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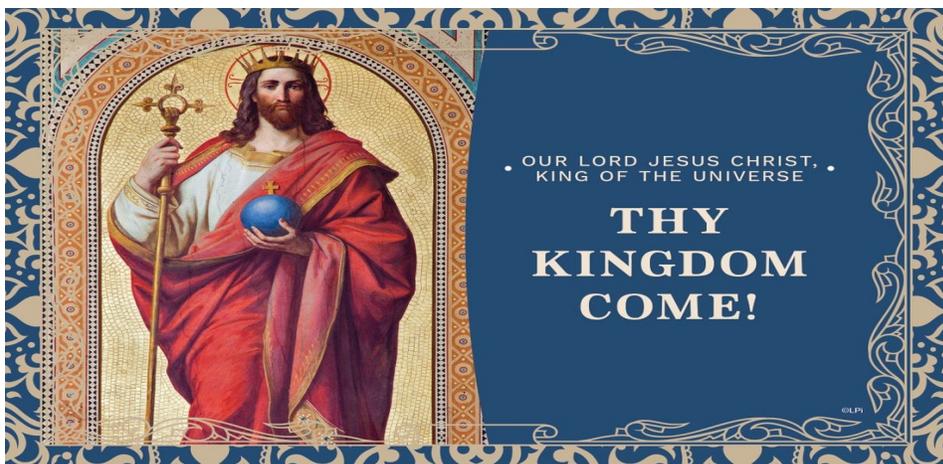
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS
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WEEKDAY MASSES
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TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

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| 4:00PM Robert Cavalone Jr. 7:30AM Mark Kennedy 9:00AM Denise Bonami 10:30AM Josephine Marro 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Thomas J. Ward |  | 4:00PM Gloria Marino 7:30AM Marie Vittiburga 9:00AM Stefan and Krystyna Rugiel and Leszek Lubinski 10:30AM Burton Cohen 12:30PM Joseph Alaimo 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish |
| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 |
| 8:30AM Rosanna Tilipponi | 8:30AM Thomas Ward | 8:30AM Paul Caruselle |
| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 |
| 9:00AM Our Thanksgiving Mass | 8:30AM George Conney | 8:30AM Rose Schmitt |

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

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Please join us this Thursday at 9am for our annual THANKSGIVING DAY MASS. You know that 9am is not our usual hour for morning Mass, but it has been the custom for a long time, and seems to work very well for people who have to cook or have to travel. We invite you to bring some donation—of food or money—that we will collect and distribute.

If you remember being at Mass on November 9 two weeks ago, you may recall being invited during the homily to join in a simple activity to help you understand the multiple connections we have with the word CHURCH.

I asked everyone to lift up their right hand and to point first to yourself; then point to someone else; and then to point to everyone around you. And as you did those actions, you repeated after me: I AM THE CHURCH. Then: YOU ARE THE CHURCH. Then, with a circular swirl of your hand: WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER.

That simple exercise tells us the truth: every baptized person is part of the Church of Jesus Christ. I am important, but not alone. Jesus came to save everyone, and so we are part of the assembly of God's people. We come to listen to the Word of God, and we pray, and we receive Holy Communion. We need a place to do all that, and the places we meet we call churches. And the first great building where Christians had official imperial protection after 300 years of periodic persecutions and danger was in the year 324, with a gift from the Emperor Constantine. He was influenced by his mother, Saint Helena. This gift was an existing big building called a “basilica” which they could adapt and use for their worship, charities, and education. And so on November 9 every year we thank God for this historic gift of a new church for the Church.

After some Masses that Sunday when we celebrated the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, some people were interested in hearing more about the importance of that building, and its pre-eminent place in our Catholic Church's history.

For one thing: this basilica on the Lateran hill is still the Cathedral Church of Rome. Saint Peter's on the Vatican hill is not. Though there was a very early shrine where Peter had been killed and was buried, Saint Peter's huge church on that spot came many centuries later. There are details in a trustworthy source: the Paulist Press's annual book that is found in every rectory and sacristy, called Order of Prayers in the Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist.

This publication, usually just called the Ordo, is arranged by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is used everywhere in the United States. It is tailored to serve one or more geographic areas of our country. There are 40 editions of the Ordo printed in the United States, covering every diocese of the United States. For example, the edition we use serves the Archdiocese of New York and the diocese of Albany. The diocese of Brooklyn and the diocese of Rockville Center on Long Island share their own edition. A cousin of mine, Msgr. John Belford of Brooklyn, who died in 1952, is listed in that book.

I look at my copy of the Ordo almost every day to be sure of the assigned Bible readings for Mass, and whether there is a saint to be mentioned that day, and the color of vestments to wear (white, red, green, or purple). But there is another important reason to check the Ordo: for me to see the names of the priests and deacons from our archdiocese who I knew and who died on that particular date. Thus the Ordo gives priests and deacons, like you may do in your family, a chance to recall anniversaries of death, remember to say a prayer for friends and associates, and look forward to a reunion in heaven.

So: the Ordo for November 9 tells us every year that this date marks the anniversary in 324 of the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester the First. This was on land owned by the Laterini family. This was the first time since the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the beginning of our Church under the leadership of Saint Peter the Apostle, that our church had consistent legal protection and property. Less attractive alternatives for Mass in times of persecution were to assemble in houses of Christian members. Or, to meet in secret places like cemeteries and catacombs.

This church was the residence of the popes from the fourth century to the fourteenth, and the site of five ecumenical councils. Even after the building of Saint Peter's, the Lateran Basilica was so important that in the 1730s, Pope Clement XII inscribed on the façade that, “This basilica is the mother and head of all churches of Rome and of the World”. In Latin that is said: *Omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput* – which is why every Christmas the Holy Father speaks at midday to a huge crowd of people filling Saint Peter's Square. He gives an important message that is reported locally and internationally, called To the City and To the World. When Christmas comes, try to listen and take heart from the message of Christian faith, hope, and love that we all need, and that we can hear from Pope Leo.

Msgr. William Belford

On Thanksgiving Day, please join us at 9am for our Church's greatest Thanksgiving meal—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! We invite you to bring a donation of food or money to be put on the altar to help to feed the hungry.

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.

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A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That through God's mercy and our encouragement, people even late in life will receive faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in His promises about the joy of the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord...

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Holy Name Society Christmas Tree Reservation Form



Yes, I would like a Christmas Tree
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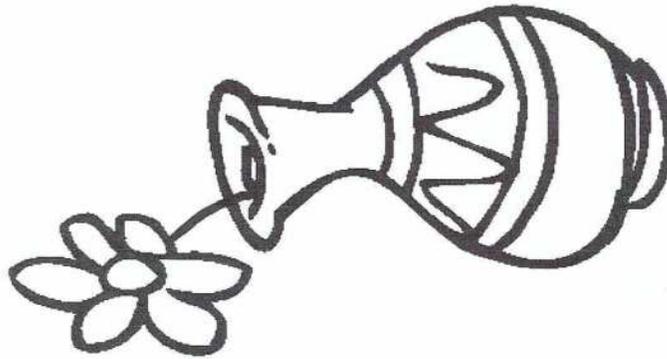
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