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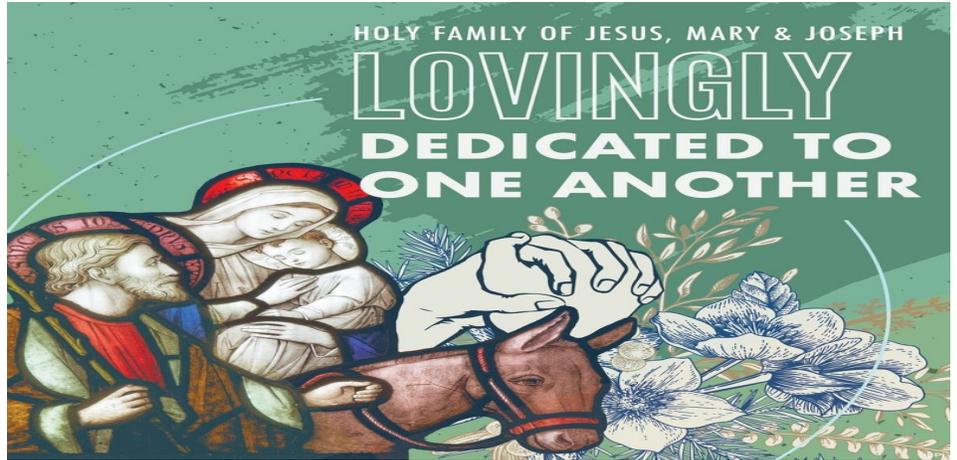
## MASS SCHEDULE

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

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**MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM**  
**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon**

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4:00PM Macrina Jemma Reyes (Living) 7:30AM Randy Chapple, Felicia Conti, Rosemary Cusimano and William Macintosh 9:00AM For the Sick of our Parish 10:30AM Giuseppe, Concetta and Rose Ferdico 12:30PM For the People of Our Parish 5:00PM Dr. Joseph Onah		4:00PM Josephine Simone 7:30AM All Souls Novena 9:00AM Mary and William O'Farrell 10:30AM Dr. Rocco DiAntonio 12:30PM Claire Murphy and James Murphy 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:30AM Frank DeStefano	8:30AM Burton Cohen 12NOON Patrick, Peter and Eileen Kelly	8:30AM Donald Knapp 12NOON Ann Cetta 4PM For a Healthy Happy New Year
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1	FRIDAY, JANUARY 2	SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
7:30AM All Souls Novena 9am For the People of our Parish 10:30 AM John Kassatly 12:30 PM James Donovan 5PM For A Peaceful New Year	8:30AM All Souls Novena 12NOON Thomas DiGiulio	8:30AM All Souls Novena

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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,**

#### 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, 9am, 10:30am

Father Kallattil 7:30am, 12:30pm, Clove Lakes Home

Father Challman 5pm

**Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,**

**I finished this bulletin letter last night, and we send it to print this morning (December 18). But I just watched an excellent press conference in the middle aisle of St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Timothy Dolan introducing his very impressive successor Archbishop Ronald Hicks. Let us all pray for him, and give thanks to God for Cardinal Dolan and for our own Bishop O'Hara.**

**Getting back to last night's bulletin: Father John Kallattil, Deacon Jonathan Reyes and I wish all of you a happy, healthy, peaceful New Year! Let us begin with Mass on Thursday January 1 to honor MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. Mass schedule for Thursday's holyday of obligation is: 4pm on Wednesday, then Thursday 7:30am, 9am in chapel, 10:30, 12:30, 5pm in church.**

**Having just celebrated on December 25 the Blessed Virgin Mary giving birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and having another feastday this Thursday for her as HOLY MOTHER OF GOD —January 1 in her honor—it seems like I could mention and explain some of the other titles and days when Catholic people express their love for the Blessed Virgin. I return to a recent article by Paula Katinas in the Brooklyn Tablet newspaper naming some titles of the Blessed Mother.**

**\* OUR LADY OF LOURDES Feast Day: Feb. 11 Perhaps one of the most well-known names by which the Blessed Mother is known, it refers to the 1858 miraculous healings in Lourdes, France, when she appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl, on 18 occasions. 171 years later, Mary and Lourdes remain one of the most visited destinations of people of faith.**

**\* OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Feast Day: July 16 The title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for the Blessed Mary dates from the 12th century, when a group of hermits established a community on Mount Carmel in Israel. The hermits founded the Carmelite Order and devoted themselves to a life of prayer and devotion to the Blessed Mother, and built a chapel dedicated to her.**

**\* OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS Feast Day: Aug. 5 It rarely snows in Rome, but it miraculously snowed on the Esquiline Hill in Rome on August 5 in 352! This unheard of event led to the title of Our Lady of the Snows. A wealthy couple prayed to the Blessed Mother for guidance on how to donate their possessions. She appeared to the couple and to Pope Liberius in a dream in which Mary requested that they build a church in her honor. She said she would send them a sign — that snow would fall on a certain hill. That is now the site of the Basilica of St. Mary Major.**

**\* OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA Feast Day: May 13. In 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three peasant children — Lucia Santos and her cousins Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto — seven times in Fátima, Portugal. She asked them to pray the rosary, to pray for sinners and for the world to be consecrated to her immaculate heart. She also entrusted them with three secrets. May 13 is the day that Mary first appeared to the three children.**

**\* OUR LADY OF SORROWS Feast Day: Sept. 15. Our Lady of Sorrows signifies the seven sorrows that the Blessed Mother faced in her life. It is meant to inspire all of us to keep our faith despite hardships. The seven sorrows are: the circumcision of Jesus, the flight into Egypt, the loss of young Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, the fourth station of the cross where Jesus meets his mother on the way to his crucifixion, the actual crucifixion of Jesus, His body being taken down from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.**

**Yours in Christ, Msgr. William Belford**

**Our January 1st Schedule of Masses begins on December 31 at 4pm in St. Teresa Church. On New Year's Day we will have Masses at 7:30am in Church, 9am in St. Nicholas Chapel, 10:30am in Church, 12:30pm in Church and 5:00pm in Church.**

OUR HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEN DID A GREAT JOB AGAIN WITH OUR CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY! THANK YOU TO THE DONORS OF OUR TREES, WHICH WILL BE LIT ALL THE WAY TO JANUARY 10. COME BY AT NIGHT TO SEE HOW THIS DISPLAY HONORS JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.



We have a St. Teresa tradition of parishioners donating for the Christmas Flowers that decorate our Church and Chapel. Donors' names are now on posters in vestibules of our church and chapel.

Thank you to all our flower donors!

See Page 6 About Helping Off The Streets

**WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS**

*If you are a visitor, we welcome you to the Church of St. Teresa and hope that you will come back often. To join our parish, please talk to a priest or send a note or call the rectory at 718 442 5412.*

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

*Bad weather hurt us on Dec. 14. Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$4,360. WeShare online amount was \$1,734.*

**A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK**

*For the protection of all human life from the moment of conception to the time of natural death, and for the veto of dangerous NYS legislation that encourages a decision by people who can live, to die, let us pray ...*

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