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#### MARCH 17, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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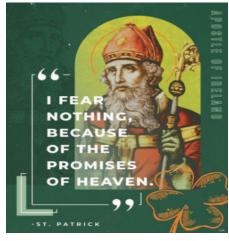
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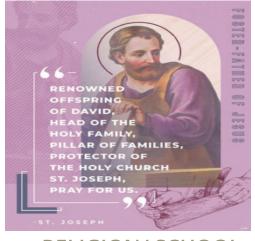
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WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM





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MONDAY, MARCH 18	TUESDAY, MARCH 19	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
8:30AM Alicia Villacorta	8:30AM Theresann Yashian (Living) 12NOON Joseph Foresta	8:30AM Gennaro "Jerry" Forlenza 12NOON Diane (Living)
THURSDAY, MARCH 21	FRIDAY, MARCH 22	SATURDAY, MARCH 23
8:30AM Perera Family (Thanksgiving) 12NOON Manfredi and Cuozzo Families	8:30AM George Erickson 12NOON Pamela Trout	8:30AM Colleen Westrenen

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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, Barbara Harris, 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 Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Stewart, 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 7:30 am, 9am, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil 5pm Father Challman

#### PASTOR'S LETTER FOR MARCH 17, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Today is Fifth Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and seven days later we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia! Please see page 5 for a complete schedule of our Holy Week Services, from Palm Sunday to Easter. And to anticipate the most popular questions we will get on the phone: on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, our Church will provide a Mass at 5pm.

Our 5pm Sunday evening Mass meets many needs. It serves our parishioners and people from other parishes. It is well-attended. One main reason is the celebrant: Father Steven Challman. Father Steve comes to us every Sunday, and we are very grateful to have him here for this Mass. Just today in the vestibule at Our Lady of Good Counsel church a mother passed along an unsolicited compliment from her fourteen year old daughter. The young lady says that she really likes coming to our 5pm Mass because "it is very efficient!" A kind of unique compliment, but high praise indeed.

I was at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, on Victory Boulevard at Austin Place, on Monday morning to join in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of their elementary school. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan came to honor that milestone with the school community, and to tell us more about Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Cardinal Dolan taught us in his homily that the word *Counsel* is another way of saying *Advice*. Mary the Mother of <u>Jesus gives us Good Advice</u>. And her advice always has been this: <u>stay close to my Son</u>. This is so important and so simple. Stay close to Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And His Mother is Our Lady of Good Advice.

So pray at Mass, pray at home, and take Mary's advice. It is no surprise that she loves people to say the Rosary. The Rosary uses her name many times, for in every Rosary we say over and over: Hail Mary! She listens, and can answer you, counsel you, enlighten you, console you - and the advice she gives you is always good.

From the altar, I could easily see the faces of the children in young grades. They had good seats and were attentive, but did not like the smell of the incense. But they were really happy when the Cardinal at the end of the Mass said that he liked to bring a present to children when he came to visit their school. Then, having asked for permission from Principal Mrs.Tara Hynes, Cardinal Dolan gave all the children a no-homework night! They really responded to that idea.

One of the hymns we sang at Mass at Good Counsel was very appropriate for this week. (Take a look at our front cover with pictures of both Saint Patrick, whose feastday is March 17, and Saint Joseph, whose feastday is March 19.) Saint Patrick is, of course, the patron Saint of Ireland, and of Irish people and of cathedrals and churches around the world. Irish people also have a more recent devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under her title of Our Lady of Knock. Below is a hymn that tells the story of a small village church, in Knock, in County Mayo, where there was an apparition of the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and Saint John the Evangelist, in 1879. Let me share with you the words of a hymn that tells the story of that night when the Blessed Mother Mary, and Saint Joseph and Saint John, appeared on the outside of the village church.

There were people of all ages gathered 'round the gable wall poor and humble men and women, little children that you called we are gathered here before you, and our hearts are just the same filled with joy at such a vision, as we praise Your Name.

Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland, all my cares and troubles cease as we kneel with love before you, Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace.

Though your message was unspoken, still the truth in silence lies as we gaze upon your vision, and the truth I try to find here I stand with John the teacher, and with Joseph at your side and I see the Lamb of God, on the Altar glorified.

Golden Rose, Queen of Ireland, all my cares and troubles cease as we kneel with love before you, Lady of Knock, my Queen of Peace.

And the Lamb will conquer and the woman clothed in the sun will shine Her light on everyone and the Lamb will conquer and the woman clothed in the sun, will shine Her light on everyone.



#### **Easter Flower Memorial**

Envelopes are available in the entrances of church in order for you to memorialize your loved ones as part of our Easter decorations. Suggested donation is \$15. We will display the names prominently on Easter Sunday on the bulletin board in our church. To have the list made on time, please give us your name and offering by Tuesday, March 26.

# A PARISH LENTEN RETREAT—FOUND ON ZOOM .COM

Led by Deacon Jonathan Reyes, Macrina Reyes, Jennifer Glynn

(March 20th) Week 5: "In His Likeness" (Running Time 30:05 min) about 25 min

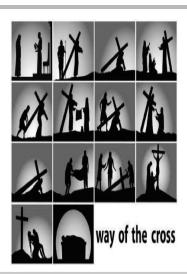
- The Call to be Disciple
- What will it take to be a true disciple of Christ?

We hope and pray that this 5 week **reflection retreat will bring us all** closer to Christ

How to join these nights for your online Retreat:
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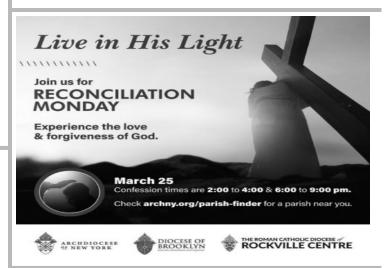
If you prefer, you can also click on the **Webinar Link**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4215094856? pwd=eVJhcjhzZFE4Qk50aDUwZHIHWXIvQT09&omn=825263



Every Friday
at 7:30PM
in Church
Throughout Lent

#### A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That the widows and widowers among us be consoled by their happy memories of married life, and by their prayers for a joyful reunion with their spouses and other family members already in heaven, let us pray to the Lord...



#### SAINT TERESA 1984 CLASS REUNION

ATTENTION: St. Teresa Class of 1984. There will be a 40th year Class Reunion on Saturday April 27 from 6:30pm-10:30pm at Lorenzo's @ the Hilton Garden Inn. Please contact Al Peteroy at Al. Peteroy@gmail.com for details and reservations. Hope to see you there!

#### STSRSA Girl Scout Troop 5525

Congratulations to members of Troop 5525 of the Girl Scouts of America, all of whom are students at St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy. They attended the 4pm Mass as a group on Saturday, March 9, walked in the procession, proclaimed the Scriptures, and brought up the bread and wine for the Mass.

After Holy Communion the whole group recited the Girl Scout Oath and led the congregation in a hymn. This was their first time doing this as a group. Like the Cub and Boy Scouts with their annual Scout Mass a few weeks ago, the Girl Scouts are likely to do this again next year. Our thanks to all the Troop Leaders for their valuable ministry of service in scouting!

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

WeShare online amount was \$4,282.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$9,133.

#### HOLY WEEK 2024 AT ST. TERESA CHURCH, STATEN ISLAND

#### PALM SUNDAY - March 24

In commemoration of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, palm branches will be distributed at each Mass. Masses are in Church on Saturday at 4:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am in Chapel, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm.

#### RECONCILIATION MONDAY - March 25

Two priests will be hearing confessions Monday afternoon and evening so that many people can be absolved of their sins during Holy Week.

Times: 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm

#### **HOLY THURSDAY - March 28**

We offer a quiet Mass at 10am for those who cannot come to the major celebration of the day.

Lent ends and the Sacred Triduum of three days begins with

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm.

Mass concludes with a Evel-pricing processing around the church to a Alter of Penece.

Mass concludes with a Eucharistic procession around the church to a Altar of Repose, followed by private visits and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our church will be open for personal visits and adoration until 10pm.

#### GOOD FRIDAY - March 29

This is a solemn day for all Christians, with prayer in church and at home, and our personal focus on the sacrifice that Jesus offered for us on the cross.

Make this day special by limiting your work, phone calls, social media, television, entertainment.

Fast from eating as much as usual, and abstain from eating any meat.

In our church, from 12 noon to 12:45, confessions will be heard.

At 1pm, we will have Stations of the Cross.

Then at 3pm, we begin the day's most important and solemn service:

The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death.

This includes Veneration of the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion.

At 7:30pm, you will have another opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross,

# followed by a inspiring candlelight procession to our Conran Hall. HOLY SATURDAY – March 30

This is a day for our preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.

From 12 noon to 1:00, confessions will be heard in church.

There is no 4pm Mass, because no Mass is allowed on Holy Saturday until after dark.

At 8pm, we begin the Solemn Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection from the Dead.

There will be the lighting of a new fire and of the Easter Candle, and the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

#### EASTER SUNDAY - March 31

Come to Mass on Easter Sunday and celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord!

Besides the Saturday 8pm Vigil Mass, we will have five Easter Sunday Masses:
7:30am in church, 9:00am in chapel, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm in church.

Let us celebrate together the victory over death that Jesus Christ has won for us!





#### Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set ily notices you being so helpful, tell them you are the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your famserve voice dies Unscramble words from today's Gospel: trying to follow Jesus' example. wheat glory grain suffer give wehat fusfer raing serev glyro oicev desi iveg lefi

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