



CHURCH OF SAINT TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS & ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONTACT US

ST. TERESA CHURCH / RECTORY
1634 Victory Boulevard
Castleton Corners
Staten Island, NY 10314
PHONE 718 442 5412
EMAIL rectory@stteresasi.org
WEBSITE www.saintteresasi.org
OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am to 4:30pm

*LOYAL PARISHIONERS ARE APPRECIATED,
AND NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.
PLEASE REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN
SERVE YOU AND KEEP IN TOUCH.*

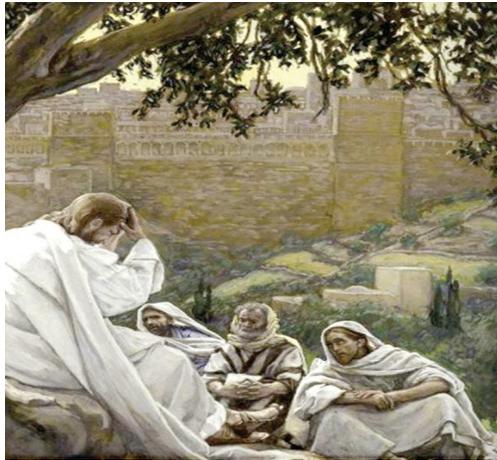
MASS SCHEDULE

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

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"It will lead to your giving
testimony. Remember, you
are not to prepare your
defense beforehand, for I
myself shall give you a
wisdom in speaking that all
your adversaries will be
powerless to resist or
refute." - Lk 21:13-15*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. CLM

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

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

RELIGION/ SCHOOL

**St. Teresa Religious
Education Program** for public
school students begins with first
grade and leads to sacraments of
Reconciliation, Holy Communion,
and Confirmation. Students are
taught on Tuesdays 4pm to 5:30.
Call 718 981-2632 or email
ccd@saintteresasi.org.

**ST. TERESA — ST. RITA
STREAM ACADEMY** for 3k to
8th grade offers a sound
education in the Catholic faith.
Students take part in a rigorous
instructional program that
challenges them in a STREAM-
supported atmosphere—science,
technology, religion, engineering,
art, mathematics. Our ultimate
goal is to provide students with
the skills to be productive
members of the church and
positive members of society.
Please call the office at 718 448
9650 or visit
stsrstreamacademy.com.

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
4:00PM Gloria Marino 7:30AM Theodore and Sara Lewis, Ernest and Theresa Hicks Sr. 9:00AM Deceased Members of the Tighe Family 10:30AM Pat Pappalardo 12:30PM Grace Ward 5:00PM Arielle Newman		4:00PM Robert Cavalone Jr. 7:30AM Mark Kennedy 9:00AM Denise Bonomi 10:30AM Josephine Marro 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Thomas J. Ward
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8:30AM Grace Ward Our Noon Masses Tuesday to Friday	8:30AM For the People of Our Parish will resume on Tuesday December 2	8:30AM Anna Maria Caruselle when Father Kallattil returns.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8:30AM Blas Rementeria	8:30AM Jose Esmilla	8:30AM Anna Moss

SERVED BY

MSGR. WILLIAM BELFORD

Pastor

FATHER JOHN KALLATTIL, VC

Parochial Vicar

FATHER STEVEN CHALLMAN

Sunday Associate

DEACON JONATHAN REYES

Deacon

MRS. NICOLE C. FRESCA

St. Teresa-St. Rita Principal

MRS. LISA RAMETTA

Religious Education Coordinator

MRS. LISA NAUGHTON

Parish Manager

MR. EDWARD MORAND

Director of Music

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 4pm, 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

If you like to solve puzzles, don't finish reading these pages until you tackle the Growing in the Gospel scramble on page 6.

As you make your plans for Thanksgiving Day—a week-and-a-half from now—consider planning to come to our traditional Thanksgiving Morning Mass at 9am. Here at our altar or in your home, we should all acknowledge and thank our God who is the giver and source of our food, our beautiful country, and of our religious freedom. It makes sense to start this important day with Mass and Holy Communion. And if you can, bring money or canned foods that will be collected and distributed to people in need.

We are so fortunate to have the good customs of a Catholic school community. Students and faculty of our Saint Teresa-Saint Rita STREAM Academy will have their annual Thanksgiving Mass this Friday afternoon, following their Spelling Bee in the morning.

This Wednesday night at 6pm, our parish will again be hosting the annual NYPD BLUE MASS. Our BLUE MASS brings people together to pray for all New York City Police Department Officers who live or serve on Staten Island, and honors them for their commitment and courage. Denise Enright, Sal Sottile, Lt. Steven Jerome are the organizers. Our parishioners are invited to attend.

On this subject of public safety and gratitude to those who protect us and respond to our emergencies: many of us may not know how fortunate we Staten Islanders are. District Attorney Michael McMahon spoke briefly at a Staten Island Catholic Charities fundraiser. He said that if Staten Island was a city, it would be the safest city of 500,000 people in the United States.

Another important event for the people of our parish was celebrated on Friday, two days ago. November 14 was the special day for our 8th grade parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Around the church today you will see the banners that they created, with the name of the saint that they admired and chose for Bishop John O'Hara to address them with as he made the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads: "_____, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

Our present seventh graders have already begun their preparation for their Confirmation next September. For them and for the rest of us who like to meet new saints, let me share with you the inspiring story of SAINT JOSE LUIS SANCHEZ DEL RIO.

Born in Mexico in 1913, Jose was martyred in 1928, a month before his 15th birthday. His faith and courage became an example that inspired other people to keep practicing their Catholic faith despite government repression - to go to Mass, to receive Holy Communion, and to truly make Christ their King.

We can admire this teenage martyr - whose profile in courage, brave example, and help to others was so great that in 2016 Pope Francis added him to the list of the Saints that we believe are now in heaven.

Here are a few things to know about Saint Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio and how he was brave enough to become a saint.

1. He lived in Mexico at a time when devout people were persecuted by their government if they professed their faith in Jesus. This persecution was happening a hundred years ago. Priests were arrested, religious education was prohibited, churches were closed for worship, and devout people were being killed.

2. Some Catholics united to protest the government's laws. They became known as CRISTEROS, and they had a great motto: "VIVA CRISTO REY!" - "LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING!"

3. His family was devout; his uncle was a priest. And his admirable parents cared about the salvation of their children's souls. They believed that the Church should have freedom to worship without people being arrested and killed. When Jose Luis asked his parents if he could to join the Cristeros. They gave their permission, even though he was only 14.

4. The Cristeros accepted him into their army, even though he was so young, because he could play the bugle! They also made him a flagbearer. With other Cristeros, he attended Mass every day and prayed the Rosary.

5. He was part of three battles, and was captured on Feb. 5, 1928. He was taken to his own parish church, which was desecrated and used for animals and prisoners. Jose refused to renounce his faith in Jesus, though he saw that he was likely to be killed. He asked his aunt, who was bringing him food, for a special last meal - Holy Communion - to help him to be ready to face his death.

6. Though he was given multiple chances to renounce his faith, Jose never gave in. On bloody feet, he walked to the town cemetery. The whole way he kept crying out: VIVA CRISTO REY! Then they made him dig his own grave. The executioner asked him if he had a last message to give to his father. Jose told him to tell his father this: "We will see each other in heaven."

7. As happens when brave people stand up for what they believe, especially young ones, Jose's sacrificial death encouraged other people to defy the authorities, to practice their faith in public. and to trust in Christ the King.

Msgr. William Belford

The Richmond Choral Society (RCS) presents **Garlands of Grace** in our own **St. Teresa Church on Saturday, December 6th at 8 PM. All are invited!** This features Mozart's **Trinity Mass**, plus contemporary works on themes of mercy, thanksgiving and peace, plus holiday selections—including an invitation to sing-along!

Your fellow parishioners, cantors and choir members **Steve Coppolino, Louise Cottone** and **Kathy Hansalik** sing with **RCS** and would appreciate your support by attending this concert.

Ticket prices are as follows: General Admission \$25; Seniors, \$22; Students with ID, \$10; Children under 12: FREE, all of which may be purchased online at www.richmondchoral.org or at the door. Group discounts are available; credit cards are accepted.

Contact by email: administrator@richmondchoral.org or call (718) 816-7724 for more information.



Legion of Mary

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.

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

WeShare online amount was \$3,823. Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$11,220.

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That we will live by the words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians in the 2nd reading: "If we have died with Christ, we shall live with him" Let us pray to the Lord...

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 3-8PM

TAKE A TRIP DOWN
St. Teresa - St. Rita **STREAM Academy's**
Candy Cane Lane
Christmas FAIR
Friday, Dec 5th
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
3PM-8PM

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!!

START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US!

- Handmade Jewelry | Dog Treats | Makeup
- Designer Inspired Handbags
- Chocolates | Hair Accessories | Boutique Clothes
- Local Honey | Designer Sunglasses | Candles
- Olive Oil | Christmas Ornaments | Slime | Spiritual Jewelry
- Novelty Items | Toys | Wreaths

Photos with Santa!
Montalbano's Food Truck, 50/50,
Games, Raffles, Crafts, Vendors!

EMAIL: STREAMACADEMYPO@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION
ST. TERESA - ST. RITA STREAM ACADEMY 1632 VICTORY BLVD.

Merry Christmas
Join PACK 37
BREAKFAST with SANTA
SPREAD THE JOY OF THE HOLIDAYS!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2025
8:00AM-1:00PM
Adults \$15, Kids \$10, under 4 Free
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR

TICKET INCLUDES:
ALL YOU CARE TO EAT PANCAKES, EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, COFFEE, TEA AND HOT CHOCOLATE

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus
Conran Hall Gym
1634 Victory Blvd, Staten Island N.Y 10314

LIGHT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON!



ST. TERESA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE

LIMITED SUPPLY – ONLY 50 TREES WILL BE ORDERED

St. Teresa's Holy Name Society is proud to once again sponsor this annual event that will turn our Parish grounds into a WINTER WONDERLAND! You can purchase one of the brightly lit trees that will adorn our prominent corner on Victory Boulevard & Slosson Avenue as a way to express your joy that Christ our Savior is born! Your Christmas tree will be yours to decorate and comes with a customized plaque to honor the memory of lost loved ones or simply spread holiday greetings. All trees will be lit on **December 13th** and will shine throughout the Christmas Season.

Holy Name Society Christmas Tree Reservation Form



Yes, I would like a Christmas Tree
Please have my plaque read as follows:

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Please return this form to the Rectory at 1634 Victory Blvd. 10314 with a check for \$200 payable to the St. Teresa Holy Name Society.

Note: Multiple Families may join to purchase a single tree.

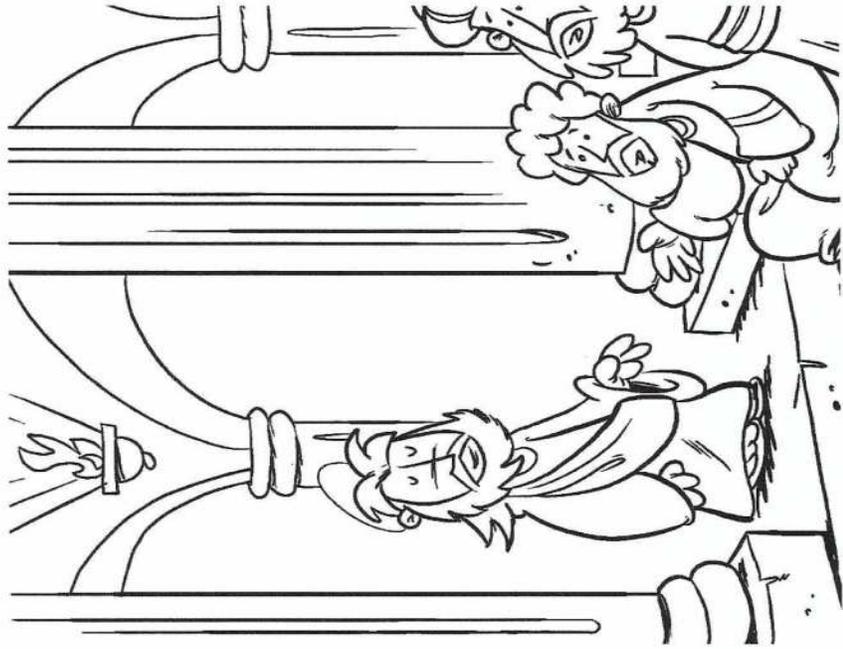
Lighting Ceremony on December 13th immediately following 4pm Mass.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 21:5-19

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

- temple
- stones
- attack
- starve
- trial
- faith
- wisdom
- betrayed
- saved

t e m p l e

t m e p l

f i t h a

s t n e s o

w i d o m s

a t a c k t

b t r a y e d e

s a r v e t

s v e d a

t i a l r

MISSION

Write down three things that scare you. Tell God about them. Ask God to help you.





Care-Inclusive Pricing on Staten Island

929-200-3143
TheBrielle.com



THE BRIELLE

ASSISTED LIVING | MEMORY CARE



Caring Matters

PRACTICING IN ELDER LAW,
ESTATE PLANNING, PROBATE,
THE LAW OFFICES OF MEDICAID CRISIS PLANNING FOR
Louis P. Lepore HOME CARE & NURSING HOME

885 Huguenot Avenue, Staten Island, NY
718.354.8646 Fax: 718.354.8647

LEPORELAW.COM



RAVIOLI of West Brighton

718-420-9000



Manicotti
Stuffed Shells
Fresh Pasta
Cavatelli

FULL SERVICE BUTCHER & FISH DEPT.

Finest Prociutto Di Parma
Gourmet Cheeses
Panini Sandwich Platters
Fresh Sausage & Meats

Boars Head Cold Cuts
Delicious Fresh Mozzarella
Homemade Italian Entrees
Gluten Free Products

CATERING • REPAST LUNCHESES • GIFT BASKETS

VISIT: **WBPASTOSA.COM**

PASTOSA FAMILY DINNER SPECIAL

Feeds 4 to 6 People

\$25⁹⁹

(ONE TIME ONLY)

(2) Boxes -
36 count Cheese Ravioli
Quart of Homemade
Marinara Sauce

Reg Loaf of Italian Bread

*Cannot be combined
with any other coupon

PASTOSA RAVIOLI

764 Forest Ave,
Staten Island, NY 10310

INDOOR PLAYGROUND

BIRTHDAY PARTIES
TODDLER CLASSES
OPEN PLAY EVENTS

OUR LITTLE VILLAGE
(718) 889-1374 / (347) 327-8166
1732 VICTORY BLVD. S.I. N.Y. 10314
WWW.OURLITTLEVILLAGE.COM



USE THIS AD
TO RECEIVE
10% OFF
YOUR NEXT
OCCASION
CAKE!

1899 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island, New York 10314

*Coupon only valid for one time use.
Victory Blvd location only.

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™

As Low As
\$19⁹⁵
/mo.

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire
✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! **800.808.9294**

md-medalert.com



Specializing in Eyecare for Your Entire Family

Dr. Ayman Matta
Dr. Ivanna Grynyk • Dr. Sara Hanna
Languages spoken: English, French,
Spanish, Arabic and Ukranian



Ophthalmology
Associates
OF STATEN ISLAND

718-447-0022
www.oasiny.com

1460 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10301

TODT HILL Friendship Club

For everyone 60 & better | Free Membership

A place to make new friends, enjoy a new hobby
or even discover a hidden talent. Delicious meals,
parties, trips, recreational & physical activities,
and health & nutrition education.

Call to schedule a tour 718-698-7979
Open M-F 8am-4pm • 184 Schmidt's Lane

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.

Visit lpicommunities.com



Scan to
contact us!



REIMAN'S

OPEN 7 DAYS
HARDWARE &
BUILDING MATERIALS

1825 VICTORY BLVD
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314

(718) 442-1200

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Jim Marcinkiewicz

jmarcinkiewicz@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6417

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!





St. Peter's Cemetery

A Dignified Catholic Setting

- ♦ Grave Sales
- ♦ Pre-need & Immediate need
- ♦ Cremation Niches
- ♦ Holds 2 Cremation Urns

Call 718-442-2363
Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Joe & Pat's

Pizzeria & Restaurant
1750 Victory Blvd. • Staten Island, NY 10314 • 718.981.6887
Catering for All Occasions
Specials MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
\$13.00 Large Pie

Van Alphen Bros., Inc.

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
Concrete • Asphalt • Brick Work
Cultured Stone • Steps • Walks
Pavers • Driveways • Sidewalks
Chimneys • Waterproofing
FREE ESTIMATES 718-273-3961

718-727-0022

Edward Brancale, RPH



Classic Pharmacy

OPEN 365 DAYS A YEAR
1284 Clove Road, Staten Island
classicrx@gmail.com

Service in Security Since 1924

MINKEL SAFE & LOCK CO. Inc.

905 Forest Avenue
718-442-2626
www.minkelsafeandlock.com

Family Owned & Operated for Over 40 Years



1887 Victory Blvd.
718-981-1616
3273 Richmond Ave.
718-966-9500
Paint • Wall Coverings • Window Decor • Flooring
www.ShamrockPaints.com
Staten Island's Largest Benjamin Moore Dealer

"Preplan Today, for Peace of Mind Tomorrow"



MATTHEW

FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES INC

718-761-5544

2508 Victory Blvd., SI, NY 10314
www.matthewfuneralhome.com

Family Owned & Operated
for Over 50 Years

*Our Location Is Easily Accessible From All Staten Island Bridges.
One block from SI Expressway/Victory Blvd. Exit*

Michael H. Scamardella & John Scamardella, Owners
Christopher L. DeLuca & Lisa Rooney, Licensed Funeral Directors

IN REAL ESTATE WHO REPRESENTS YOU MATTERS !!!

917.670.7068

FRANREALTOR@GMAIL.COM
FRANREALI.COM

FOLLOW ME:
FACEBOOK: FRAN.REALI
INSTA: FRAN_REALI_REALTOR
TIKTOK: @FRANREALREALTOR



Francine 'Fran' Reali
Licensed NYS Real Estate Broker
Licensed State of New Jersey
Real Estate Subprocessor



1958 VICTORY BLVD. SI NY 10314

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator

Empire State Gold Buyers

WE BUY/PAWN GOLD
GOLD is NOW \$3500 ozt



1891 Victory Blvd. | 718-273-3533 | Open Sunday-Friday
BONDED | LICENSED | INSURED DCA LIC #S 1293741 & 2007635



FIND US ON



Costello's Ace Hardware of Staten Island
1677 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island, NY 10314
718-513-5888

- GRILLING • PAINT • POOL SUPPLIES
- SCREEN REPAIR • KEY CUTTING

We Proudly Support
Saint Teresa of the Infant Jesus Parish

A&C SUPERETTE

From Our Kitchen to Your
Home for Over 30 Years

HOT & COLD CATERING • FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES • FINE MEATS CUT
TO ORDER • BOAR'S HEAD COLD CUTS • IMPORTED ITALIAN SPECIALTY
PRODUCTS • FULL LINE OF FROZEN FOOD & GROCERY

718-716-0900

884 Manor Rd

Anthony Fazzino

Jimmy's Fine Jewelry

Gold is at an all time high!

We will buy your unwanted gold at the highest price.
1909 Victory Blvd. (next door to Alfonso's Bakery)

718-494-1133

TUES 10A-4P THURS 10A-6P FRI 10A-4P SAT 10A-4P

Casey

FUNERAL HOME
350 Slosson Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314
718-447-4242
CaseyFuneralHome.com

Every Detail Remembered®

Dignity

Harmon

FUNERAL HOME
571 Forest Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10310
718-442-5056
HarmonFuneralHome.net

These Firms are Owned By A Subsidiary of
Service Corporation International
1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019 • 713-522-5141

Personalized advice that makes a powerful impact.

Let's work together to identify and document your financial goals and needs. Through personalized advice, regular meetings, and digital tools to track your progress, I'll help you feel more confident about your financial future.



Daniel Masiello, Jr., CFP®, CRPC™, BFA™
Private Wealth Advisor | Managing Director

Halcyon Financial Partners

A private wealth advisory practice of
Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC

718.524.8450

1200 South Ave Suite 305 • Staten Island, NY 10314

daniel.masiello@ampf.com

ameripriseadvisors.com/daniel.masiello



Advice worth talking about.™

(Not FDIC or NCUA Insured | No Financial Institution Guarantee | May Lose Value)

CA Insurance #0K29213
Investment advisory products and services are made available through Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, a registered investment adviser.
Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. owns the certification marks CFP®, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and CFP (with plaque design) in the U.S.
Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, Member FINRA and SIPC.
© 2023 Ameriprise Financial, Inc. All rights reserved.

