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APRIL 19, 2026 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
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WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:33-34

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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

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First Fridays after Noon Mass until Benediction at 3PM

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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.

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MONDAY, APRIL 20	TUESDAY, APRIL 21	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
8:30AM Lincoln Hession	8:30AM Deceased Members of Forlenza and Coniglione Fasmilies 12NOON Frank and Louise Caputo	8:30AM William G. Iafe 12NOON Leonard Olivia
THURSDAY, APRIL 23	FRIDAY, APRIL 24	SATURDAY, APRIL 25
8:30AM Giuseppe Stanfa 12 NOON Manfredi and Cuzzo Families	8:30AM Robert Forlenza 12NOON Dianne Fiore	8:30AM Deacon Hector Espinal

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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 Guarino, Ricky Gundacker, David Hall, Barbara Harris, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Anne Lamantia, 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 Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

Monsignor Belford 4pm, 7:30am, 10:30am,

Father Kallattil 9am, 12:30pm, Clove Lakes Home

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

The best book of the Bible to read during this Easter season in my opinion is the fifth book in the New Testament. It immediately follows the essential Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They tell us about the earthly life of Jesus the Son of God, from the time of his conception in the womb of the Virgin Mary, through his birth in Bethlehem, his public ministry that started with his calling of twelve disciples who would be eyewitnesses to his teaching and miracles, to his baptism in the Jordan River by his cousin John, to a variety of his words, deeds, and miracles, and very importantly — to his arrest and condemnation and crucifixion and death and burial. And then to his resurrection from the dead, his astonishing and convincing appearances after rising from the tomb, meeting some people on the road, even entering the place in Jerusalem where the apostles were hiding, and proving that he was alive by eating with them.

You know what that fifth book of the New Testament is called: Acts of the Apostles. The title makes sense, because it traces the growth of the faith-filled community through the activities and experiences of the apostles like Peter and other community members and even persecutors like Saul, who later on will be called Paul.

But who wrote this important book that is proclaimed at Mass almost every day from Easter to Pentecost? Who had the faith and the sources and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to compose such a big important history of the first decades of this new assembly of people (i.e. a church who would gather to pray as good Jews on every Sabbath day (i.e., Saturday) and then on the first day of each week (i.e., Sunday) and read parts of their Hebrew Bible but also tell the story about the life and miracles and sufferings and crucifixion and resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Your chance of getting the correct answer to who wrote the Bible's book of Acts is pretty good, since I will tell you that it was one of these four men called Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

But how can we be sure which one of those four was the one who took on the big job of composing a second book? First: because he tells us in chapter 1, verse 1: *In the first book, Theophilus (Greek for "Friend of God") I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up.* Then it is easy to compare and see the way that these two books had the same style and words and composition.

To give you a challenge and encourage you to be careful readers, I urge you today to try to answer a few questions by reading the first chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Maybe you can get into a habit of reading a new chapter of Acts each day. Pick up your pencil. and get ready to take an easy quiz. The correct answers will be on the next page.

Question 1: Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He stayed with his disciples for forty days, and told them not to leave Jerusalem. One of the things they had to do was to replace Judas, an original apostle who had betrayed Jesus on the night of the Last Supper. Two men were nominated: Barsabbas and Matthias. Which one replaced Judas?

Question 2: On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, helping them to speak languages that they did not know. What did the crowds of people in Jerusalem think about this strange behavior? A) That the apostles were inspired. B) That they were very intelligent. C) That they had drunk too much new wine.

Question 3: After receiving the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, as told in chapter 2, Saint Peter gave an eloquent speech about Jesus, telling everyone that: "God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Though some people were insulted and disbelieving, others were inspired by Peter's words, and asked him what they were supposed to do. Peter told them: *Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.* And if they did that, they would receive the Holy Spirit. How many people does Acts 2:41 say were baptized that day? Was it: A) 30? B) 300? C) 3,000? D) 30,000?

Question 4: In chapter 5, why did a man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira suddenly drop dead? A) They lied about money. B) They had a fight. C) They insulted Peter. D) They could not count correctly.

You can find answers in your Bible, or on the next page. Then keep reading until you know the rest of the story.

Msgr. William Belford

Dorothy Day Prayer Group

Monday, April 20th 7:00 PM (Every 3rd Monday)

Holy Child Church, 4747 Amboy Rd.

Join us to pray for the canonization of Dorothy Day and the mission of Staten Island Catholic Worker. We meet in the church for exposition followed by a short gathering in the fellowship room. All are welcome! For more information, email SiCatholicWorker@gmail.com

**HEALING MASS AT ST. RITA CHURCH**

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This Friday, April 24 at 7 PM

Fr. Thomas Sunil VC—Celebrant

OUR MASS BOOK RESERVATIONS FOR JULY 2026 TO DECEMBER 2026 WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY MAY 7

Many people faithfully commemorate the dates of loved ones' anniversaries of birth, 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 our loved ones expresses our connection with them, and we who remember them also benefit from praying for them. So: the Mass Book for July to December 2026 will be open in the rectory on Thursday May 7 beginning at 10am for those who want to come in. Any questions, please call Lisa at 718 442-5412.

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 today. 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.

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

*WeShare online amount was \$7,272.
For Easter Sunday, parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$31,388.*

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

In thanksgiving for the safe return of the four astronauts who circled the moon and added to our knowledge and respect for what God has created, let us pray to the Lord...

Your Answers to the Bible Quiz

1. Matthias took the place of Judas.
2. People thought they were drunk.
3. On Pentecost, 3000 people were baptized
4. They lied about money.

A big day that no husband or wife should ignore is your anniversary day or year. 25 years and 50 years of married life are very significant numbers that are worthy of celebration and special thanks to God. So here is an invitation for our parishioners who are Golden Anniversary or Silver Anniversary Couples.

Our parish wants to honor you, pray with you and for you, and have breakfast with you and your family. The details: 10:30 Mass on Sunday May 17 in St. Teresa Church. This Mass with renewal of vows is followed by a delicious breakfast served by the men of our Holy Name Society. Please call Lisa at the Rectory 718 442 5412 to say that you are Silver or Golden Jubilarians and are coming for Mass and breakfast on May 17.



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GROWING WITH THE **Gospel** CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Easter • Luke 24:13-35

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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| Emmaus | Christ | village |
| talking | Moses | bread |
| Cleopas | Prophets | Simon |

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Pack a bag with some snacks and your Bible, and take a long walk with your family. When you stop to eat your snacks, read your favorite story about Jesus.





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