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FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Again you have heard
that it was said to your
ancestors, Do not take
a false oath, but make
good to the Lord all
that you vow.”
- Mt 5:33*

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS
Designated Sundays at 1:30
Please call the rectory to
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THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15		NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
4:00PM Toni Ann Loiacano 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Sunka Perera (Living) 10:30AM Guido Scalfani 12:30PM S.I. Sisters and Brothers 5:00PM Arielle Newman		4:00PM Ayoub Family 7:30AM John Spaam, James Episcopia, Raymond Laurson and Stephen Januszewski 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Msgr. Paul Andrews 12:30PM Jovvanni Rosaria Alaimo 5:00PM Louis Sacciolo
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:30AM Frank Vicario	8:30AM Jeff Doss 12NOON For the Holy Face of Jesus	8:30AM For the People of Our Parish 12NOON Tommy Ward 7:30Alphonse LaBarbera
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:30AM Joseph DeFina 12:00NOON Fr. Alfred Pucci	8:30AM Maryann and Joseph Granello 12NOON Ms. Dormie Moller	8:30AM Thomas F. Ward Sr.

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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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

Staff 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,

Every year our Staten Island Deanery invites and welcomes members of religious orders who live and work here on Staten Island to come to our 12:30 Mass, on the Sunday after the Super Bowl. We do this as our part of showing our respect and appreciation for all Sisters and Brothers: women and men who after long careful consideration and prayer make vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience to serve God for the rest of their lives.

To shine a light on this possibility for other people among us looking to choose a meaningful life, and for all members of the Catholic Church to show our appreciation for these consecrated people, our Holy Fathers have established an annual WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE. So, helped by friendly parishioners like volunteers from our Holy Name Society, I invite all Sisters and Brothers of our area to come to our 12:30 Mass and for social gathering afterwards,

We are now on the verge of Lent. Ash Wednesday is three days away—a day that can set the pattern for a person's spiritually satisfying and productive season, or a sadly lackadaisical Lent. Planning to come on Wednesday to receive ashes is a reminder of our mortality and expression of responsibility for our own sins. On Ash Wednesday we anticipate and pay attention to God's judgment for what we have done and what we have failed to do. We receive ashes and hear these somber words: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

You don't have to be awesome to make a good Lent, but you do have to be humble and responsible. It is like the simple advice I learned on the first day of high school: keep the rules, and the rules will keep you. That applies in so many areas of life: in your school, in your marriage, in your job, in your family, in maintaining health.

Here are the traditional official rules for Lent that Catholic people should keep. Reminded each year by our bishops, all Catholics should follow them to make a meaningful Lent, to avoid detours and pitfalls, and to be on the road to heaven. You can receive ashes during and after our three Masses on Ash Wednesday: 8:30, 12 Noon, 7:30pm. Especially for children and workers, we also give ashes in church between 3:30 and 4:30.

Praying on Ash Wednesday and making some promises is only a good start. There is more to do. Here is a reminder:

1. Praying every day is a big advantage for people who want to be good. Besides daily prayer, be sure to come to Mass and receive Holy Communion worthily every Sunday. This is one of the official precepts and best practices of all of us. Our parish Mass schedule is: Saturday at 4pm, Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00 in St. Nicholas Chapel, 10:30, 12:30 and 5pm.

2. Weekday Masses are voluntary but many people like coming to them. We have 8:30 Masses every Monday to Saturday, and 12 Noon Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays Thursdays, Fridays.

3. A special inspiration and popular practice during Lent is MAKING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. We do that together in church every Friday at 7:30pm. We have good prayerbooks for you to use, and it takes about 40 minutes.

4. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. To explain:

a) Fasting means eating only one full meal on these important days. Two smaller meals may be eaten: smaller quantity, and no snacking. Ages 18 to 59 are obligated; others should also do this if possible for them.

b) Abstinence means not eating meat or poultry. People 14 and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Plan not to forget. People of other ages should join them if possible.

5. Lent is a special time to be charitable. We think about how to give to God more of our time, our talent, our treasure. Who should you give more of your time, talent, and treasure to? To the One who gave you life itself, the One who will be your judge when you die. Give to maintain churches like ours where people can pray, to schools so that every generation learns about God and religious truth. To people who enabled you to have good things in this life. To the institutions that make the world a better place. Hoarding as if we can take any possessions with us when you die, or ignoring what people need now even though you can help them, hurts you and does nothing to improve the world and help people in need,

6. Make a confession that relieves you of guilt and improves your peace of mind and your future. Priests and people are in church every Saturday for confession, from Noon to 1pm. Ask for and receive God's forgiveness for sins. This Sacrament—the best name is Reconciliation; it is also known as Penance, and as Confession. It is private and anonymous. We use the confessionals along the rear wall of the church.

Hoping that all this informs us and encourages each of us to make a very good Lent,

Msgr. William Belford



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.



*BEGINNING THIS WEEK
MAKE THE STATIONS!*

Every Friday
at 7:30PM
in Church
Throughout Lent

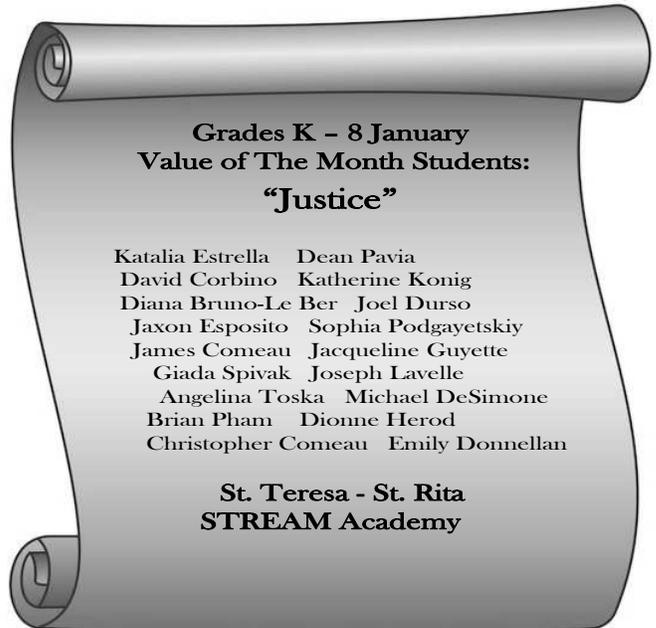
way of the cross

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A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For all the people we know who are suffering from poor health or addictions, to turn to God for relief and healing to make their lives more satisfying and endurable, and ready for heaven, let us pray this Lent...



**Grades K - 8 January
Value of The Month Students:
"Justice"**

- Katalia Estrella Dean Pavia
- David Corbino Katherine Konig
- Diana Bruno-Le Ber Joel Durso
- Jaxon Esposito Sophia Podgayetskiy
- James Comeau Jacqueline Guyette
- Giada Spivak Joseph Lavelle
- Angelina Toska Michael DeSimone
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DO YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN LISTEN TO YOU?

Christmas can be difficult. If you can benefit from a conversation with a professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective, our priests can make a connection for you with the Archdiocese of New York's

PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK

Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor on Staten Island, for up to six meetings, with only a \$10 co-pay per session.

This can be arranged very easily. Tell one of our priests that you want to talk with a counselor. He will contact the **PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK** on your behalf. Then you call and arrange your first visit with someone who really knows how to listen to you.

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CYCLE A

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- OBEX
- ANGRY
- PROMISE
- BETTER
- FAITHFUL
- KEEP
- MURDER
- THOUGHTS
- SWEAR

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