**Confessions:** Saturdays: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm or by appointment. Please call the rectory.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of the month, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass and concluding with a Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 pm.

**Novena Services:** Miraculous Medal Novena and the Saint Teresa Novena, with veneration of the relic of Saint Teresa, every Monday following the 8:30 am Mass.

**Baptisms:** Every Sunday of the month 1:30 pm following the 12:30 pm Mass. Parents are asked to contact the rectory and schedule an appointment with one of the parish priests to make arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament and to register for the Baptism preparation class.

**Marriages:** Please contact the rectory at least one year in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with one of the parish priests. Participation in the Marriage Preparation Program offered by the Archdiocese of New York, along with Natural Family Planning classes, is required. To register for Marriage Preparation sessions, contact the Family Life / Respect Life website at www.flrl.org.

**Parish Membership:** New parishioners are warmly welcomed. Those already enrolled in the school, CCD Program, sports or other parish activities are not automatically registered in our parish. Please stop by the parish office or call for a membership form. It is important that all parishioners are registered.

**Served by**
Msgr. William J. Belford......................Pastor
Father Jean-Marie Vianney Uzabakirho Parochial Vicar
Father John Kallattil, VC.......................Parochial Vicar
Deacon Phillip Maroon..............Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Anna Simione.........................School Principal
Mrs. Lisa Rametta..............Religious Ed. Coordinator
Mrs. Lisa Naughton.....................Parish Manager
Sister Margaret Mary..................Pastoral Care
Mr. Edward Morand..............Director of Music

**Mass Schedule**
**Saturday**........... 4:00 pm, Vigil Mass
**Sunday**
St. Teresa .......... 7:30 am
10:00 am
12:30 pm
5:00 pm
St. Nicholas...... 9:30 am & 10:30 am
**Eve of Holydays** .... 4:00 pm
**Holy Days** ........ As announced in bulletin.
**Daily Masses**....... 8:30 & 12 Noon
Saturday, 8:30 am only

**St. Nicholas Chapel**
*La Bau Avenue and Northern Boulevard*

**St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus**
1634 Victory Boulevard
Castleton Corners
Staten Island, NY 10314

**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**January 14, 2018**

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**First Friday Masses**
8:30 am and 12 Noon, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition continues throughout the morning and early afternoon hours, concluding at 3:00 pm with a Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
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**Thank you for your faithful support of our parish.**

**Last week’s collection was**

$14,016.
Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Tomorrow is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This annual remembrance should be more than a reason for a day off from work. It reminds us to pay attention to the reality of sin and the torment of slavery, to our own attitudes and prejudices, and to pray for the elimination of racial discrimination in every part of our lives. At our Masses at 8:30 and 12 Noon, we will use the Mass prayers for The Progress of Peoples, number 29 in the Roman Missal. This what we will ask of Almighty God:

“O God, who gave one origin to all peoples and willed to gather from them one family for yourself, fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love, and kindle in them a desire for the just advancement of their neighbor, so that, through the good things that you richly bestow upon all, each human person may be brought to perfection, every division may be removed, and equity and justice may be established in human society. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

Through your contributions in the vestibules after Masses on the third Sunday of each month for our BABY BIN - a gathering of monetary donations, diapers, formula, new or no longer needed baby items and furniture that can be passed along - our parishioners have for a long time given support to needy mothers and their babies on Staten Island. Every month, depending on what is received, we send hundreds of dollars to a local ministry where mothers and their not-yet-born or newborn babies go for help. We recommend the pro-life ministry of the Cross Road Foundation, located at 1152 Victory Boulevard, for any need you have or gift you might make or volunteer time you want to offer. Ms. Kimberly Carbonaro is the Director, and her phone number at Cross Road is 718 556 3474.

In her regular monthly letter thanking us for our contribution, Ms. Carbonaro recounted her recent experience with a woman who came to see her months earlier, when she found that she was pregnant. The mother-to-be was considering getting an abortion because she had no family and no support. At Cross Road she saw more options and met people who could help her to have her baby. This was the result:

"Recently on a cold Friday night I received a phone call that our young lady was being rushed to the hospital to deliver her baby. She contacted her advisor because she did not want to be alone. We met her at the hospital and stood with her the whole night until her precious baby boy was born. We cried together and celebrated the birth of her son. As she sat in the bed and held him, she cried and said, how could I have ever thought of aborting you? Right there the advisor and I looked at each other and knew that all the months of our support and encouragement had played a very big role in this woman's life."

Injustice to babies and the mistaken insistence on the priority of an adult's choice over the right to life of an unborn baby is the reason why more than 100,000 youth and adults are expected to converge on Washington, D.C. this Friday, 45 years after the infamous Roe V. Wade decision that opened the door for legal abortions in the United States. The first March for Life was held the next January, and it has a life of its own with many young people participating. Organizer Jeanne Mancini says, "The majority of participants are young adults and teenagers. Young people are attracted to social justice issues, and abortion is the most important social justice issue of our times. Youth see themselves as the pro-life generation."

Having gone on the March many times, I can affirm two things: there are many thoughtful, joyful young people every year, and, you will not hear much or anything about their witness for human rights. The media do not cover this story, or tell us about how many diverse groups attend. Though the March is nonsectarian and welcomes many Protestants, Jews, Muslims, and non-believers, we should be proud that Catholics have been among the leaders from the beginning, with our Cardinals always speaking the truth and leading the prayers. And in an historic change last year, deeply pro-life Vice President Mike Pence came to the March. He spoke to crowds and to the people watching at home about his own beliefs and about the President's commitment to the sanctity of human life.

There may still be seats available on the buses going from Staten Island to the March this Friday. Call Elisa at 347 874 3346 to inquire or to make a reservation. Pick-up places are: Sacred Heart Church on Castleton Ave. at 7am after a 6:30 Mass, and St. Charles on Hylan Blvd. at 7:30 after a 6:45 Mass. If you cannot make the trip, do not ignore the day. Say a rosary for a change of heart in our nation, and/or come to our St. Teresa Church for Mass at 8:30 or 12 Noon.

And --- from Thursday afternoon on, turn to EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) to see constant coverage of the Masses in Washington and the March itself, with interviews and a chance for you to see for yourself the heroes and heroines of the Pro-Life Generation. EWTN can be found on FIOS/Verizon at 285, Spectrum at 460, Dish at 261, and Direct TV at 370.

Both prayers and action are needed to change hearts so that justice and peace can prevail.

Yours in Christ our Liberator and Redeemer,
Msgr. William Belford
NEW INFORMATION ABOUT WILLS, ETC.

Next Sunday, January 21, in our lower church hall after the 10am Mass, you are invited to join us and hear an experienced lawyer speak about estate planning, the importance of having a will, health care proxies, and related subjects that affect your families. Ms. Joanne Seminara, Esq., a volunteer with our Archdiocesan Office of Planned Giving, will explain about health care proxies, executors, power of attorney, tax issues, probate, how often a will should be updated, etc.

Golden Age Club News

Our Golden Age Club meets in Conran Hall each Monday when school is open, from 12 to 2. Members and guests enjoy conversation, games, etc. Call Lorraine at 917 292 6737.

COMING MEETINGS

Interested families with autistic young adults are invited to a meeting on Saturday January 27 in our lower church hall from 10 to 11:15 for a discussion and sharing about our wonderful convent project. We will follow that with a meeting for parishioners and neighbors on Saturday February 24, also in the lower church hall, from 10am to 11:15. Everyone is invited.

BABY BIN GIFTS WELCOMED NEXT SUNDAY

After Mass next Sunday in the vestibule, and every third Sunday of the month, donations for babies and their mothers in need will be collected. Thank you for helping families make a better start in life in their time of need.

READ OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN ONLINE

You can read all our recent parish bulletins at: saintteresasi.org.
You can also access our parish calendar and view our activities.

The winner of our December 50/50 Drawing was: Joseph Vendittelli. The prize was $363.

If you would like to participate in this monthly activity that benefits our parish and makes people happy, look for the 50/50 envelopes in the vestibule. The next drawing will be at the end of January.
Adopt a three-point plan for holiness in the New Year

All Christians are called to holiness. “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus’ body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, “For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him” (John 6:55-56). That’s why we call it, “Communion.”

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

From Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, God’s authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered for the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, “Thus says the Lord…” Instead Jesus said, “I say to you…” He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus’ listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God’s power and authority isn’t just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, “Jesus is Lord,” then we give him our loyalty and obedience.

Q & A

I make terrible decisions. How can I do better?

It’s true that bad decisions can lead to sin. Try to take a formal approach to decision making.

- Get all the facts. That helps you know your options.
- Pray. Place yourself in God’s presence and ask for his guidance.
- Listen to your conscience. Your conscience is the ability within you that helps you discern right from wrong. “Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him … to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil.” (CCC #1777)
- Choose to do the right thing, choose to follow your conscience. This requires courage.
- Ask for help. When in doubt, ask a trusted advisor.
- Be accountable. Take responsibility for any decisions you make and for their consequences. Although blaming others in some cases is justified, it usually is not productive.
- Admit mistakes. Learn from mistakes you make and apply what you have learned to future situations. Don’t get thrown by errors. Continue to persevere, despite setbacks.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1. Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

Jan. 26 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century). Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century). Timothy was a convert of St. Paul’s and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul’s, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.
Gospel Today
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:35-42

John saw the Holy Spirit when he baptized Jesus and told the others “this is the Lamb of God”. Interested people began to follow Jesus.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH
Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Look  John  Messiah  Spent  Come  See
Lamb  Disciples  Teacher  People  Day  See
God  Heard  People  Spent  Come  See
Jesus  Followed  Teacher  Spent  Come  See
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Baptized  Messiah  People  Spent  Come  See

Draw a picture of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove as John saw it appear above Jesus after His baptism.
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