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APRIL 26, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SATURDAY 4:00PM

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10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

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WEDDINGS

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priest to begin planning your
wedding

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THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 26	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3
4:00PM Margaret M. Burke 7:30AM For the People of our Parish 9:00AM Matthew Trivelli 10:30AM Doris Glynn 12:30PM Jack D'Ugo 5:00PM Savino Mazzaro		4:00PM Jack D'Ugo 7:30AM Annamaria Caruselle and Mark Kennedy 9:00AM For the People of our Parish 10:30AM Edna Bassill 12:30PM Robert and Jean Tronalone 5:00PM Jack Marino
MONDAY, APRIL 27	TUESDAY, APRIL 28	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
8:30AM Frank and Rose Schmitt	8:30AM For Peace 12NOON Angelo Chiarelli	8:30AM 12NOON Angelo Chiarelli
THURSDAY, APRIL 30	FRIDAY, MAY 1	SATURDAY, MAY 2
8:30AM Burton Cohen 12NOON Santino DeTorre	8:30AM Theresann Yashian (Living) 12NOON In Thanksgiving	8:30AM For the Sick

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, Donnalyne Lawton, Anne Lamantia, 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 7:30am, 12:30pm

Father Kallattil 4pm, 9am, 10:30am, Clove Lakes Home

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

This coming Saturday will be our celebration of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** for forty-four children of our parish. Please take a look in church at the creative banners hung along the walls, which the children made with some help from their families at a special retreat to get ready for the big day. Their first names, and symbols of the bread and wine that become the Body and Blood of Jesus, decorate these banners. Pick your favorite banner, or see all the names on page 6 inside, and if you would, pray for one of them during this coming week.

As announced last week, Sunday May 17 will be the day for our parish's Golden (50 years) and Silver (25) Wedding Anniversary Couples to come to the 10:30 Mass for a special blessing, and for an excellent brunch to follow in our lower church hall, sponsored by the men of our Holy Name Society. Please call the rectory (718 442 5412) in the very near future so we can plan to have all a happy celebration for you and your guests.

In the bulletin for Easter Sunday I wrote about the greatest religious television personality of the 1950s: Bishop Fulton Sheen. He was a wonderful teacher and communicator, and he used many short messages that helped to turn people's lives around. His beatification—soon to be called Blessed which is one step below being officially declared a Saint—will take place on Thursday September 24 in The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. His beatification follows the verified miracle of the 2010 healing of a stillborn child named James Engstrom through prayers for the help of Bishop Sheen, who had died many years before. Besides the major event in St. Louis, the diocese of Peoria in Illinois will host additional events around that time.

Here are examples of Bishop Sheen's messages written on a TV blackboard, for your consideration and use.

- * *Laughter is the shock absorber that eases the blows of life.*
- * *The world is like a giant puzzle, whose pieces fit together only with Christian vision.*
- * *Optimism is a magnet for happiness. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you.*
- * *A true genius admits that he or she knows nothing.*
- * *If you want your life to make a difference, keep things simple.*
- * *Remember to love people and use things, rather than love things and use people.*

A very efficient and helpful ministry to connect people with basic furnishings or no longer needed furniture and household items has moved closer to us! See information on page 5 about OFF THE STREET – a Catholic Worker ministry which will happen on Saturday May 2, from 12 to 2, near us in the parking lot at Blessed Sacrament Church on Forest Ave. Please see the information on page 4 about this way for you to help other people to furnish their living quarters with furniture or items you no longer need—and/or for you to acquire free things to make your home more complete. Please read the list of things to bring (or not bring) to the Blessed Sacrament parking lot this Saturday.

If you were doing our Easter Season Chapter-A-Day Bible reading in Saint Luke's second book that is called the Acts of the Apostles you will probably know the answers to these questions even before you look on the next page:

- * In chapter 5, what was the painful punishment inflicted on the apostles to get them to stop speaking about Jesus?
- * What Old Testament man is described as "an extremely beautiful baby" in Acts 7:20?
- * What is the name of the Deacon who was stoned to death in Acts 7—and who was there to watch their cloaks?
- * A deacon named Philip in Acts 8 explained Scripture to an Ethiopian eunuch, and baptized him. True or false?
- * In Acts 9, did Jesus really say: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And did Saul enter Damascus blind?
- * Tabitha was well known for her good deeds and almsgiving. When she died, what did Peter do for her?

Msgr. William Belford

MASS BOOK RESERVATIONS FOR JULY 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.

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 significant numbers that are worthy of celebration and special thanks to God. So here is an invitation and reminder for our parishioners who are Golden Anniversary or Silver Anniversary Couples this year.

Our parish wants to honor you, pray with you, and have breakfast with you and your family. The details: 10:30 Mass on Sunday May 17th 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 very soon to say that you are a Silver or Golden Jubilarian and want to come for Mass and breakfast on May 17th.

Also: If you married in 1976, then this is your year to celebrate as Golden Jubilarians with Archbishop Ronald Hicks. Our Parish Mass on May 17th is for both Silver and Golden couples. But if this is your 50th Anniversary, Arch-bishop Ronald Hicks invites you and all Golden Jubilarians to have seats of honor in Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday June 7, at a 2:30 pm Mass. Please call Lisa at the Rectory 718 442 5412 for more details and to register for the Cathedral by Wednesday May 20th.

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

*WeShare online amount was \$2,902.
Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass
with contributions of \$7,031.*

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES ANSWERS

Flogging. Moses. Stephen and Saul.

True. Yes and Yes.

Told her to get up—and she did.



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April 26, 2026
 Month of the Holy Eucharist
 Paschaltide

Dear Friends:

Years of war in Ukraine have profoundly affected both their society and the Church there. From the beginning, the laity has played a significant role in responding to the needs of displaced families, orphaned children, and other victims of the conflict. In the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Exarchate of Lutsk, laypeople such as catechists, parish pastoral and economic council members have been called upon to provide faith formation, carefully manage parish resources, and provide emotional and spiritual support to members of the local parish communities.

These laypeople have heeded their call to holiness by bringing their talents and abilities to serve God and their neighbors. The exarchate, (a diocese of the Orthodox Church), with crucial funds received through *the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe*, has answered the call of Pope Leo to empower and form the laity to help bring the Gospel to the world.

By contributing to this collection on May 3, you help the Church in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe to witness to Christ's mercy, even in the midst of terrible hardship.

Your participation will express your care and support for the people throughout the region, especially in times of crisis and disruption. I am asking that you prayerfully consider as an act of mercy and charity a generous donation to this distinctive offering.

My thanks to you for last year's contribution of \$295,585 and for your kindness once again this year. For more information and free resources, visit www.usccb.org/ccee/collection.

With gratitude for your support to build the future of the *Church in Central and Eastern Europe*, and with my prayerful best wishes for this joyful fifty days of Easter, may God bless you always.

As I remain –

Sincerely in Christ,


 The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
 Archbishop of New York

RAH:djlf



**Please Join In Praying For And Congratulating
Saint Teresa's First Holy Communion Children**

Jamie Adamo
Mia Arnone
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Andrea Castillo
Luca Costanzo
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Raffaele DiMaggio
Camden Dowd
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Gianna Granberg
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Makai Martin
Ethan Merzlyakov

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Salvatore Musso
Teagan O'Leary
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