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MARCH 3, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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**



## 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

Anytime

### NOVENA SERVICES

Mondays after 8:30 Mass

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THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 3	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10
4:00PM For the People of Our Parish 7:30AM James V. Episcopia and Stephan Januszewski 9:00AM Lynda Kanakry 10:30AM Kathleen and Raymond Bas- sill 12:30PM Estanislao Abadines 5:00PM Jesse Sidor		4:00PM Cathy Hanneken 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Denise Bonomi and Virginia Forte 10:30AM Victor Soto 12:30PM Kagdis Family 5:00PM Michael Kubiak
MONDAY, MARCH 4	TUESDAY, MARCH 5	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
8:30AM Jay Travalino (Living)	8:30AM Paul Caruselle 12NOON John and Mary Keenan	8:30AM Maryann Granello 12NOON Mary Dolores Jose
THURSDAY, MARCH 7	FRIDAY, MARCH 8	SATURDAY, MARCH 9
8:30AM Santi Lopez 12NOON Lucia Pacia	8:30AM Teo Arnaldos 12NOON Joseph Alaimo	8:30AM Margaret Nugent

*IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.*

## SERVED BY

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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

*Sergeant R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Stuart GA.*

*Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

4pm, 10:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford  
 7:30am, 9am, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil  
 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Our Parish was happy to host the annual Mass to honor and pray with Consecrated Religious [that is, the Sisters and Brothers in religious congregations] who live or work on Staten Island. This happened at our 12:30 Mass on Sunday February 18. Bishop Peter Byrne, our Episcopal Vicar and the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, came to celebrate the Mass. The men of our Holy Name Society sponsored and served at a reception for our guests after Mass in the lower church hall. Holy Name men who were able to present included Brian Laub, Pete Turner, John Bouma, Al Peteroy, Chris Rendinaro, Rich Newman, and Bob Mazzarella.

Father John and I were happy to attend the CONCERT FOR PEACE that was held on February 21 at Saint Joseph-By-The-Sea High School. The fighting in Israel is taking a very heavy toll on everyone's minds and bodies. This concert's purpose was to pray for peace in Israel and raise awareness on SI of the important work being done by CNEWA—the Catholic New East Welfare Association. CNEWA is a Papal ministry started more than a hundred years ago to assist struggling Christians living in the Holy Land and other locations. Donations to CNEWA really get to people in need. Mail goes to: CNEWA, Catholic Center, 1011 First Ave., NY NY 10022.

More than four hundred people attended the PEACE concert, and more than \$8,400 was raised that night. Our Saint Teresa-Saint Rita STREAM Academy was one of the Staten Island Catholic schools that participated. Each school had a CNEWA country to speak about and show slides, and a popular song to sing. It was enlightening and inspiring. There was even a bonus that I did not realize—how behind the scenes, all the singers from all the schools joined one another. Here is part of a letter that one Principal sent to all the schools the next day:

*"I was going back and forth between the auditorium and the auxiliary gym where the singers were waiting. Toward the end of the night, I was in the gym. Our students were lined up to go back into the auditorium for everyone to sing God Bless America when we saw seven or eight girls from St. Teresa's chanting and dancing in a circle. Another school joined, then another. One of our students was inching closer and closer. I saw she wanted to join and I encouraged her but she was afraid. A mom from St. Teresa's saw our interaction and she came and got her. With that, a large majority of our girls joined, and then more schools. What started as one school in a circle with a 5-foot diameter turned into ten schools with a 50-foot diameter. It was heart-warming."*

Also heart-warming has been happy experiences and new friendships for those who took advantage of one or both of our St. Teresa Parish Pilgrimages in recent years. Mrs. Macrina Reyes has been Coordinator, supported by her husband Deacon Jonathan Reyes, with myself as Spiritual Director. We went to the Holy Land in 2021, and to Italy in 2023. After much planning, today we are announcing our next destination, and sufficient lead time—thirteen months—to plan, reserve a space, and save for an APRIL 2025 Pilgrimage to great sights and sacred spaces of FRANCE—the native land of The Little Flower, our Parish Patron, Saint Teresa of Lisieux.

In recent weeks I have been quoting parts of a new document written by Pope Francis about our patron saint. He reminds us of Saint Teresa's continuing impact as one of the greatest saints of modern times. The more we know about her, the greater our devotion and benefit. May 1925 was when she was officially declared a Saint—and in March 1926 Cardinal Patrick Hayes signed the papers incorporating a new parish on Victory Blvd. in Staten Island, and spelling her name without an *h*. And so the Reyes and I hope you will agree that the timing is right for us to make a pilgrimage to our Saint's hometown—and to also visit the beaches of Normandy and cemeteries of brave soldiers who died on D-Day; the great Cathedral of Chartres; many sacred spaces, sights, sounds, and great food of Paris; and to end our pilgrimage with prayers at the awesome shrine where the Mother of God is known to have appeared to Saint Bernadette—and is loved by all as Our Lady of Lourdes.

The dates for our travel are April 21-28, 2025. We leave on the Monday after Easter (April 21) and return a week later, in the afternoon of April 28. Estimated cost, to be finalized in June—depending on changes in airfare, departure taxes and fuel surcharges—is \$3,795 each, sharing a room. We will use one bus, so seats are limited. We will soon receive a handsome enrollment brochure with all details for those who are interested. This pilgrimages will be skillfully conducted by the Peter's Way company that we have used before and have organized pilgrimages for many groups.

April in Paris! Didn't someone write a song about that? It certainly is something to look forward to.

Msgr. William Belford

A PARISH LENTEN RETREAT—FOUND ON [ZOOM.COM](https://zoom.us)

Led by Deacon Jonathan Reyes, Macrina Reyes, Jennifer Glynn

(8PM March 6th) Week 3: The Bible and The Blessed Mother

- Mary's obedience and humility made her earn the title of **Co-Redemptrix**
- God our Heavenly Father, Mary Our Mother, and Jesus her son; Our Brother (The Son of God made Man through Mary the WORD MADE FLESH)

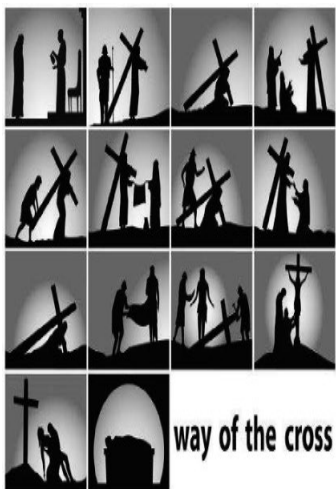
(8PM March 13th) Week 4; RETURN: "Come back to Me"

- Jesus came to seek the lost
- He came to gather
- He died for us, so we may live

How to join these nights for your online Retreat :

\* Go to Zoom .com

- Enter the ZOOM Meeting ID: 421 509 4856
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If you prefer, you can also click on the **Webinar Link**:[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4215094856?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4215094856?pwd=eVJhcjhzZFE4Qk50aDUwZHIHWXlvQT09&omn=82526399301)[pwd=eVJhcjhzZFE4Qk50aDUwZHIHWXlvQT09&omn=82526399301](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4215094856?pwd=eVJhcjhzZFE4Qk50aDUwZHIHWXlvQT09&omn=82526399301)

## MAKE THE STATIONS!

Every Friday  
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*WeShare online amount was \$1,570.  
Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass  
with contributions of \$9,906.*



## A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

*For our parishioners to have satisfying work at good pay, and  
for all of us to appreciate the people who faithfully go to  
work, resist temptations, and support their families, let us  
pray to the Lord...*

**This Sunday is a 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.**

**Monthly Catholic Worker Meals at St. Peter's Starts Today**

The Staten Island Catholic Worker group will host a *Monthly Community Meal* for those in need in our community beginning today, March 3rd, at Farrell Hall, located downstairs in St. Peter's Church on St. Mark's Place in St. George. We will be providing a hot meal, give-aways, and resources for those who attend. Donations are being accepted via electronic payment and/or checks can be mailed to Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, P.O. Box 61264, SI, NY 10306. If you are interested in joining us, volunteering for this meal, donating a hot tray of food, or would like to be on our email list, and for updates please email Debbie at [SlCatholicWorker@gmail.com](mailto:SlCatholicWorker@gmail.com). More information, the food sign-up and donation links can also be found on our website: [StatenIslandCatholicWorker.org](http://StatenIslandCatholicWorker.org). We appreciate your support!

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To learn more about the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, contact us at 646-794-3300 or visit [cardinalsappeal.org](http://cardinalsappeal.org).



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March 3, 2024  
Season of Lent

Dear friends in the Lord:

On *Laetare* Sunday, March 10, in all our parishes and in churches throughout the country, we will be collecting your offering for the *Catholic Relief Services*. With your support, you serve Jesus those who are poor and vulnerable in the most marginalized communities in our world.

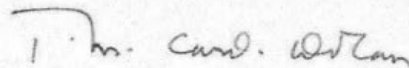
When you give, you help fill the bellies of young children; you help prevent trafficking and provide welcome kits for survivors; your donations help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams; refugees find safety and receive emergency assistance and trauma counseling; and farmers learn innovative ways to plant and grow crops despite drought or disease.

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As I write to you today, I am asking that you prayerfully consider as an act of mercy and charity, a generous donation to *Catholic Relief Services*. My gratitude to you for last year's contribution of \$357,068 and for your alms once again this year.

My prayerful best wishes for a blessed Lenten season.

Faithfully in Christ,

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†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

TMD:djlf



# GROWING <sup>+</sup> WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Lent • John 2:13-25

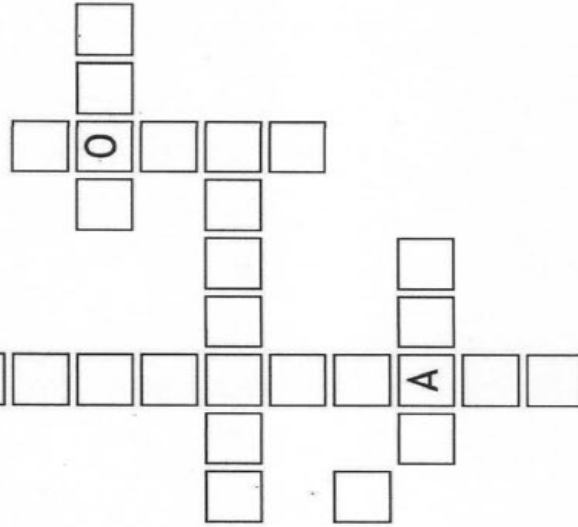
## PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Don't make my Father's house a

marketplace

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## MISSION

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

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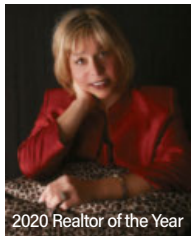
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