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MAY 9, 2021 | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM

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

*AT PRESENT, ALL THESE MASSES ARE IN OUR
CHURCH. BUT BEGINNING ON JUNE 20, THE
9AM MASS WILL RETURN TO ST. NICHOLAS
CHAPEL, NORTHERN BOULEVARD AT LA BAU
AVE., ONE BLOCK IN FROM VICTORY BLVD.*

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



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 the sacristy near the altar

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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THIS SUNDAY, MAY 9	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 16
4:00PM Michael Ward 7:30AM All Mothers 9:00AM Antoinette DeRiso 10:30AM Josephine S. Tanzosh 12:30PM Delores Bellero 5:00PM For the People of our Parish		4:00PM Fred Joseph Fischer 7:30pm For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM John Sikoryak 10:30AM Novena 12:30PM Ralph Anthony Pellechia 5:00PM Rita and John Ward
MONDAY, MAY 10	TUESDAY, MAY 11	WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
8:30AM Mothers Day Novena	8:30AM Joy Travalino (Living) 12NOON Mothers Day Novena	8:30AM Mothers Day Novena 12NOON Kathy Forlenza
THURSDAY, MAY 12	FRIDAY, MONTH MAY 14	SATURDAY, MAY 15
8:30AM Donna Wisnieski 12NOON Mothers Day Novena	8:30AM Mothers Day Novena 12NOON Albert Zucal and Francis Schmitt	8:30AM Mothers Day Novena

IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED. MANY PEOPLE HAVE FOUND SOLACE AND BECOME CLOSER TO GOD BY ATTENDING MASS DURING THE WEEK AS WELL AS ON SUNDAY.

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Pastor

FATHER JOHN KALLATTIL, VC
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Parish Manager

MR. EDWARD MORAND
Director of Music

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: **Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciriello, Rob Cavallone, Carina DeGulio, Ed Diaz, Rachel Diaz, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarlino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Josephine Linton, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Bill McMillen, Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Edwin Rodriguez, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, Joseph Tirone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, William Wisnieski.**

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Private Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Gordon, GA.

Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

4pm, 7:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford
 9am, 10:30am, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil
 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Teresa Church,

Let me begin with thoughts to ponder at any time, but especially when we are praising and praying for all mothers:
MOTHER is the most beautiful word on the lips of children of all ages.

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built a cathedral. She need not. She has built something much more magnificent: a dwelling for an immortal soul.

A mother always sees goodness in her children and maintains hope for their happiness. So all Christians should stay hopeful for ourselves and our world because we know that the passion of Jesus on the cross was preparation for his resurrection and victory over death. After the joy of Easter came those forty days of appearances and encouragement for his apostles. Jesus made them—and us—strong enough to leave us to spread the Gospel and as his Church to offer his sacraments for the salvation of the world. Therefore make an effort this week to celebrate the holyday we call **THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN**. Come to Mass this Thursday because where He has gone, we are striving to follow. **Masses for our Holyday of Obligation will be offered on this Wednesday at 4pm, and on Thursday at 8:30am, 12 Noon, and 7:30pm.**

* You are seeing today the first result of our collaboration with a new bulletin publishing company that offers us advantages such as color covers, updated design, extra content, and as we go forward, ways to send information that you can choose to receive on your phone or computer. As you may know, many people do not look at a newspaper, or pick up a bulletin, but might be interested in getting news and inspiration in other ways. Switching as we are doing today, from Bon Venture Services to Liturgical Publications Inc, better known as LPi, involved a lot of work. What you see today is a work in progress, with more improvements to come. But I hope you are pleased by our first effort.

This second Sunday of May, Mother's Day, is a serendipitous day for this change, because we can put that colorful flower and succinct exhortation on the front cover. We thank all the women who by giving birth or by adoption or by supportive prayerful love have taken care of babies and children with all their hearts and souls. We offer them our thanks, admiration and prayers. One special way is our Novena for Mothers—nine days of Masses for all our mothers, especially those whose names are being placed next to the tabernacle that holds the consecrated Hosts.

* Since gratitude is a virtue - and quite contagious - today is a good day for me to say thanks and to render a report of success to all parishioners and donors to this year's **CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**.

Our parishioners for the second straight year have met the challenge of reaching our parish's Cardinal's Appeal financial goal. This is wonderful, and worthy of a big announcement. So now, flashing back to the dramatic moments - for example, of the great Jerry Lewis Telethons - please imagine that you are hearing a long, loud drum-roll, and get ready to shout and applaud as you hear a new, very impressive pledge total. **With a significantly high goal for 2021 of \$119,500, St. Teresa parishioners rose to the challenge, and by last week pledged a grand total of \$164,155!**

Such a big amount in the strange year of Covid-19! The need has been great (and is certainly not over.) Maybe for that reason, so many of you accepted the chance to be especially charitable through this once-a-year request for help. With minimum fuss, Cardinal Dolan as Archbishop and I as your pastor have asked you for the sake of others in need, that we all make some contribution according to our means that will help individuals with special needs and parishes with expenses for teaching, feeding, maintaining services and doing the works of mercy.

And so you have come through splendidly. And our St. Teresa parish will benefit directly as well as indirectly, because 60% of the money above goal that is actually received, is returned for the use of the donating parish. But we are also in sight of another very important goal—which is to have a total of more than two hundred contributors to this year's Appeal. If even ten more parishioners will make a contribution today or in the days to come—by sending their check to THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL, 1011 First Avenue, NY NY 10022, with a note that says you are members of St. Teresa Parish in Staten Island, we will reach and exceed our goal of 200 participants, more than in any recent year.

We'll know in a few weeks if we get to or exceed that grand number of 200 individuals and families from our parish who are willing to make a sacrifice for people they probably will never meet. But by your charity to others, I trust that you will re-discover the joy and value of sharing and giving generously while you live on earth, knowing that the Lord said that the measure we measure with now, will be the measure used for us later on.

Continuing to celebrate with you the results of the Resurrection,
 Msgr. William Belford

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Teresa's Bereavement Group

St. Teresa's Bereavement Group will be meeting every Saturday morning at 10:45 via the Conference Call System until they can resume scheduled meetings in the Parish House. This is the phone # for participants to call in at 10:45am on Saturday mornings - 978-990-5027. The access code is 455962# as some may want to refer to it in the weeks to come. Contact Michael Schiffler at 347-581-1082 if you have any questions. A call before is requested to make first-time visitors comfortable.

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln



BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Thomas Forlenza—Erin Werner
Robert Burgos—Shannon Wilkey

Thank you for your Sunday donations! WeShare online amount was \$2,634. Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of \$8,052.

CONGRATULATIONS !

To St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy Principal Mrs. Nicole C. Fresca, and Mrs. Rita Azzopardi. Assistant Principal, who were honored on Monday, May 3 during a visit to our school by Staten Island Region of Catholic Schools Board Chairman Deacon James Cowan and Regional Superintendent Mrs. Zoilita Herrera for the great work they have done during this academic year for the students and families of St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy.

To Father James Ferreira, who many will remember for his first three years of priesthood here in our parish from 2010 to 2013. His later assignments included five years as Priest-Secretary to His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan. Now after a year's experience as Administrator at the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians in Tottenville, Father Ferreira will be installed as Pastor of that church by His Eminence on Saturday May 22. Ad multos annos!

To a seminarian from Dunwoodie that we knew as "Brother Bobby" when he was with us for several months in the summer of 2018. We are very happy to announce that the Reverend Robert Carolan will be ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday May 29. I am sure there will be a write-up and picture in the next Catholic New York. Please pray for Father Carolan, for his classmates, and for more young men to accept the challenge and the joy of becoming priests to serve God's people.

GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

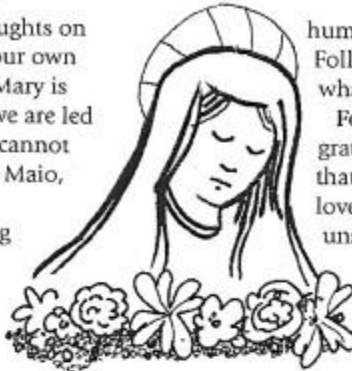
Make a reservation now for a fun day on August 25! Join our parishioners and others for a day trip by bus, to shopping at Peddlers Village in New Hope, PA, an enjoyable meal there and an entertaining murder mystery to figure out! Come with us to see **DEATH AT THE DOO WOP!** on Wednesday August 25. Cost is just \$110 including tips.

N.B. (Nota Bene): this could make a neat Mother's Day gift for yourself, or, for a mother you love. Just saying, to help any grown-up child out there who hasn't yet gotten a good gift for Mom. Call Lorraine, President of the Golden Age Society, at 917 292 6737 to reserve your seat for Wednesday August 25.

Mary brings us to the heart of her Son

Jesus so loved his mother that his last thoughts on the Cross were of her. He gave her to us as our own mother, and wants us to honor her. "Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise" (Mense Maio, Blessed Pope Paul VI).

For her "yes." Without fully understanding what God intended, she unhesitatingly agreed to become his mother. Her "yes" made it possible for God to become



human and be crucified for our salvation. Following her example means saying "yes" to whatever God asks.

For her sacrifice. Wouldn't you be forever grateful to someone who gave up her child so that you and your loved ones might live? Mary loved her amazing child and she experienced unspeakable heartache as he was sacrificed for us. Praying the Rosary regularly reminds us of the life of Jesus and the desire of his Mother to bring us close to his heart.

from Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain top in Galilee, so they could receive their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught.

These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience his love for us, we can't keep him to ourselves. We must share him.

Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity —Father, Son, and

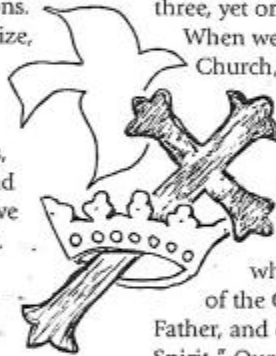
Holy Spirit – three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to Christianity.

When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the Trinity.

The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power.

We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign

of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.



Q & A Why are Catholics urged to pray?

St. Therese of Lisieux said, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Practically speaking, prayer is how we connect with God.

Prayer helps us to hear God's voice. By praying, we learn about Him, come to understand what He wants for us, and how we reap the blessings He wants to give us. The more we pray, the closer to Him we become. "Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2564).

Through our Baptism, we are united with Jesus. When we pray often and regularly, we create the habit of being in His presence and in communion with Him. And, we tap into our Baptismal connection. Through a healthy prayer life, we enjoy a personal and living relationship with God.

God seeks to draw us each to Himself. Prayer is our answer to Him.



Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker. Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 13 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 18 – St. Felix of Cantalice

(1587). Born to poor, pious parents in Italy, St. Felix was called "Brother Deogratias" because he was always thanking God. As a young man, he joined the Capuchins, who sent him to Rome to be the friary's official beggar. He was also friends with Saints Philip Neri and Charles Borromeo.


May 23 – Pentecost (1st century). After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was given to the Church at the first Pentecost. When the apostles received the Holy Spirit, the "new age" of the Church was born.



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 Puzzle

Help this child find Jesus.



 Mission for the Week

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.

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Growing with the GOSPEL



Mark 10:17-30 ■ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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