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FEBRUARY 4, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went into their
synagogues, preaching
and driving out demons
throughout the whole
of Galilee. - Mk 1:39

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 confessionals in church

WEDDINGS

Please call and speak to a priest
to begin planning your wedding

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

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THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4		NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
4:00PM Fred Richard Fischer 7:30AM Paula Nicklous (Living) 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Terrence King 12:30PM Estanislao Abadines 5:00PM Mathew Young		4:00PM Albert Witt 7:30AM Theresa and Joseph Capobianco 9:00AM Dr. Paul Contard 10:30AM For the People of Our Parish 12:30PM Marie Haddad 5:00PM Riccardo Iacono
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
8:30AM Kelly Bradley	8:30AM Maryann Granello 12NOON Vito and Carmella LaFerlita	8:30AM Bernadine Wixted 12NOON Antoinette and Martin Ameruso
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
8:30AM Elizabeth Rodriguez 12NOON Arnold Chuva Lopez	8:30AM Marilyn Pietromonaco 12NOON Angelo Sabella (Living)	8:30AM Members of the Coniglione and Forlenza Families

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, Eileen Carroll, 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, Janet Massa, Patricia Matons, Christopher Matons, James Matons, Judy C. Mc., Marie McMillen, Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Joseph Pastore, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Gerry Pye, Edwin Rodriguez, Marty Rose, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, David Valle, Michael Walsh, Jerry Yannaci Sr.,**

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

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,

February 3rd is the annual feastday of Saint Blaise, a bishop and martyr of the 4th century. Tradition says that he saved a boy from choking on a fish bone which was caught in his throat. You know that it is a popular custom for people of faith to ask for the help of specific saints for specific problems. For example: Saint Anthony when we have lost something, Saint Rita for family problems, Saint Lucy when we have trouble with our eyes.

And since Saint Blaise is credited with helping a boy who was choking - and none of us wants to choke or have a sore throat or anything to go wrong with our swallowing - we will include a special blessing at all the Masses on this Saturday and Sunday, at the conclusion of the Prayer of the Faithful, for the help of Saint Blaise. This is the prayer: **THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR, MAY GOD DELIVER YOU FROM EVERY DISEASE OF THE THROAT, AND FROM EVERY OTHER ILLNESS, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** To which we will all say Amen. (And if you wish, you can have a prayer with blessed candles placed on your throat at the end of the Mass after others leave.)

Another kind of sickness with worse results comes from our sins. Jesus is the best one to help remedy our sins and temptations. And Lent is the best season for self-improvement and for helping others. **ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14.** Take charge of your spiritual life and improve your daily living by using the proven remedies for lethargy and weakness. Increase your **PRAYING, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.** (About this word **almsgiving**: look at the colorful announcement on page 5 about the **CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL.** This is a very effective and important charity that deliberately coincides with the season of Lent. As usual, I count on you to help us again in this form of **almsgiving.** And I thank you in advance for your generosity.)

As for prayer: on Ash Wednesday, receive ashes in a Catholic Church, preferably while attending a Mass and staying for Holy Communion. The ashes of burnt palms are traced on your forehead in the shape of the Cross. If you have any palm branches in your home, bring them to the rear of our church by 11am on February 11. Our Boy Scouts will serve us by burning all those palms and reducing them to ashes which we then use on Ash Wednesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14. It is one of the most important days of the year for repenting our sins, promising God to improve, and dealing with the fact that we are dust, and to dust we will return. What are your local Mass choices? (Some people go to get ashes near where they work.) Ashes will be traced on our foreheads **during Mass after the Gospel, and after Mass. We have Masses Wednesday February 14 at 8:30am, 12 Noon, and 7:30pm.** We also have a Mass just for our elementary school students. And we have an **Afternoon Service open to everyone at 3:30.** This is especially convenient for parents and children coming from schools. I will stay in church to give ashes until 4:30pm. Even big days are easy to forget, so just in case, make a mental note: **ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14! I AM GOING TO MAKE A GOOD START TO LENT THAT DAY!**

But how will you do that? What are the tried-and-true ingredients for a success-filled Lent? What are the ways to prove you are in control of your desires, and ready and willing to make sacrifices to offset your weaknesses and your sins? **Giving up leisure and pleasures, giving away money, contributing your time to help others, coming to Masses during the week besides on Sundays:** you get the idea. There are even official rules for what not to eat. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of **fasting** (less food, smaller meals) and **abstinence from eating meat.** This is obligatory, depending on health, for all Catholics ages 18 to 59, but people of other ages can do this too. **And all the Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from eating meat.**

Wishing you a Lent to remember,

Msgr. William Belford

OUR PARISH'S ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**MASSES WITH ASHES AT 8:30AM AND 12 NOON****AFTER-SCHOOL SERVICE AT 3:30 FOR FAMILIES****STAYING IN CHURCH UNTIL 4:30****ANOTHER MASS WITH ASHES AT 7:30PM****40 DAYS OF LENT WITH JESUS: IMMERSSED IN
THE FATHER'S LOVE**

A Women's Evening of Reflection, sponsored by Catholic Mental Health Professionals of Staten Island, is being held on Monday, February 12 at the Murphy Center/Chapel at St. Clare Parish, 110 Nelson Ave., Great Kills. Dr. Constance Salhany and Laura Parisi are the presenters. No registration or fee required. Any questions, please contact Laura Mitchell @ 917-818-5719.

Beginning in three weeks, on Wednesday February 21 at 7:30pm, you can begin a LENTEN JOURNEY from the comfort of your home with Deacon and Mrs. Macrina Reyes and St. Teresa Catechist Jennifer Glynn.

They have created an inspiring plan for prayer, reflection, and meditation for five Wednesdays of Lent, from Feb. 21 to Holy Week, employing a carefully chosen video each night.

Many people are familiar with ZOOM, and prefer to participate in this way. It is **FREE** and **EASY** for you to log on.

- Enter the **ZOOM Meeting ID: 421 509 4856**
- **Password: JESUS**

If you prefer, you can also click on the **Webinar Link:**

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Here is a preview of the date and first offerings:

(Feb 21st) Week 1: "The Veil Removed"

(Running time approx. 10 min)

The Holy Eucharist is the re-presentation of;

- Christ's unconditional LOVE
- Timeless sacrifice
- His Real Presence
- Our Foretaste of Heaven on Earth

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For each of us who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, to use all seven of the GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord; let us pray to the Lord...

**PARISH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR
2023 TAXES ARE AVAILABLE NOW**

We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the support of our parish, and we are glad to provide you with a statement for tax purposes of your donations in 2023 to St. Teresa Church. Anyone who wants a contribution statement for last year is invited to write, to or call 718 442 5412 during the week, or to email to rectory@saintteresasi.org. Our Parish Manager Lisa Naughton will be happy to assist you. If you asked for a contribution statement last year, it was mailed to your address on January 29.

JOIN S.I. 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

February 14th to March 24th

Staten Island University Hospital North, 475 Seaview Ave, 10305

40 Days for Life are 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be peacefully praying during a 40-day vigil outside of SIUH North, 475 Seaview Ave. (corner of Mason & Seaview), each day from 7am to 7pm. To sign up or to receive updates go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/statenisland> If you would like more information, please contact: Debbie at 40DaysSI@gmail.com

**AFTERNOON OF PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE &
INTERCESSION**

Saturday, March 9th 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church 1091 Forest Ave, 10310

The hidden wounds of abortion affect each of us. Whether it be one's neighbor, co-worker, friend, relative, maybe one-self...as a community we have all been touched. We will gather to pray and intercede, seeking forgiveness and healing in God's merciful love. The day will include personal testimonies of those impacted by abortion, Eucharistic adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation. For more information call Theresa Bonopartis of Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion 877-586-4621 or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org

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

WeShare online amount was \$1,547.

***Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass
with contributions of \$7,348.***

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, a critical component of the archdiocesan mission, raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout New York.

As members of the parish community, we are encouraged to contribute to the *Appeal* by meeting our designated fundraising goal. Please consider making a gift today to support the Church's mission and assist us in achieving our goal by Pentecost. When donating at cardinalsappeal.org/donate, please remember to specify our parish name.

To learn more about the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, contact us at 646-794-3300 or visit cardinals.appeal@archny.org.



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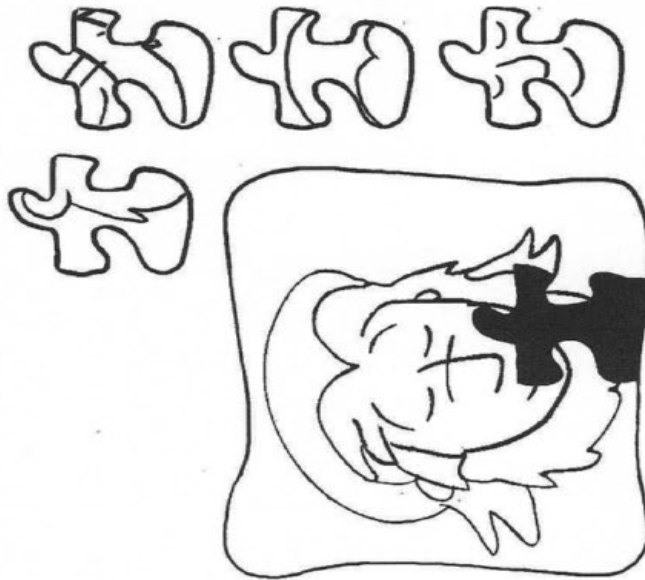
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:29-39

PUZZLE

Which Piece of the puzzle is missing?



MISSION

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