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OCTOBER 29, 2023

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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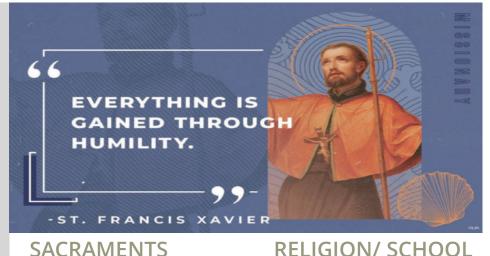
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**SUNDAY MASSES** SATURDAY 4:00PM SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM

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

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# NOVENA SERVICES

Mondays after 8:30 Mass

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THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
4:00PM Sal, Jennie and Nettie Zerilli 7:30AM Theodore and Sarah Lewis, Theresa and Ernest Hicks 9:00AM Maryann Granello 10:30AM Rufo and Leonila Limon 12:30PM All Souls Novena 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Andrew Thomas Williams 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Rosemary Cusimano 10:30AM All Souls Novena 12:30PM Salvatore Messina 5:00PM Arielle Newman
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
8:30AM All Souls Novena	8:30AM Hewage Family	8:30AM Catherine Squeglio
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
8:30AM All Souls Novena	8:30AM All Souls Novena	8:30AM All Souls Novena

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, 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, 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford 5pm Father Challman Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Father John Kallattil, a member of the Vincentian Congregation of Kerala, India, has gone for a visit to India to see his relatives and priests of his religious order. We look forward to his return at the end of November. Just as we did last November, our Sunday Mass schedule will stay the same. We will have usual 8:30 Masses on weekdays and Saturdays, and Confessions on Saturdays from 12 to 1. The biggest change is that we will have no Noon Masses on weekdays until Father John returns. The church will be open as usual for private prayers until about 1pm each day.

Our Holy Name men have been preparing for our beautiful annual CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE of lovely, uniformly-lit Christmas trees on our prominent corner of Victory Boulevard and Slosson Avenue. This Christmas tree display is not only a joyful and consoling message of hope and peace for passers-by. It is first and foremost a statement of our Christian faith, and a witness to our belief in the awesome importance for the world of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who is our Lord and Savior.

Our display of Christmas trees on our corner, and the Nativity scene that will be set up in front of our church, are valuable parts of the resistance we should have to those who want to strip religion of its important place in public life, or to make religious celebrations only commercial or trivial. Quite a few people who are not parishioners have told me over the years - some of you also feel it and say it - that our Christmas display lifts hearts and gives people a sense of peacefulness and thanksgiving as they get off the highway and pass our corner in their bus or car.

The Holy Name Society men have ordered fifty handsome, high-quality trees, and will be setting them up on our corner on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The next weekend they will bring out the strings of brightly colored lights and wrap them around the trees. And then on December 9th, following our 4pm Saturday evening Mass, many people will meet at the trees, and we will have our traditional countdown and tree-lighting celebration, with music and songs and hot chocolate for all. Everyone is welcome.

We are able to supply this every year for our neighborhood because dozens of parish families sponsor a tree, sometimes in memory of loved ones, and are honored to have their names placed on the tree. The donation is still two hundred dollars, as it has been for years. Proceeds have been used by our Holy Name men to purchase the new Nativity statues, stable and other Christmas decorations. Those who wish to support this annual effort - with the Holy Name men doing all the work and supplying all the elements - are asked to return the form that you can find on page 5.

Finally, even though we are aware of tragic world events, of evil actions and so many people suffering and fearful - especially the innocent people caught in the fighting in Israel and Ukraine, and for whom we must offer constant prayers and sacrifices - we still need to smile once in awhile as we hear of some of the amazing things that God has done for families.

My first example is about Representative Mike Johnson, who is the new Speaker of the House. In his impressive speech to Congress after being chosen, he spoke about his trust in God's plans, and alluded to his belief that his road to Congress was paved by his God-fearing parents. In fact, elsewhere we learn from the Speaker that his parents conceived him when they were just juniors in high school. They dropped out of school, to have him and keep him. They worked and sacrificed, finished school, and raised him in a Christian household. And that is why he says he is so pro-life today. He is a living example of God's faithfulness, because his parents trusted God and gave him his chance to live.

And then there is the surprising story of Jasmine, Jessica, and Juliet Turner. The parents of these three little girls are Jeremy and Sauhry Turner, and the five of them live in Ocala, Florida.

Jasmine was born on September 3, 2020. She weighed approximately seven and a half pounds, and was twenty inches long. Jessica was born on September 3, 2021. She weighed approximately seven and a half pounds, and she was twenty inches long. Juliet was born on September 3, 2023. She weighed approximately seven and a half pounds, and was twenty inches long.

How rare was this—to have three siblings born years apart but on the same date? According to an article I read in THE WEEK magazine of October 6, these are the odds of three siblings having the same birthday: 48,627,125 to 1.

Confidently yours in Jesus Christ our surprising Savior, Msgr. William Belford



### 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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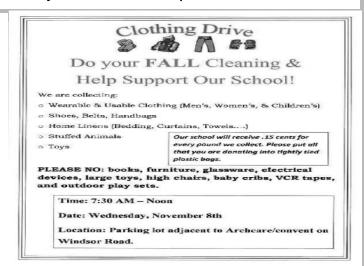
### **TODAY**

### Conran Hall (GYM) 8am to 2pm

Entrance Fee Just \$7 or \$5 with a parish bulletin

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

WeShare online amount was \$1,672.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$8,117.

#### A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For immigrants and refugees, for the many people living in fear who lack peace of mind and necessities of life as they struggle to survive war, storms, fires or earthquakes, let us pray to the Lord...

Our Archdiocese no longer publishes our own newspaper [CATHOLIC NEW YORK] because of a decline in money and readership. But taking its place on many platforms and reaching a growing audience is an online presence: <a href="mailto:The GoodNewsRoom.org">The GoodNewsRoom.org</a>. I hope and recommend that you will sign up for it for free, and visit it often to see text and video reports and accurate news about what is happening in our Church and world. <a href="mailto:THEGOODNEWSROOM.ORG">THEGOODNEWSROOM.ORG</a>.

## 40 Days for Life Staten Island

Today is the final day of the Fall 2023 effort of **40 Days for Life** - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion of unborn babies—that has been held outside of SIUH North each day from 7am to 7pm. Only God knows the lifesaving results of all the volunteers who silently prayed there. For updates for Spring 2024, go to https://www.40daysforlife.

# Come To A Feminine Genius Brunch

Saturday, November 18 | 10:00 AM

Nicotra's Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island

The Sisters of Life invite you to enjoy a *Feminine Genius Brunch*. This brunch borrows its name from those amazing Godgiven attributes endowed to you as women - receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity - all of which make up *the feminine genius*! Sr. Virginia Joy of the Sisters of Life will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart. Come discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing! Invite your friend, your mother, your sister, your daughter!

RSVP by November 14th at <a href="https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com">https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com</a>. Please contact <a href="mailto:sr.anne.marie@archny.org">sr.anne.marie@archny.org</a> with any questions.



## LIGHT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON!



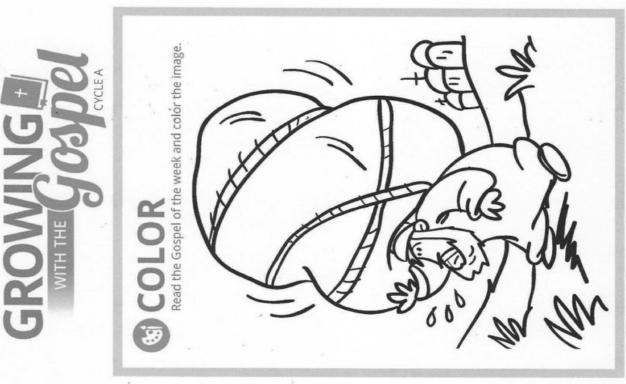
# ST. TERESA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE

# LIMITED SUPPLY - ONLY 50 TREES WILL BE ORDERED

St. Teresa's Holy Name Society is proud to sponsor once again this wonderful event that will turn our Parish grounds into a WINTER WONDERLAND! You can purchase one of the brightly lit trees that will adorn our prominent corner on Victory Boulevard & Slosson Avenue as a way to express our joy that Christ our Savior is born! Your Christmas tree comes with a customized name plaque and will be yours to decorate. All trees will be lit on **December 9th** and will shine throughout the Christmas Season in honor of or in memory of people who are dear to you.

# Holy Name Society Christmas Tree Reservation Form

	Yes, I would like a Christmas Tree Please have my plaque read as follows:	
Your Name	Please return this form to the Rectory at 1634 Victory Blvd. 10314 with a check for \$200 payable to the	
Address	St. Teresa Holy Name Society.	
Phone Number	Note: Multiple Families may join to purchase a single tree.	
E-mail	Lighting Ceremony on <u>December 9<sup>th</sup></u> immediately following 4pm Mass.	



Matthew 23:1-12 • 31st Sun

PI BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

greatest servant in the dictionary. When you remember that Father everything you have is a gift from God, it is Look up the words "humble" and "proud" Unscramble words from today's Gospel: important brothers honor easier to be humble. teachers tecahesr \_ law obey miportatn bortehrs oyeb getarest sarvetn Ftahre hnoro Iwa

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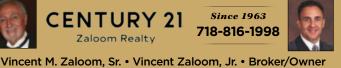


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