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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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WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

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SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

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

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4:00PM Robert Cavalone Jr. 7:30AM Rose Ann Villani, Thomas Mannino and Tony Mangiaracina 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Jeanne Weeman 12:30PM Roger Morris 5:00PM			4:00PM Deceased Member of Tighe Family 7:30AM Theresa Capobianco 9:00AM 10:30AM For the People of Our Parish 12:30PM Patricia Dene 5:00PM	
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1		TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	
8:30AM		8:30AM Justin Michael Reyes (L) 12NOON	8:30AM Fred Joseph Fischer 12NOON Joseph Fair	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4		FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	
8:30AM 12NOON		8:30AM 12NOON	8:30AM Michael Long	

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, 7:30am, 12:30pm, 5pm

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

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

On this last day of August, with many of us focusing on the start of school, let me ask for prayers for all our parishioners who are students and/or teachers, so that these coming days of learning and teaching will be blessed by God our Father and assisted by the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Beginning and ending each day with prayers together is a hallmark of Catholic schools like our own **SAINT TERESA—SAINT RITA STREAM ACADEMY**. Mrs. Nicole C. Fresca is beginning her sixth year as our principal and has sixteen years of experience as a principal. This Thursday September 4 will be the first day of school for all grades.

Our Catholic school is flourishing, as we serve more than three hundred students in grades K-3 to 8. This past June, we had 29 well-prepared graduates, all of whom made the Catholic High School that was their first choice. Their high school tuition scholarship offers exceeded \$170,000. Please see the front page of this bulletin for **STSRSA** contact information.

Our popular and successful Religious Education Program is led by Mrs. Lisa Rametta. This will be her eleventh year as our Religious Education Director. More than 250 students are enrolled in our Tuesday 4pm-5:30 religious education program. We started with virtual teaching even during Covid, and our teachers adjusted and are very good at it. Our parents were polled as Covid ended, and a big majority said this was helpful and effective, and asked us to keep virtual instruction.

Every child is visible on a screen to the teacher and to Mrs. Rametta. We see many adults in the home listening and also learning with their children. Additional volunteers to teach, substitute, or be helpful are invited to speak with Mrs. Rametta.

And because every one of our young parishioners needs a religious education and experience coming to Sunday Mass, and must be enrolled for years before receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please be sure to act now if you haven't done so already. If you are not registered yet, please call the CCD office 718 981 2632, so your child can have his/her books. The first day for our Religious Education Classes will be Tuesday September 16.

While you are marking your September calendars, let me ask you to plan to join us next Sunday September 7 after Mass at our parish's beautiful dignified **9/11 MEMORIAL**. For a few moments after each Mass, we say a prayer, remember the loss, and read the names of ten of our parishioners who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. For those who pause with us, it is a meaningful moment of prayer and reflection.

I also invite you to come at 7:30pm on Wednesday September 10 to Our Lady of Pity Church, 1616 Richmond Avenue, for a special annual event held on the night before the day of the tragedy. This September 10th will be the 23rd annual **SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE OF THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**. Sacred music begins at 7pm. Mass begins at 7:30 with Bishop Peter Byrne as celebrant, Bishop John O'Hara as homilist, with other clergy present. At the end of the Mass, we have a powerful ceremony: reading aloud the names of all Staten Islanders who died on September 11. This memorial Mass is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Staten Island.

Our own religious education should be a lifelong process. What we learn as children in religion class is just the beginning of knowing the people and the stories in the Bible. All of us should know our Bible. Not just what shelf it is on, covered with dust, but on which table nearby, ready for you to pick it up and read. Last Sunday I cited an **ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THE HOLY BIBLE** (available from Catholic Bishops Conference uscbbpublishing.org) and quoted some facts about Jesus and His mother Mary. Today we will focus on several more great people in salvation history:

Joseph is the foster-father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. He is the head of the Holy Family. One of Joseph's ancestors was King David, which links Jesus to his role as the Messiah and King. Joseph, no king himself but a very good man, is enlightened by an angel about the supernatural nature of Mary's pregnancy (Mt.1:18-25). He does not divorce her, but trusts what she says, and brings her with him to Bethlehem, to be counted in a census. He is there at the birth of the Redeemer in Bethlehem, and at the presentation of the baby in the Temple. After the flight into Egypt, he establishes their home in Nazareth, where he works as a carpenter and teaches Jesus how to do this manual labor.

John the Baptist is a cousin of Jesus, six months older, born to the elderly couple Zechariah and Elizabeth. In the womb of Elizabeth, John leaps for joy when Mary and Jesus approach them. Decades later, John the Baptist lived a radical life in the desert, preaching about the need to repent of sins and be baptized in water. He eats locusts and wild honey (see Mk 1:2-15). John protests when Jesus comes to him for a baptism at the beginning of his public ministry, but gives in. John condemns the adultery of the powerful Herod Antipas, who is attracted by John's words. But Herod also makes a drunken promise, and at the behest of his lover Herodias, he has John the Baptist beheaded.

Msgr. William Belford

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Your freewill contribution after Mass next Sunday will provide food to more than 65 local families and individuals who need help to insure that they and their children have enough to eat during this month. Donations marked **FOOD PANTRY** can be mailed or left at the rectory at other times.

**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. Look for details and a reservation form in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your weekly donations to God for our own parish support and also for special appeals like the one on August 17 to help missionaries through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. We appreciated the message of Father Anand, a member of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions. Combining the second collection and donations that came in later, we have sent a generous check for \$3,500 to help the ministry of these missionaries.

**THIS AUGUST WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO MAKE
YOUR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION AUTOMATIC, EASY,
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It is so easy to use WeShare that many of our parishioners already do. 1. Go to our parish [website:www.saintteresasi.org](http://www.saintteresasi.org). 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.

God our Father, may those who lead nations be devoted to justice and peace, so that the human family may live in harmony. And guide your children along the road to salvation, so that we all reach the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN LISTEN TO YOU?

Life can be difficult. If 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 **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 call and arrange your first visit with someone who really knows how to listen to you.


BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Mark Fiorello and Caitlin Panarella

Kyle Naughton and Kristiana Longinotti

Keep your face always toward the sunshine -
and the shadows will fall behind you.

Walt Whitman





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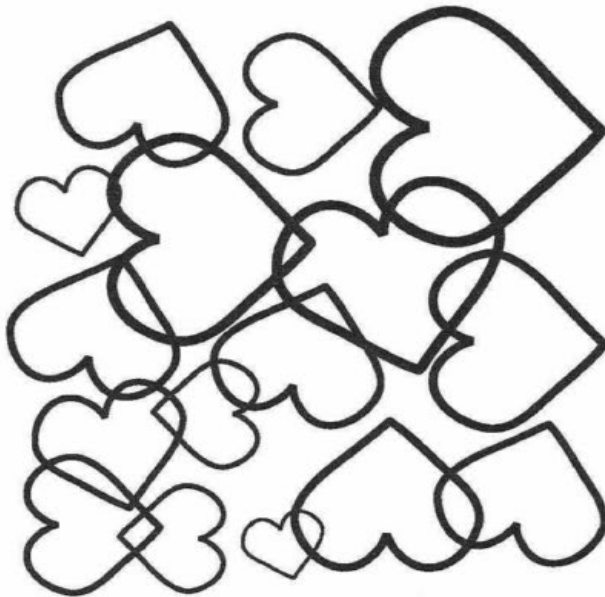
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 14:1, 7-14

PUZZLE

How many hearts can you count?



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