints Day.

Those who didn't contribute might be subject to a prank or "trick."

Catholics enjoy donning creative costumes and giving out candy, but it's important to avoid glorifying evil, death, and the Devil. Consider using the holiday to learn about a saint you didn't know or collecting food for the poor.

In short, Halloween is a chance to celebrate generosity, friendship, and community. It's the threshold of a time to remember the believers who have gone to Heaven before us and the hope we have of following. We also pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory to strengthen them during their purification before entering Heaven.

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