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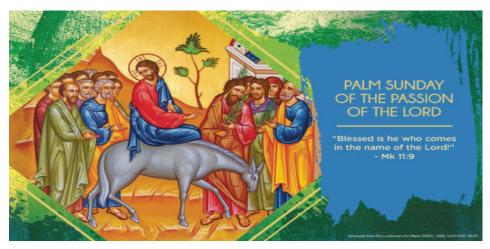
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



SACRAMENTS

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Designated Sundays at 1:30 Please call the rectory to check dates and to meet with a priest or deacon.

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Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm, in confessionals in church

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

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MONDAY, MARCH 25	TUESDAY, MARCH 26	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
8:30AM Frank Vicario	8:30AM Gary Venditti 12NOON Michael LaGallo	8:30AM Gerard Eick 12NOON Burton Cohen
HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28	GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29	HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30
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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,

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

8pm, 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.

This Palm Sunday message aims to remind us to be reconciled with God and with other people. In a mailing to our registered parishioners to give the schedule of the great events of Holy Week, I went back to basics and wrote about the importance of coming to Mass and Holy Communion, if we are able, each Sunday. And the effect that our coming or not coming can have on our life now and after we die.

This isn't just about later on, or about you and the Lord. Let me offer an example from family life. Think of the strain on your relationships when one or more people in a family is not speaking to others. Or is doing something obnoxious or dangerous. There is an obvious need for a change of heart, for a conversation, for sorrow and admittance that leads to forgiveness.

There is a word for that: **reconciliation**. This holy week is a very privileged time for all of us to ask forgiveness for our offences and recommit to the importance of the Gospel for our salvation. Listen to Jesus' words and deeds, especially his courage in going to suffer on the cross. The reason for His crucifixion is this: **FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS**. You may not feel ready. But if not now, when will we wake up and try to change? If not out now of love and respect for others, when will we free ourselves of our risky or careless mistakes, and improve our most important relationships?

So I offer this message to encourage our commitment or recommitment to Sunday Mass and moral living. Make peace with yourself. Come to Jesus for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and receive Jesus in Holy Communion worthily every week with a clean conscience. Check p. 5 for the schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Never despair of forgiveness or of reconciliation. When His disciples were concerned about how hard it was to be saved, Jesus told them: "With men it is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew chapter 19, verse 26.) And as we will hear this week in church, when a thief on the cross next to Jesus believed and repented at the last moments of his life, Jesus said to him: "Truly today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke chapter 23, verse 43). Read it today for yourself. In those words of our Lord, we find hope for us all.

That is echoed in the words of absolution spoken by a priest at the end of a confession: GOD, THE FATHER OF MERCIES, THROUGH THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF HIS SON HAS RECONCILED THE WORLD TO HIMSELF AND POURED OUT THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH MAY GOD GRANT YOU PARDON AND PEACE, AND I ABSOLVE YOU OF YOUR SINS, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Every year the collection on Good Friday—and the contributions you can send directly to the Franciscan Monastery at 1400 Quincy St., Washington DC 20017 — are for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Please see Cardinal Dolan's letter on page 6 about the dire situation of Catholic Christians there, and the need to help keep open the holy places where Jesus Himself had been. I have been reading about the daily insults to the Franciscans as they move through the city streets. I have a letter to share with you from a priest describing life in Israel, including a photo of an empty street in the Old City of Jerusalem with every shop closed for lack of pilgrims:

"This year the reality of life in the Holy Land does not match the joy we should feel at Easter. The streets of the Old City of Jerusalem remain empty of pilgrims and visitors. Shops are closed, and the atmosphere reflects the ongoing conflict. Lent seems to have lasted far more than forty days, and the people cannot foresee when that will end.

The Christian community in the Holy Land is in pain, and Christians' continued presence in the Holy Land is under threat. Financial instability, lack of job opportunities, and the regular possibility of violence have compelled many younger Christians to leave the country.

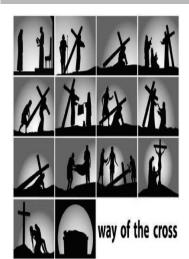
Even so, our Franciscan priests and brothers untiringly continue the 800-year-old pastoral mission entrusted to Saint Francis of Assisi to serve and assist the local community, and help to preserve the Christian holy places in the Holy Land."

Hoping to see you on Easter, Msgr. William Belford



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 This Tuesday A.M., March 26.



MAKE THE STATIONS!

ANY DAY ON YOUR OWN, OR THIS FRIDAY AT 1PM OR 7:30PM



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

WeShare online amount was \$1,945.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$9,800.

A PRAYER FOR THIS HOLY WEEK

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness; in your compassion blot out my offense.

LOURDES, PARIS, NORMANDY - APRIL 21-28, 2025 COME AND JOIN OUR PILGRIMAGE!

Join our Parish Pilgrimage next year—right after Easter—to beautiful historic Sites and Shrines in France. We will go where our Patron Saint Teresa lived; to the beaches of Normandy where Americans died on D-Day in 1944; to great churches and places in Paris; to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. As on trips to the Holy Land in 2021 and to Italy in 2023, Mrs. Macrina Reyes will be Coordinator, and Msgr. Belford will be Spiritual Director. See a color brochure on the bulletin board in the vestibule, or ask for your own copy to take home to consider details. Or go to petersway.com and find us on our date. Estimated cost, to be finalized soon is \$3,795 each, for two people sharing a room. We are glad that some of our former pilgrims plan to travel again to have another experience of spiritual and social companionship.

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

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If you think you can benefit from a conversation with a professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective. our parish can make a connection for you with the Cardinal's Appeal Supported, Archdiocese of New York's

PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK

Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor on Staten Island. This can be for up to six meetings, with only a \$10 co-pay per session.

This can be arranged very easily. Tell one of our priests that you want to talk with a counselor. He will contact the **PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK** on your behalf. Then you will call and arrange your first visit with someone who really knows how to listen to you.



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 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,

HOLY SATURDAY - March 30

followed by a inspiring candlelight procession to our Conran Hall.

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!

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March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Dear friends in the Lord:

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish to collect a Good Friday offering to assist Christians in the Holy Land, now less than 2% of the population, down 23% from a century ago. The collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and parishes, provides formation and education in the communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of the people there.

As you can imagine, hope is much needed for the Christians of the Holy Land. The tragic events that started on October 7, 2023, have brought many disastrous consequences, including a greatly increased need for support for the Christian community. After two years of pandemic, during which no pilgrims could reach the Holy Places, Christians in the Holy Land were just starting to repay their debts when the war broke out. Now, once again, they find themselves without a source of income.

In addition to ensuring the vitality of the shrines, this offering allows Catholics the opportunity to express their solidarity with our brother and sister Christians. A donation to the Holy Land's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

I am asking that you prayerfully consider as an act of mercy and charity a generous donation to this distinctive offering on March 29. My gratitude to you for last year's contribution of \$392,251 and for your kindness once again this year. For more information, visit https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

My personal best wishes for a prayerful Holy Week.

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan Archbishop of New York

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