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AUGUST 17, 2025 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

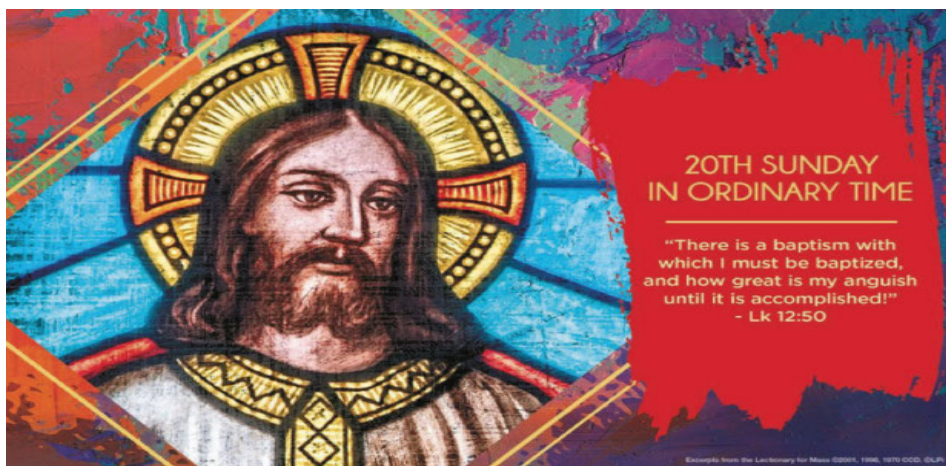
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TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon**

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4:00PM For the People of Our Parish 7:30AM Margaret Barstch (L), Harries Streeter (L), Heissinger, Warren and Gallatt Families 9:00AM James Murphy 10:30AM Michael Guccione 12:30PM William Meyer 5:00PM Arielle Newman			4:00PM James J. Dugan Sr. and Jr. 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM 10:30AM William Meyer 12:30PM 5:00PM Jean Tronolone
MONDAY, AUGUST 18		TUESDAY, AUGUST 19	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
8:30AM James Murphy		8:30AM Clare Murphy 12NOON Jeanne Weeman	8:30AM Roberta Wisnieski 12NOON Jean LaRocca
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21		FRIDAY, AUGUST 22	SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
8:30AM 12NOON Luzonica Glemao		8:30AM 12NOON Joseph Cogan	8:30AM Nancy Petruzzi

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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, Libby Cugini, 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, Fort Stewart, GA

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

Monsignor Belford 4pm, 7:30, 12:30

Father Kallattil 9am, 10:30, Clove Lakes Home

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Today we welcome Father Anand Talluri, PIME—a member of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions. He is a missionary priest who will speak to us about the responsibility and spirit that every Christian should have. Because if you keep your faith in Jesus to yourself, it probably will not grow. You may become stilted and shy, and other people in your family or school or workplace will be cheated of your example, your words and good deeds that show them the good example of praying often and living peacefully with others. Christians should be baptized and given sacraments and religious education so that by our words and deeds we show others— friends and enemies— what is good and real: Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.

Father Talluri has been chosen by his religious order and is sent to us today on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Google defines the word propagation as either: 1. the breeding of specimens of a plant or animal by natural processes from the parent stock; or 2. the action of widely spreading and promoting an idea, theory, etc. And it gives this example: “a life devoted to the propagation of the Catholic faith.”

I expect that everyone who listens to Father, who will speak at all the Masses today, and everyone who decides to make a donation in the second collection today, or sends one this week for us to forward, will benefit from Father's being here. As I write this, I haven't met him yet or even talked to him—but I expect that I will be inspired by his experiences as a missionary priest, which are different from mine as a stay-at-home pastor. We each have our own work to do. But to make our faith grow, you and I have to share our experiences and resources with one another.

So this is also a day to share with you the story of a famous saint and a terrifying wild animal. Since it is very old, there are various versions of Saint Francis and the Wolf of Gubbio. This is by Franciscan Father Jack Wintz, OFM (Order of Friars Minor). I saved it from the St. Anthony Messenger magazine of October 2022. [Keep in mind that wolves are not bad; they are pack animals who bond with their mate for life. This deep connection provides the security the wolves need to maintain the pack's structure and ensure successful breeding and hunting habits.]

How Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) tamed the fierce wolf of Gubbio is told in *THE LITTLE FLOWERS OF SAINT FRANCIS* - a 14th century collection of stories about him. *THE LITTLE FLOWERS OF SAINT FRANCIS* tells how a hungry and frightening wolf, who had been terrorizing the whole town of Gubbio, eating animals and people, came charging at Francis with his mouth open, ready to attack him. But Francis made the Sign of the Cross over him and spoke to him: “Come here, Brother Wolf. I command you on behalf of Jesus Christ that you do no harm to me or to anyone.”

It is written in *THE LITTLE FLOWERS* that as soon as Francis confronted the wolf, “The wolf closed his mouth and stopped charging at Francis. And once the command was given, the wolf came as meekly as a lamb and threw himself at the feet of St. Francis.”

Then Francis spoke to him, and scolded Brother Wolf for destroying and killing other creatures of God. “The whole town is complaining about you!” he told the wolf. “But I want to make peace between you and the people. And so, Brother Wolf, I promise that I will have food given to you regularly by the people of this town, so that you will no longer be filled with hunger. And I want you, Brother Wolf, to promise that you will never again harm any human person or any animal.” And the wolf showed his agreement by simply bowing his head.

Then Francis asked the people of the town if they would promise to regularly provide food for the wolf. They all agreed. And Francis asked the wolf to give a guarantee in front of all the people that he would no longer inflict harm upon the people of Gubbio or its animals.

And the wolf, lifting his right paw, placed it in the hand of St. Francis. At this, there was great wonder and rejoicing among all the people - so much that they all began to cry to heaven, praising God who had sent Francis to help them. For through Saint Francis' words and actions, truly he had freed them from the jaws of a cruel beast.”

Why is this story so appealing and so timely? Let us pray today for the people of Ukraine and of Russia, for the people of Israel and of Gaza. Let us ask for an end to yje suffering and fears through the help of Saint Francis—that holy peaceful man who even went unarmed to Egypt in 1219 during the Fifth Crusade, crossing the battle lines to personally meet the Sultan of Egypt, talking with him like a missionary preaching the Gospel and promoting peace.

Msgr. William Belford

SAVE THIS DATE**SAINT TERESA FEASTDAY LUNCHEON**

Sunday October 5, from noon to 4pm, at LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant on Forest Avenue. This year our three very worthy Parish Honorees are: Patricia Ward, Joseph Granello, and Greg Percoco. Join us for a happy afternoon.

Read Page 5, and next Sunday August 24, join us for an interesting visit to one, two, or three local houses of worship:

2:30 Temple Israel at 315 Forest Avenue

3:30 St. Nicholas Chapel on Northern Blvd.

4:30 Hindu Temple of SI—1318 Victory Blvd



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 this 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.

**BABY BIN GIFTS WELCOMED TODAY**

After Mass today in the vestibule, and every third Sunday of the month, donations for babies and their mothers will be collected. Thank you for helping families in need of assistance at a crucial time for their families to make a better start in life.

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A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 12:49-53

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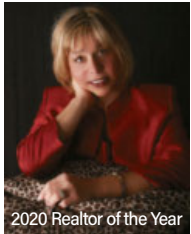
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