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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

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

CONFESSIONS

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WEDDINGS

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21			
4:00PM Ann Quinlan 7:30AM Barbara Hicks (L), Vincent Hicks and Baby Shawn Hicks 9:00AM 10:30AM Clare Murphy 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Arielle Newman	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Gloria Marino 7:30AM June Joanne Keller, Frank Poompilil and Joseph and Theresa Di- Cosmo 9:00AM Deceased Members of the Tighe Family 10:30AM Charles Steiner 12:30PM Dr. Hugh Smith 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish			
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17			
8:30AM Jonathan Vincent Reyes (Living)	8:30AM Gary Amatrudo Jr. 12NOON Joseph Laffey	8:30AM Perino Gallo 12NOON Joseph Fair			
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20			
8:30AM Jeannie Gallo 12NOON	8:30AM Merrit-Sellenthen and Tener- iello-DeFrancesco Families 12NOON	8:30AM			

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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, Bethany Armstrong, 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, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward 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,

Thomas Griffin teaches religion at a Catholic high school, and is a husband and father of three children. He wrote this reflection two months ago, about the example given by a devout Christian named Aaron Judge.

Speaking publicly and comfortably about my faith can be challenging. If you are like me, there is always a fear of what others might think. How will I be perceived if I speak about Jesus at work, or even in a casual environment? But this summer, I have been encouraged to consider being more vocal about my faith, by the example of Aaron Judge.

NY Yankee Aaron Judge is arguably the best player in baseball. As he continues his phenomenal career, he has remained true to his roots and his values. And he continues to be vocal in public about his Christian faith.

There is nothing new about some professional athletes referencing Jesus, or thanking God after a victory. However, there is a level of comfort when Aaron Judge does that, which I find particularly interesting and inspiring.

The July All-Star weekend provided him with an opportunity not only to showcase his batting skills, but also to speak about his relationship with God. There were two ways Judge was public about his faith which show the genuineness of the man behind the pinstripes. Both served as reminders to me to implement Jesus into every aspect of my life.

In a media interview leading up to the All-Star Game, Judge was asked about his tendency to be outspoken about his faith. The interviewer asked him how he would respond to the idea that being famous and rich can satisfy anybody.

Judge answered this way: "Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has given me my ability, and He has given me this platform. The fame, the chance to play professional baseball is great, but it's not as fulfilling as the relationship I have with Him." He also gave bold advice to people who are looking for meaning in life: "Build a relationship with Jesus and that will help to solve your problems."

When he delivered this response, Judge spoke to the reporters with a calm smile and a warm look in his eyes. He didn't appear to be seeking attention, nor was he attempting to make anyone comfortable with religion. Judge was simply himself. He was at work, and when asked about his values, he took the opportunity to discuss his personal relationship with Jesus as the most important aspect of his life.

The fact that the interviewer already knew about Judge's strong faith means that Aaron is becoming more well-known as a believer and not just as a baseball player. This has pushed me to ask myself: do other people know that I love Jesus above everything else? I realize that the only way they will know about my relationship with Jesus is if I cling to daily prayer more fervently, and speak about Jesus Christ more frequently.

Since reading his comments, I think that God is working through Judge's faith to push me to pray for the grace of courage and to speak more definitively about my faith.

And then in a social media post on the day before the All-Star Game, the Yankees posted a picture that clearly showed a Bible verse written on the baseball bat that Judge would use for that game. He chose these words from Saint Paul to the Corinthians "We live by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Judge said that that verse from the Second Letter to the Corinthians is one of his favorite verses in all of Scripture: "I try to live my life by it, and always trust the Man above, and what He's got in store for us. We never know what is around the corner, but if we have faith in Him, He will lead us in the right direction."

Judge does not claim to be a saint, but his words about radical trust in the Father are grounded in centuries of saints and spiritual writers. Their chorus to abandon one's heart to the care of God is due to the fact that trust is difficult. Trust is what I need to grow as a disciple. Whether it is the health challenges of family members or being able to provide for my children—Judge's words remind me to live by heavenly principles and not the opinions of this world.

Aaron Judge's unapologetic approach to speaking about his Christian faith has also challenged me to think about how I speak about my own Catholic faith. Since I am on summer break as a teacher, it has pushed me to pray and to reflect on how I can be more vocal about my relationship with Christ to my students and colleagues.

While this is easier to do at a Catholic school than it is on the baseball field, it can become something that fades into the background too easily. Aaron Judge's words have forced me to learn from him and grow in my willingness to inject Jesus into all aspects of my job during this upcoming school year. Whether that is a more pronounced focus on prayer before class, or a greater willingness to speak to faculty members about my personal relationship with Jesus, I know I can infuse Christ more into my work.

Msgr. William Belford





Sunday, September 28 at 10:30 will be the first opportunity for our weekly LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN 4 TO 8. This takes place every Sunday at our 10:30 Mass. Right after we make the Sign of the Cross, the priest will invite all children who are between 4 and 8 to come to the front of the church and then go downstairs to a classroom with experienced teachers to learn about Scripture readings for that Sunday at their age level. We have done this for years, giving the chidren some activities, and they have a good time. They come back enthusiastically to their families with their drawings etc. as we start to take up the collection. And their parents have had less distraction while they listened to the Word of God.

OCTOBER 5 + NOON TO 4 AT THE STAATEN 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. Read the details and use the registration form on page 5.

SPREAD THE WORD TO ADULTS WHO SHOULD CATCH UP ON THEIR SACRAMENTS

Have you, now a teenager or an adult, not been baptized? Did you miss First Holy Communion or not receive your Confirmation? We can help you to receive these sacraments on the next Easter Sunday! If you would like to know about this, call us at 718 442 5412, or talk to a priest or to our Deacon Jonathan Reyes so that you can join our Sunday morning meetings for adults after the 10:30 Mass. We will begin in late September, so please let us know.

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

WeShare online amount was \$4,840.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$7,009.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For our parishioners to come every Sunday for Mass and Holy Communion, to obey the Lord and remind ourselves of our two great goals: to be disciples of Jesus now, and to be His friends in heaven forever, let us pray to the Lord...



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Sunday October 5, 2025 + Begins at 12 Noon LiGreci's Staaten + 697 Forest Avenue

St. Teresa's Parish Council and our Feastday Committee invite you to join us Sunday October 5th for our delicious meal and fundraiser Noon to 4pm

This year we have three Very Special Parishioners to honor:

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As last year, donation is \$125 a person. Seats at table can be arranged with friends.

You can purchase tickets online. Visit our website at www.stteresasi.org
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Your Names	
Number of Guests	
A phone number and email address	
You request to be seated with	

Menu: Beer, Wine, Sangria, Soda. Fruit and Cheese Board, Salad, Penne, Entrée (your choice that day of Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, or Salmon), Zucchini, Cake for Dessert, and Coffee.

8. First tower built. (Genesis 11:9)

BIBLE FIRSTS

There are a lot of firsts in the Bible.

This alphabet puzzle will help you name them.

Directions: Using the ABC code at the bottom of the page, name these Bible Firsts.

1.	First word in the Bible (Genesis 1:1)	9	14					
2.	First thing God created. (Genesis 1:1)	8	5	1	22	5	14	19
3.	First man God created. (Genesis 2:20)	1	4	1	13			
4.	First woman God created. (Genesis 3:20)	5	22	5				
5.	First child born. (Genesis 4:1)	3	1	9	74			
6.	First person killed. (Genesis 4:8)	1	2	5	12			
7.	First (and only) person's family saved from a flood. (Genesis 7:1)	14	15	1	8			

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