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ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

AUGUST 24, 2025 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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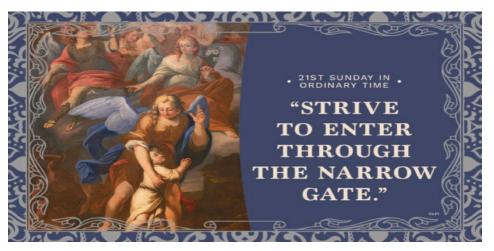
MASS SCHEDULE

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

ALL THESE MASSES ARE IN ST. TERESA CHURCH ON VICTORY BLVD., EXCEPT THE 9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL, ON NORTHERN BLVD. AT LA BAU AVE., ONE BLOCK IN FROM VICTORY BLVD

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

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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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anytime

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THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 24	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
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	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Robert Cavalone Jr. 7:30AM Rose Anne Villani, Thomas Mannino and Tony Mangiaracina 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Jeanne Weeman 12:30PM Roger Morris 5:00PM
MONDAY, AUGUST 25	TUESDAY, AUGUST 26	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
8:30AM Sister Dominica Rocchio	8:30AM Marie and Ernest DellaDonna 12NOON Edward P Dunphy	8:30AM 12NOON Teresa Naso and Anthony Pigno
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28	FRIDAY, AUGUST 29	SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
8:30AM Teresa Vitaliti 12NOON	8:30AM 12NOON Shirley Davis	8:30AM Burton Cohen

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

On these last two Sundays of August, when a lot of people are thinking about what they should already know or are getting ready to learn, I would like to encourage you to be familiar with, and make frequent use of, the world's all-time bestselling book: **THE BIBLE**.

This week and next, I will offer sections from a book that is published by the Vatican in many languages, and in English by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Here are a few excerpts from an **ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THE HOLY BIBLE** (www.usccbpublishing.org; 800 235 8722) - and I hope you might want to become a daily Bible reader.

Let's start with **"Bible"** - a word which is derived from the Greek ("biblia") and means "books". Our use of the word "Bible" is of Christian origin, as are the designations of "Old Testament" and "New Testament". All the parts of the Bible were written in one of these three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek.

Almost the entire Old Testament was written in Hebrew, which is a Semitic language written from right to left. Hebrew has only 22 consonants and no vowels. With its limited vocabulary, Hebrew does not have superlatives. So for example, the concept of "holiest" is expressed by repeating the word "holy" three times—which is what we say at Mass. Aramaic was the common language of Palestinian Jews in the time of Jesus. All the books of the New Testament were written in Greek.

The Bible includes narratives and literary compositions transmitted at various times by our Judeo-Christian tradition, first orally and then in writing. The first writing systems were developed through the use of symbols inscribed in clay and stone. The Egyptians began writing on sheets made of papyrus, which is a plant that grows in the water of the Nile. Later, animal skins called parchments were also used.

The narratives, poems, songs, genealogies, and other types of writing in the Bible have ancient roots, and composed over a period of a thousand years. They were passed down from generation to generation orally—until collected and written down. No biblical book was composed after the beginning of the second century A.D.

We members of the Jewish and Christian religions believe that the Bible has its origin in God. From the Bible we learn that God is the creator of the world and the creator of human beings. Many people have worked very hard to translate the Bible—into about 2,500 languages and dialects! Their reason to make it available to every person is not its age but its uniqueness: **God himself speaks through the authors**.

Christianity is founded on the person of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God and Redeemer of humanity. The name "Jesus" means "Yahweh is salvation." The life, works, and message of Jesus are testified to in the New Testament, especially in the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and letters of St. Paul. Jesus was an historical person, even though it is not possible to know the exact dates of his birth and death. Roman historians Flavius Josephus, Pliny the Younger, Tacitus, and Suetonius all speak of Jesus. The four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) were not concerned with providing a historical-biographical report about him. For them it was more important to show the universal importance of the incarnation of Jesus, the Messiah eagerly awaited by people.

Our biblical information about **Mary the Mother of Jesus** comes from the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John. In the Gospel of Luke, we find the accounts of the Annunciation by the angel, the visit to Elizabeth, the birth of the Redeemer in Bethlehem, the presentation of the Son at the Temple, and the fearful losing and then finding of twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. In Matthew we learn about the visit of the Magi and the flight into Egypt. In the Gospel of John, Mary is present at the wedding at Cana, and she is at the foot of the Cross, when Christ entrusts his mother to his beloved disciple John. Mary is again mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles when she receives the Holy Spirit together with the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. The Virgin Mary has always been held in very special regard by the Christian community, as she should be by all of us.

To be continued next week...



REMEMBER TO SAVE OCTOBER 5 FOR OUR SAINT TERESA FEASTDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday October 5, join us at noon at LiGreci's Staaten Restaurant on Forest Avenue. This year our three very worthy Parish Honorees are: Patricia Ward, Joseph Granello, and Greg Percoco. Details and registration forms will be coming soon.

Today 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.

THIS AUGUST WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION <u>AUTOMATIC</u>, <u>EASY</u>, AND <u>DEPENDABLE</u>

It is so easy to use <u>WeShare</u> that many of our parishioners already do. 1. Go to our parish <u>website: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.

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

WeShare online amount was \$2,502. Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$6,486.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what is possible; suddenly you are doing the impossible." Saint Francis of Assisi

THANK YOU FATHER ANAND, PONTIFICAL MISSIONARY PRIEST AND PREACHER HERE LAST SUNDAY!

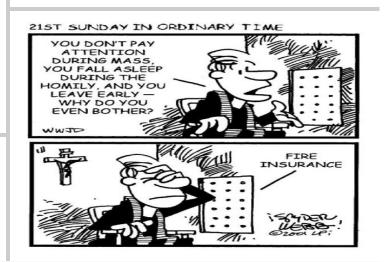
Father impressed us so much with his positive faith in God and his willingness to move from his home in India to serve as a priest in Tunisia (north Africa next to Algeria) where almost everyone is of the Muslim faith.

And thank you to all who contributed in our second collection to help him and other missionaries to do their great work through the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

Father enjoyed his visit with our parish. He made good use of his first visit to Staten Island and of course he went with another missionary to see some of those other places across the Harbor! P.S. Any additional donations can be given here soon and will be included with our contribution check to the diocese next week.

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to safeguarding the stewardship of its people. As part as the effort , we periodically write to the Catholic community to advise them about whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suspicion of any financial impropriety.

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Dear friends in the Lord:

To commemorate the first public Mass being celebrated in the Crypt Church inside the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on April 20, 1924, each diocese in the country has been asked to collect an offering to assist in defraying the expense of the Shrine Infrastructure Renewal Project which began last year at a cost of approximately \$20 million.

That Mass was a makeshift setting with bare concrete floors and exposed beams and around 3,000 people, including diplomats, attended. The altar was the one used by Bishop John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop of the United States, and it dated back to 1774. The Mass marked the official beginning of the Basilica's liturgical life and has been followed by over 800,000 public Masses in the 100 years since. It is a significant milestone in the history of the National Shrine, which serves as the preeminent Marian shrine and patronal church in the United States.

On a date I chose close to the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I have asked our pastors to appeal to your generosity. This one-time collection will take place in all our parishes on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

Our involvement is crucial for the upkeep of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, America's Catholic Church and it is good that we are able to participate. You can learn more at www.nationalshrine.org/history.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your families for a blessed summer, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

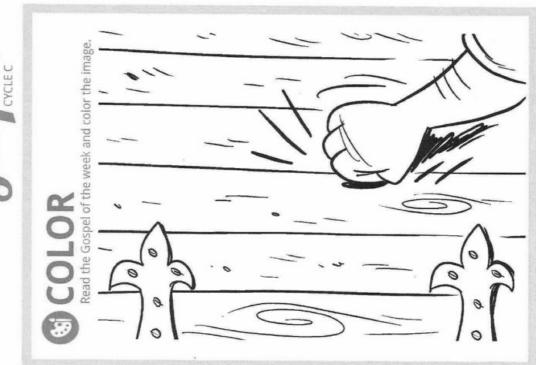
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