



CHURCH OF SAINT TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS & ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

MAY 16, 2021 | 7TH 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.*

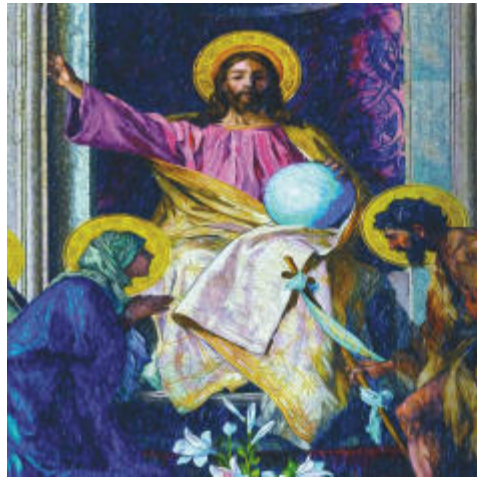
WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"I do not ask that you take
them out of the world but
that you keep them from
the evil one. They do not
belong to the world any
more than I belong to the
world. Consecrate them in
the truth. Your word is
truth." - Jn 17:15-17*

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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 the sacristy near the altar

WEDDINGS

Please call and speak to a priest
to begin planning your wedding

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anytime

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THIS SUNDAY, MAY 16	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 23
4:00PM Fred Joseph Fischer 7:30AM For the People of our Parish 9:00AM John Sikoryak 10:30AM Mothers Day Novena 12:30PM Ralph Anthony Pellecchia 5:00PM Rita and John Ward		4:00PM St. Rita 7:30pm Cusimano Family 9:00AM For the People of our Parish 10:30AM Michael and Rosina Nappa 12:30PM John Tyler Pena 5:00PM
MONDAY, MAY 17	TUESDAY, MAY 18	WEDNESDAY, MAY 19
8:30AM Mothers Day Novena	8:30AM Anne Sigismondi 12NOON Mothers Day Novena	8:30AM Paul Sica Sr. 12NOON Deceased Members of the Brogan Family
THURSDAY, MAY 20	FRIDAY, MAY 21	SATURDAY, MAY 22
8:30AM 12NOON Mary Ward	8:30AM Anthony Bordonaro 12NOON Andrew Esposito	8:30AM

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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Parochial Vicar

FATHER STEVEN CHALLMAN
Sunday Associate

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Deacon

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St. Teresa-St. Rita Principal

MRS. LISA RAMETTA
Religious Education Coordinator

MRS. LISA NAUGHTON
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, 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, David Malone Jr., 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

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Each year Cardinal Dolan welcomes the graduating seniors of all our Catholic High Schools to come to Mass with him in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. On those days in Manhattan I was always happy to see the surge of Catholic HS students coming by busses and subway, in uniforms with a variety of school colors, noticed and admired by the midtown workers.

This year only two representatives from each school could be invited to that Mass. The other seniors – there are 5,277 seniors scheduled to graduate this spring! – were watching on livestream in their homerooms. But the account in CATHOLIC NEW YORK, on page 11 of the May 6th issue, was a proud one for us at Saint Teresa Parish, because the one senior chosen from thousands to address the Cardinal during the Mass on behalf of all of the graduates was our own Sarah Mastoros, a senior at Notre Dame Academy.

A Catholic school student since kindergarten, Sarah attended St. Teresa School and St. John Villa Academy before Notre Dame Academy. Her three siblings (Mary, Elizabeth, and Christopher) are also Catholic school young adults, and Sarah thanked her parents (Chris and Bernice) for the sacrifices they had made to make her education possible.

Here are quotes from Sarah's speech, as reported in that article in CATHOLIC NEW YORK:

"This past year has been very difficult for people in many ways. The death of a loved one, the loss of a job, and financial difficulties are just some of the problems Covid-19 forced people to face.

Through all of these hardships, having hope and taking solace in our Catholic faith have been the forces that bring people out of the darkness and into the Light.

I am very proud to say that I go to a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of New York, and I hope to use the foundations of my education in my college years and beyond."

Sarah concluded her words with thanks to her teachers, saying that she has been inspired to study education and looks forward to one day educating her own students in the Catholic principles she feels very fortunate to have learned.

We have received encouraging news from NY's Governor that as of this Wednesday, May 19, there will no longer be a capacity restriction on houses of worship. (For our 500 seat church, it had been 250.) However, masks are still to be worn, and the six foot social distancing requirement for strangers is still in effect. That last part means that we still have to tape off rows and remind you to sit apart. So — in effect we are not really back to using full capacity yet.

Nevertheless, I am happy to remind you of our previous Parish Council recommendation to return the 9am Mass to St. Nicholas Chapel one month from now - on Fathers Day, June 20. Until then, the 9am Mass will continue at St. Teresa Church.

I am looking forward to saying that first Mass on June 20 for the devoted people who love the Chapel. I visited there this week to be sure that it will be in good order. One window was broken by a lacrosse ball. There hasn't been an apology yet for this accident. Some spots on the ceiling will get some paint. The lectionary on the pulpit and the missal on the altar were still open to the Second Sunday of Lent (2020). Otherwise we are almost ready. Perhaps we can all channel the spirit of Jimmy Cagney / George M. Cohen and sing: *"Tell all the gang at 42nd Street (or Saint Nicholas Chapel) that I will soon be there..."*

Let us continue to pray for the unfortunate people in countries like India where the coronavirus is taking a heavy toll. We will respond to their practical needs with a contribution from our parish, in lieu of a second collection, sent to Cardinal Dolan to forward to the very effective Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Anyone who wants to send a personal contribution can mail it to: CNEWA, 1011 First Avenue, NY NY 10022. And ask for a copy of their excellent magazine called ONE.

Among the welcome signs of renewal and anticipated return to favorite activities is the line-up of one-day and multi-day bus trips for our Golden Age Society members (and for other parishioners and neighbors who want to join us.)

Parishioner and Golden Age President Lorraine Sellers is an excellent organizer and leader. Her contact information for you to make a reservation or ask a question or get a flyer is : 917 292 6737 or lrpmpkn@aol.com. On the docket:

* Golden Age members only will meet for lunch on Monday June 7, at Casa Verde restaurant.

* The next two one-day bus trips, open to everyone, will be:

- - Wednesday August 25 to Peddlers Village in PA for shopping and a murder mystery lunch {"DEATH AT THE DOO WOP"}. Price is \$110 complete. \$25 deposit is required to save a seat.
- - Wednesday October 13 to see a new musical at the Sight and Sound Theater based on the Bible's Book of Esther: QUEEN ESTHER AT THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER WITH LUNCH AT MILLER'S RESTAURANT. Price is \$160 complete. Deposit required soon to save a seat.

* As for the longer bus trips: most seats are already reserved for a four day/three night expedition to Boston, Salem, and Cape Ann. A casino may be in there somewhere. Dates: Sept 17-20, 2021. Price is \$424. Deposit is needed now.

Then next year, in 2022, three multi-day trips are already planned:

- 5 day, 4 night trip to Vermont; May 16-20; \$621.
- 4 day, 3 night trip to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard; July 18-22 \$499.
- 7 day, 6 night trip to Nashville, Tennessee, Oct 2-8; \$762.

Life is short, and this year has been hard. Renew relationships, take care of yourselves, and enjoy while you can.

Msgr. William Belford

How to Apply for Financial Assistance With Funeral Expenses for COVID-19 Deaths

People should know that under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. If your family lost someone to COVID and had COVID-19 funeral expenses, you could gather documentation such as:

- Official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States

- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened;

* Also, proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs.

Those who meet the FEMA guidelines will need to order a new certified copy of the death certificate with a cause of death. Any hospital, nursing home or home death will not have a cause of death listed on the death certificate due to NYC HIPAA laws. Funeral homes can only reorder death certificates for family within one year from the date of death. For more information; <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>.



BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Thomas Forlenza—Erin Werner

Robert Burgos—Shannon Wilkey

Thank you for your Sunday donations! WeShare online amount was \$3,324. Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of \$10,810.

YELLOW 50/50 CLUB ENVELOPES ARE ON THE TABLES IN THE VESTIBULES. ENTRY AMOUNT: \$5.

The winner of our April 50/50 Drawing was Mr. & Mrs. Tom Beyar. For a \$5 entry, their prize was \$136. Turn in your envelope by late May!

A PRAYER FOR NURSES THIS WEEK

For the women and men who have the vocation to be nurses, that they may see the suffering Jesus in the people they care for, and that the people they care for may see their nurses as angels or saints, let us pray...



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.



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.

St. Teresa's Bereavement Group

After many months of being able to meet only on Zoom, leaders and members of St. Teresa's Bereavement Group are relieved and happy to be resuming in-person meetings next month! The place is our Parish House on the corner of Slosson and Windsor. The dates are Saturday mornings June 12 and 26 at 10:45. Contact Michael Schiffler at 347 466 0603 if you have any questions. A call beforehand is requested to make first-time visitors comfortable.

OUR STREAM ACADEMY IS FINISHING THE SEMESTER VERY WELL AND LOOKING AHEAD TO FULLTIME IN-PERSON CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER.

THE TIME TO REGISTER STUDENTS IS NOW!

If you are interested in learning more about what St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy is like, what our scores are, and what we can do for your children, check our website www.stsrstreamacademy.com or call us at 718 448 9650.

**INFORMATION FOR OUR PARISH
ABOUT OUR
FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Thanks to the annual University of Notre Dame Bread of Life food collection on Staten Island, for their generous donation of \$1,650 to our Sister Margaret Mary Food Pantry!

Though we cannot open the Pantry at this time because of Covid-19, we give monthly credits to people to shop at Met Foods.

Since last fall, thanks to the generous contributions of our parishioners who contribute in the vestibule on the First Sunday of each month, or mail a gift to church, we have been able to distribute more than \$6,000 each month to feed people in need.

Today's Second Collection
is to help the Catholic Church in the United States
to keep up with Growing Needs for Church Communications

Since 1979, the **Catholic Communication Campaign** has helped connect people to the life-saving message of the Gospel. Half of your contribution to the Catholic Communication Campaign collection stays in your local community, while the other half funds projects that bring the Gospel into homes across the country and beyond through film, television, radio, and the Internet.

Thanks to generous gifts to the Catholic Communication Campaign, dioceses and parishes across the United States were able to livestream Mass for people unable to attend in person during the COVID-19 pandemic. As communications needs evolve, the Catholic Communication Campaign is there to help dioceses and Catholic media producers adapt and bring the timeless message of the Gospel to the world in fresh, new ways.

For more information and parish resources, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN
TO LEARN ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY**

You Are Cordially Invited To A Tribute
To The Men And Women Who Gave Their Lives
So That We Could Be Free

**Our Lady of Pity Church
1616 Richmond Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10314
Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9:30 AM**

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated followed by a service at The FIVE STAR POST MONUMENT, #1857 American Legion where Five Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients will be recognized:

Sergeant William Shemin - US Army - WW1
Sergeant Henry Johnson - US Army - WW1
Lieutenant Vincent R. Capodanno - US Navy
- Vietnam War
Private Joseph F. Merrell - US Army - WWII
Corporal Desmond T. Doss - US Army - WWII

The monument is located outside the Church off the rear parking lot.

Matthew J. Scamardella
Past Post Commander
Five Star Post #1857 American Legion
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PERIODIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT

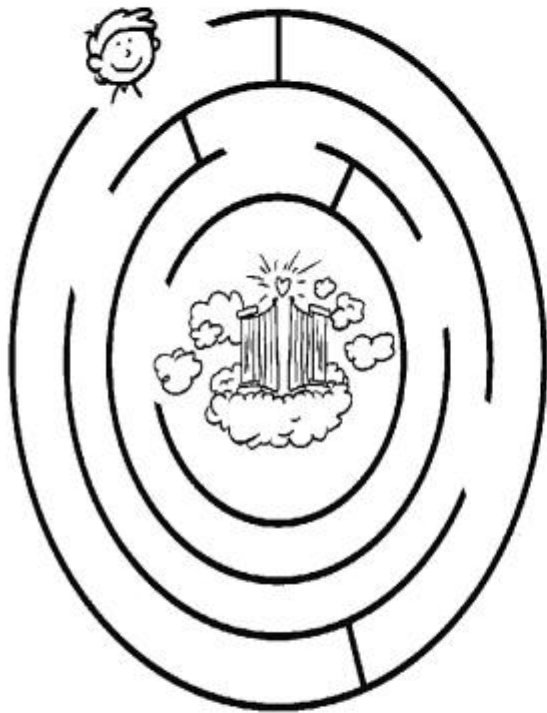
"To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York you may contact the victims assistance coordinator,

Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found at the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."



PUZZLE

Help the boy find his way to Heaven.



MISSION

I will help others on my way to heaven in the name of Jesus Christ.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



7th Sunday of Easter • John 17:11b-19

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