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OCTOBER 26, 2025 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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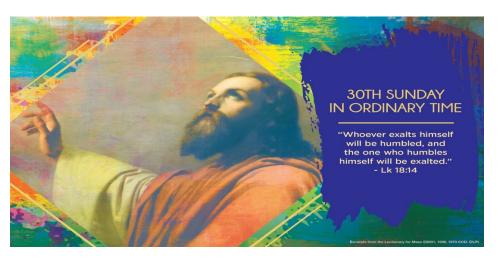
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 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 Anytime

NOVENA SERVICES Mondays after 8:30 Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
First Fridays after Noon Mass
until Benediction at 3PM

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THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY,
4:00PM For the People of Our Parish 7:30AM Msgr. Philip Conran 9:00AM All Mothers-To-Be 10:30AM Mark Kennedy 12:30PM Barbara Rizek 5:00PM Arielle Newman	Mass Intentions	4:00PM Gloria Marino 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Ronald Merritt 10:30AM Leonila and Rufo Limon 12:30PM Departed Members of Miceli and Serafino Families 5:00PM Mark Kennedy
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
8:30AM Joseph Pizzolato	8:30AM Angel and Ursula Rolond (L) See letter inside for news about Noon Masses	8:30AM Rosita R. Baldano
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8:30AM Burton Cohen	8:30AM Robert Einstman	8:30AM Charles Savron
		Note: This is All Saints Day— but not a holyday of obligation

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, 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, Vincent Hicks, 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 4:00pm, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

Father Challman 5pm

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR OCTOBER 26, 2025 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

The small number of priests to serve parishioners in our Archdiocese will be affecting us here at St. Teresa Church for the next month. Our Father John Kallattil, V.C., a priest of the religious order called the Vincentian Congregation, will be going to India to visit his family and religious order beginning this week through the month of November. I will offer all 8:30am Masses Mondays to Saturdays, funerals, confessions and other services, but we will not have our regular weekday Noon Masses, beginning October 28. Father Steven Challman will be helping me with some Masses on Sundays. Our full Sunday schedule—Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9 at St. Nicholas, 10:30, 12:30pm, 5:00pm—stays the same.

We also looked ahead to some special circumstances. Next Saturday is November 1—All Saints Day. When this feast falls on a Saturday it is not a holyday of obligation because there is little chance for people to fulfill an obligation. We have Mass at 8:30am, then possibly a funeral, confessions from 12 to 1, and we have a wedding. And at 4pm we have Mass for Sunday. And looking ahead to First Friday on November 7: we will have the usual two Masses at 8:30 and at Noon, to be followed by Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 3pm.

This Fall has been a special time for Saints. On October 5, we focused on our Patron Saint Teresa, whose short life (1873-1897) and great example captured the hearts and minds of many Catholics – so much so that in 1925 she was canonized, and our new parish began with her name the next year. On September 7 in Rome, Pope Leo XIV (the Fourteenth) canonized two young men of great faith, hope, and charity, calling them models for all of us, but especially <u>for young people to make something great of their one time on earth.</u> Here are parts of Pope Leo's homily:

Today we look to <u>Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati</u> (1901-1925) a young man from the early 20th century, and to <u>Saint Carlo Acutis</u> (1991-2006), a teenager from the 21st century, both of them in love with Jesus and ready to give everything for Him.

Many young people over the centuries have faced a crossroad in their lives. Think of Saint Francis of Assisi - young and rich, thirsty for glory and fame. Francis went to war, hoping to be knighted and adorned with honors. But Jesus appeared to him along the way and asked him to reflect on what he was doing. Coming to his senses, he asked God a simple question: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" From there, he changed his life and began to write a different story: stripping himself of everything to follow the Lord (cf. Lk 14:33), living in poverty, preferring the love of his brothers and sisters in faith, especially the weakest and smallest, to his father's gold, silver and precious fabrics.

How many similar saints we could recall! Sometimes we portray saints as great figures, forgetting how it all began for them. Saint Augustine recounts that in the "tortuous and tangled knot" of his life, a voice deep within him said: "I want you" (Confessions, II, 10,18). God gave him a new direction, a new path, a new reason, in which nothing of his life was lost. So too with a young adult from the early 20th century, and a teenager from our own day, both in love with Jesus and willing to give everything for him.

Pier Giorgio Frassati encountered the Lord through his school and church groups — Catholic Action, the Conferences of Saint Vincent, the Italian Catholic University Federation, the Dominican Third Order. He gave witness to God by being a Christian in prayer and charity. His friends seeing him walking the streets of Turin pushing carts full of supplies for the poor renamed him "Frassati Impresa Trasporti" - Frassati Transport Company!

Even today, Pier Giorgio's life is a beacon for lay spirituality. For him, faith was not a private devotion, but it was driven by the power of the Gospel and his membership in ecclesial associations. He also contributed to political life and devoted himself ardently to the service of the poor. His death was from poliomyelitis, something he probably caught from a poor person he was helping.

Carlo, for his part, encountered Jesus in his family, thanks to his parents, Andrea and Antonia — who are here today with his two siblings, Francesca and Michele — and then at school, and above all, in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community. Carlo grew up integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man.

Both Pier Giorgio and Carlo cultivated love for God and for their brothers and sisters through simple acts that are available to everyone: daily Mass, prayer, and especially eucharistic adoration. Carlo used to say: "In front of the sun, you get a tan. In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!" And again: "Sadness is looking at yourself; happiness is looking at God." Another essential practice for them was frequent Confession. Carlo wrote: "The only thing we really have to fear is sin." And in his own words: "People are so concerned with the beauty of their bodies, and do not care about the beauty of their souls."

Finally, both had a great devotion to the saints and to the Virgin Mary, and they practiced charity generously. Pier Giorgio said: "<u>Around the poor and the sick, I see a light that we do not have.</u>" He called charity "the foundation of our religion" and, like Carlo, he practiced it above all through small, often hidden, concrete gestures.

Even when illness struck each of them and cut short their young lives, not even this stopped them from offering themselves to God, praising him and praying to him for themselves and for everyone. One day Pier Giorgio said: "The day of my death will be the most beautiful day of my life." And in a last photo which shows him climbing a high mountain, with his face turned towards his goal, he wrote: "Upwards!"

Dear friends, Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saint Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and to make them masterpieces. These saints encourage us with their words: "Not I, but God," as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: "If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach your goal." This is the simple but winning formula of their holiness. It is also the type of witness we are called to follow, in order to enjoy life to the full and to meet the Lord in the feast of heaven.

Msgr. William Belford

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LAST CALL FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST

The Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools is known as TACHS. It will be administered on Friday, November 7. Students can register on-line at www.tachsinfo.com. The final Open Houses are as follows:

St. Joseph by-the-Sea

Sunday October 26, 2025 1pm-4pm (for Boys)

St. Joseph Hill Academy

Sunday October 26, 2025 12 pm-3pm

St. Peter's Boys

Sunday November 2, 2025 12pm-2:30pm

Saturday November 8th at 8pm in our Church Your Chance to Hear Wonderful Singers and Great Music

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IF YOU DID NOT GET YOUR DONATION ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IN THE MAIL...

Thank you to all who mentioned this. We checked and learned that there was a malfunction at the mailing company while they were sending out our October envelopes. Some parishioners received their envelopes, but others did not. We appreciate your concern and need your financial support. Thank you to those who found a way to donate, or will use the envelopes for November when they arrive.

Perhaps this error is encouragement to change to online giving. Go to our website—saintteresasi.org — and follow the link to WESHARE ONLINE GIVING.

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

WeShare online amount was \$2,930.

Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$7,064.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That our loved ones will not be too stubborn to listen to the Word of God, or to follow the directions God gives us for our eternal happiness, let us pray to the Lord...

MASS BOOK RESERVATIONS FOR JANUARY TO JULY 2026 WILL OPEN THIS THURSDAY OCTOBER 30. Many people faithfully commemorate the dates of loved ones' anniversaries of birth or death or other special days in their lives by requesting a Mass for their intention in our church. Coming to Mass on those days and praying to God for loved ones expresses our connection with them, and we who remember them also benefit from praying for them.

So:

The Parish Mass Book for January to July 2026 will be open in the rectory on Thursday October 30 beginning at 10am for those who want to come in. Any questions, please call Lisa at 718 442-5412.

40 Days for Life Staten Island

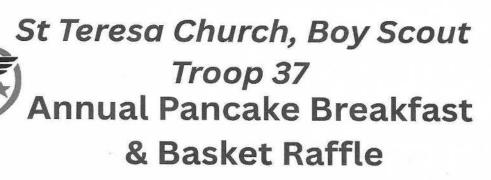
Join us from Thursday October 2nd through Sunday, November 2nd for our Fall 40 Days for Life campaign – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We invite you to stand with us and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil outside SIHU North (475 Seaview Avenue at the corner of Mason Avenue) where most late-term abortions occur on Staten Island.

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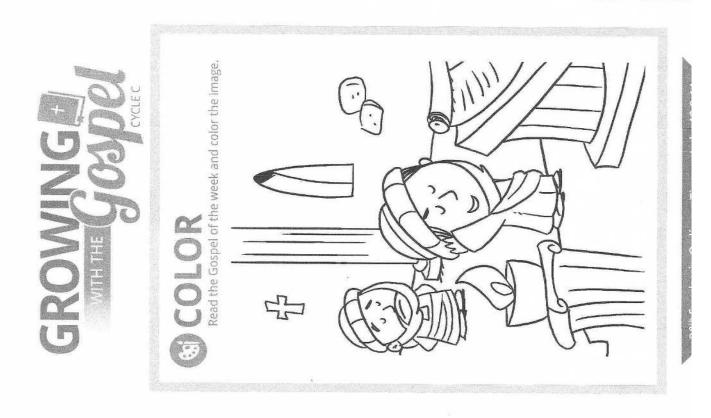
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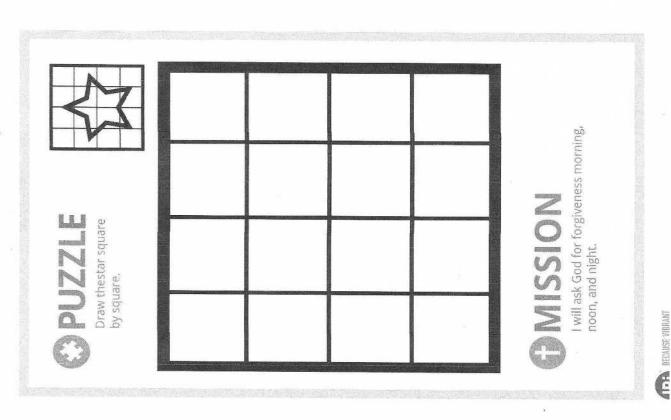
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