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JUNE 8, 2025 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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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CONFESSIONS

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

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THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 8	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 15
4:00PM Ivan Rodriquez 7:30AM Barbara Pastore 9:00AM Clare Murphy 10:30AM Josephine and Frederick Tanzosh 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Maryann Monaco	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Fred Joseph Fischer 7:30AM Father's Day Novena 9:00AM Hermes Bonomi and Virginia Forte 10:30AM Thomas and Grace Ward 12:30PM Elizabeth Rowan 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, JUNE 9	TUESDAY, JUNE 10	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11
8:30AM Soh Yeon Park (Living)	8:30AM Laura Joan Konczynski 12NOON Roy Hettler and Joseph Canjalupo	8:30AM Mary Perez 12NOON Najat Chebli
THURSDAY, JUNE 12	FRIDAY, JUNE 13	SATURDAY, JUNE 14
8:30AM Tom Borthwick (Living) 12NOON Lezek, Krystyna and Stefan	8:30AM Anthony Malfi 12NOON Ann Deriso	8:30AM Salvatore Fazzari

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, Bernadette, 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, Edward Gross, 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, Janet Massa, Judy C. Mc., Marie McMillen, Christine Momole 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, Tita Valonzo, Michael Walsh, Jerry Yannaci Sr.,

Margaret White

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Sergeant Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Middle East
Staff Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

Monsignor Belford 4pm, 7:30am, 12:30pm, Father Kallattil 9:30, 10:30, Clove Lakes Home Father Challman 5pm Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Last Sunday you heard or read the announcement in the bulletin about <u>our parish's 100th Anniversary in 2026.</u> Beginning now, we can plan to make this a major moment in our history, and commit ourselves to improving our parish's ministries and facilities as best we can. And I was glad to hear good comments about the design on the front cover of last week's bulletin, with a new image of Saint Teresa and the years 1926-2026.

Now at Mass today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when as promised the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit—the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. The words of today's Responsorial Psalm should echo in our minds all this week: *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

Think about all that has happened in our world in just two months. Eight weeks ago when we came to Mass we held up palm branches to be blessed, recalling Jesus' briefly happy entry into Jerusalem.

During the holy week that followed, on Thursday night we commemorated Jesus' Last Supper. Before they ate, Jesus washed the feet of the apostles, getting rid of dirt from the road and teaching us to be humble, helpful, and to take care of one another. Then Jesus gave bread and wine to His disciples, and they received Holy Communion.

After that supper Jesus had agonizing hours in a garden, waiting to be arrested. He was thrown into a jail overnight. In the morning, Jesus was condemned to death and made to carry a heavy cross through the streets of Jerusalem, which He could not do without help. Arriving at the place of crucifixion, nails pierced hands and feet, and Jesus was lifted up on a cross.

In a few hours Jesus breathed his last. His story, and the hopes of his followers, could have ended there with death and hasty burial in someone else's tomb. But our hopes and our world were changed, not ended, because in three days Jesus was raised from the dead. He appeared to Mary Magdalene and other women, then to Peter and John, and then to two men on the road to Emmaus. The climax came that night when Jesus entered a locked room where the apostles were hiding. He spoke to all the apostles, and proved to them that He was alive.

Any day, any time is a great time to read again the accounts in the four Gospels of the Lord's resurrection. The details are different because each writer had his own sources, his own style, and heard from different eyewitnesses. Each one was an individual who wanted to convince the people that he cared about that Jesus was Lord.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John: they were not making up a story and memorizing all the details. Thirty or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, they were passing along oral histories and trustworthy accounts of eyewitnesses and believers for the benefit of the next generations, so that everyone can learn about Jesus, and believe in God's love, the forgiveness of sins, and joyful eternal life after death.

Certainly the Gospels proclaim that Jesus did suffer, die, and rise from the dead. And He promises us that if we cooperate we will be His now and be rewarded after death. We will be judged for what we did and did not do, according to what we knew or did not know. We trust in God's mercy for all, because none are perfect or free of sin or selfishness or mistake. But if we try to be faithful, Jesus promises mercy, and our life in heaven will be glorious.

So this brings us to today - Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection. Jesus turns over to us and every new generation of His followers the work of telling His story, reaching out to others, helping people to believe what we believe. And to have unity and peace, the sacramental life, love and joy and trust and endurance as we wait for and prepare for Jesus' Second Coming—the return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The proof of God's plan and patience and trust in us is all around. Think of these things that have happened since Easter Sunday: the death of Pope Francis, the time-honored ways of mourning, the traditional gathering of the College of Cardinals with responsibility to vote for the next Successor to Saint Peter.

And then for the Cardinal-Electors to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit, and think so far outside the box that practically no article that I read with a list of possibilities, even mentioned an American named Robert Prevost. Yet the promise of the Lord Jesus has been reliable again! He will not leave us orphans, He will send the Holy Spirit to guide His Church, and He will be with us until the end of time.

Msgr. William Belford



Stop State-Sanctioned Suicide from Passing in the NYS Senate

Time is running out. With only a few weeks left in the New York State legislative session, the push to legalize physician-assisted suicide is intensifying. The Assembly has already passed the bill, and now it's gaining dangerous momentum in the Senate.

This legislation threatens the most vulnerable among us—the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing serious illness—by opening the door to coercion, abuse, and a loss of respect for the sanctity of life. No safeguard can truly protect against the risks this bill poses.

If you haven't yet spoken up, now is the time. Faithful citizenship calls us to advocate for laws that uphold human dignity and protect life at all stages. Every phone call, every email to your State Senator matters. Let your voice be heard—urge them to oppose assisted suicide legislation before it's too late.

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

WeShare online amount was \$4,140.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$8,240.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For our new Holy Father -Pope Leo the Fourteenth - that he may serve our Catholic Church with joy and enthusiasm, calling everyone in the world to know that Jesus loves them and invites their response; let us pray to the Lord...



As they do on every third Sunday of the month, members of the **Legion of Mary** are receiving Holy Communion together at the 12:30 pm Mass next Sunday. If you would like to know more about the Legion of Mary, visit their pamphlet rack in the vestibule, or speak to one of the Legion Members after Mass.



THIS JUNE COULD BE A GOOD TIME TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION AUTOMATIC, EASY, AND DEPENDABLE

It is so easy to use <u>WeShare</u> that many of our parishioners already do. 1. Go to our parish <u>webite:www.saintteresasi.org.</u>
2. Look for a small church and "Give Online." 3. Fill in Primary Church and Recurring Church Collection. Enter the amount you want to give. 4. Your donation is deducted safely from your bank account or credit card. It is always under your control and can be changed whenever you desire. You have less need for envelopes, and we save money by not sending them.



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June 8, 2025
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Jubilee Year

Dear friends in the Lord:

Parishes across the country are preparing to collect an offering for the *Church in Latin America* and *The Catholic Home Missions Appeal* on June 15. Here in the archdiocese, these two collections have been combined into one.

In Latin America, because of generous people like you, many pastoral projects are reinforced both there and in the Caribbean. For the past fifty years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB] has helped 25 countries in Central and South America, and the Caribbean confront challenges to the faith and raise people from poverty.

Your aid to the *Catholic Home Missions* will assist in making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sister right here in the United States by strengthening the Church in our own backyard. Four out of ten dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered "home mission" dioceses requiring outside financial help, with small Catholic populations, limited resources, vast and often difficult terrain, and a shortage of priests and religious. Despite the challenges, the communities continue to grow in faith to serve God and neighbor and form the next generation of faithful disciples.

I count on your usual generosity again and thank you for your donation of \$297,963 in 2024 which was divided equally between these two concerns. For promotional material, you may visit either of these websites, https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america-resources and https://www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your families, I am,

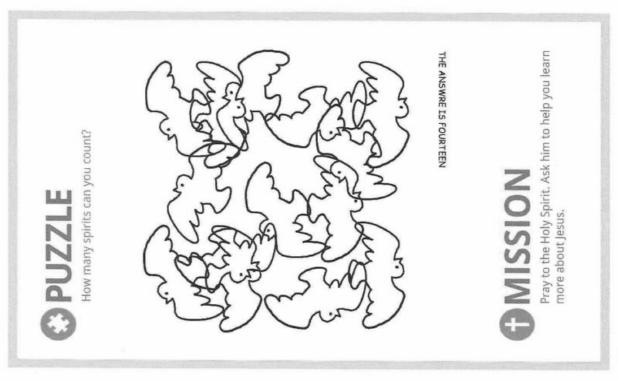
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