



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

MAY 30, 2021 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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**



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."  
- Mt 28:18-19

Adapted from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCCB

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

On designated Sundays at 1:30pm.

Please call the rectory for dates

and to speak with a priest. Parents meet a priest or deacon before the

Baptism of their first child

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm,

in the sacristy room 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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays from 9am to 3pm

## RELIGION / SCHOOL

### ST. TERESA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**PROGRAM** for parishioners in public school begins with first grade and leads to Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Students are taught on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5:30. Call 718 981 2632 or email [ccd@saintteresasi.org](mailto:ccd@saintteresasi.org).

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**ACADEMY** for 3K to 8th graders offers a sound education in the Catholic faith. Students take part in a rigorous instructional program that challenges them in a STREAM supported atmosphere—Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Mathematics. Our ultimate goal is to provide students with the skills to be productive members of the Church and positive members of society. For September we plan five full days of in-school instruction. Please call the office at 718 448 9650 or visit [stsrstreamacademy.com](http://stsrstreamacademy.com)

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 30	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 6
4:00PM Giovannina Purpeo 7:30AM Sr. Margaret Giroux, CND (Living) 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Margaret Glynn 12:30PM Burton Cohen 5:00PM Arielle Newman		4:00PM Rosina and Alfio Cottone 7:30pm Michael Koenig 9:00AM Maryann Granello 10:30AM Charles H. Buhse 12:30PM Rufo Limon 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, MAY 31	TUESDAY, JUNE 1	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
8:30AM James Pelliccio	8:30AM Lydia and Michael Colombo (Living) 12NOON Marie Savarese	8:30AM Augusta Einstman 12NOON Robert Compton
THURSDAY, JUNE 3	FRIDAY, JUNE 4	SATURDAY, JUNE 5
8:30AM Louis Pastina 12NOON Jack Carone	8:30AM Msgr. Dermot Brennan 12NOON J.T. Pena	8:30AM Thanksgiving for Protection

*IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.*

### SERVED BY

**MSGR. WILLIAM BELFORD**  
Pastor

**FATHER JOHN KALLATTIL, VC**  
Parochial Vicar

**FATHER STEVEN CHALLMAN**  
Sunday Associate

**DEACON JONATHAN REYES**  
Deacon

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**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, 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, Garrison Humphreys, South Korea.*

*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 Saint Teresa Church,

Peace be with you this Sunday as we focus on the awesome mystery of one God in three Persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are united in the humanly incomprehensible but true reality of the Most Holy Trinity.

There is a Latin phrase that teaches the importance of attention to the words of our prayers. *Lex orandi, lex credendi* means that the law of praying establishes the law of believing. Our prayers teach us what is true and what is to be believed. Therefore, despite the very long and complicated structure of this traditional Latin style, try to appreciate all that is being said in the opening prayer for today's Mass: ***God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification, made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.***

Moving now from eternal truths to temporary rules, let me start by thanking God for helping us to be emerging from so many months of fear and danger from the coronavirus. Thanks in large part to the great blessing of available and free vaccinations, some things we like and need are being restored to us.

By reading guidelines from our Archdiocesan Vicar General, by listening to people, by welcoming each Sunday some I have not seen in a year, and by talking on the phone to others who are still not willing to risk being in a crowd, or to trust that everyone around them really has been vaccinated, my thought is to respect those who are cautious, and for now to maintain our simple and effective protections of keeping every other pew empty, and expecting people to wear their masks when inside St. Teresa Church or St. Nicholas Chapel. [As you know, we will return the 9am Mass to St. Nicholas Chapel on June 20.]

One positive and practical change we are permitted to make will begin today. We will place missalettes and hymn books in the pew holders for general use. These aides to worship help us to follow the readings and hymns and to offer our own prayers. We did a good thing in recent months by allowing people to take home a personal copy of the missalette. That time is now over. So please do not take any missalette home. We need these books from now to November 27! But if you would like to have a prayerbook of your own, I recommend a subscription to MAGNIFICAT magazine. Check it out at [Magnificat.com](http://Magnificat.com).

There was a suggestion to make separate sections in church for the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. But there is no practical way for verification, to know who has made a mistake where they sat, or whether we might need to seat family members in different sections. I prefer for us to maintain our safety by separation of rows and social distance.

Here are some other points in a recent letter from the Vicar General. This is not complete and is subject to change.

\* Unvaccinated individuals, under both CDC and state guidance, must wear masks in all public settings. The department of health strongly recommends masks in indoor settings where vaccination status of individuals is unknown.

\* Where vaccination status of individuals is unknown and for patrons who do not present proof of full vaccination status, the required physical distance of six feet still applies.

\* For now, we will not resume the sign of peace even though people seem to do so spontaneously. Holy water fonts should continue to remain empty. Communicants should continue to receive in the hand rather than on the tongue. Because young ones are not vaccinated, the children's liturgy of the word should not resume at this time.

\* The procession with the gifts of bread and wine may resume if all participants are proven to be vaccinated. Altar servers who are proven to be vaccinated may assist at Mass and other services. Choirs comprised of vaccinated members may resume normal activities.

\* As a practical matter, not everyone will be ready for an immediate return to normal activities. As such, without the removal of all restrictions and to ensure our people recognize that their safety is our paramount concern, each parish should continue to offer hand sanitizers for parishioners and engage in enhanced cleaning of the church and all gathering places.

To sum up and put these rules in perspective: as you know, actually being at Mass is a greater blessing and superior to watching at home, in terms of socializing and participating and most of all, receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord. Cardinal Dolan and I encourage people to come back to Sunday—or at least weekday—Mass. But I continue to have great respect for the many members of our parish who are anxious about their health or afraid to return to Mass in person because of their own vulnerability, or because of the danger of bringing the virus home to people they live with. May the Holy Spirit guide your decisions, and all of us be safe and healthy in the weeks and months to come.

Yours in Christ our Risen Lord,  
Msgr. William Belford



St. Teresa Boy Scout Troop 37 is proud to congratulate three more members for achieving the impressive rank of **EAGLE SCOUT**.

We salute Andrew Joseph DiCostanzo, Joseph Michael Ferretti and Liam Emmett O'Brien. Troop 37 will host an **Eagle Scout Court of Honor** this Friday June 4 at 7:00pm in St. Teresa Church. Our Parish is proud of these young men and very grateful to all our Scout Leaders.

#### PROTECT LIFE APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES CATHOLIC BISHOPS

"A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for elective abortions! The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions for many years. But now powerful members of Congress want to get rid of these good laws, which have been supported by both Democrats *and* Republicans for 45 years.

Without the Hyde Amendment and related policies, *billions* of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world.

Let us save our government from making us pay for the taking of innocent human life. Contact Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis and Senators Schumer and Gillibrand. Tell them to keep the Hyde Amendment and related policies and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion."

*Thank you for your Sunday donations! WeShare online amount was \$1754. Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of \$7,068.*

#### A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*That we may have an increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life, and that potential seminarians will realize how much help they can give to people when they are doing the Lord's work, let us pray to the Lord...*

#### 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 next date will be Saturday morning June 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.

#### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE

#### SOMEONE WHO CAN LISTEN?

Everyone goes through crises sometimes. When that is happening, we can benefit from a conversation with a professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective.

Our parish can make a connection for you with the **Archdiocese of New York's**

#### PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK

Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor on Staten Island or anyplace in the Archdiocese, for up to six meetings, with only a \$10 co-pay per session.

This can be arranged easily. Tell one of our priests that you want to talk with a counselor. He will contact the **PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK** on your behalf. Then you can call and arrange your first visit with someone who can listen.



**INFORMATION FOR OUR PARISHIONERS****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.*

**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>.

**GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY TRIP UPDATES**

Everyone enjoyed our recent trip to Cape May. Peddlers Village Trip and "Death At The Doo Wop" is sold out. Our Boston Trip - 4 days-3 nights on September 17-20 - has room but is selling out quickly.

*Motorcoach transportation 3 nights lodging 6 meals:  
3 breakfasts and 3 dinners Full Day Guided Tour of Boston  
Boston's World Famous Faneuil Hall & Quincy Marketplace  
Minute Man National Historical Park Full Day Guided Tour of  
Scenic Coastal Massachusetts*

Call Lorraine, the President of the Golden Age Society, at 917 292 6737 to ask for a flyer or to reserve your seat.

*Next Monday—Golden Age luncheon for society members.*

**THIS MONDAY IS MEMORIAL DAY -  
A DAY TO PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY HEROES  
SPECIAL MASS 9:30AM AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH**

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

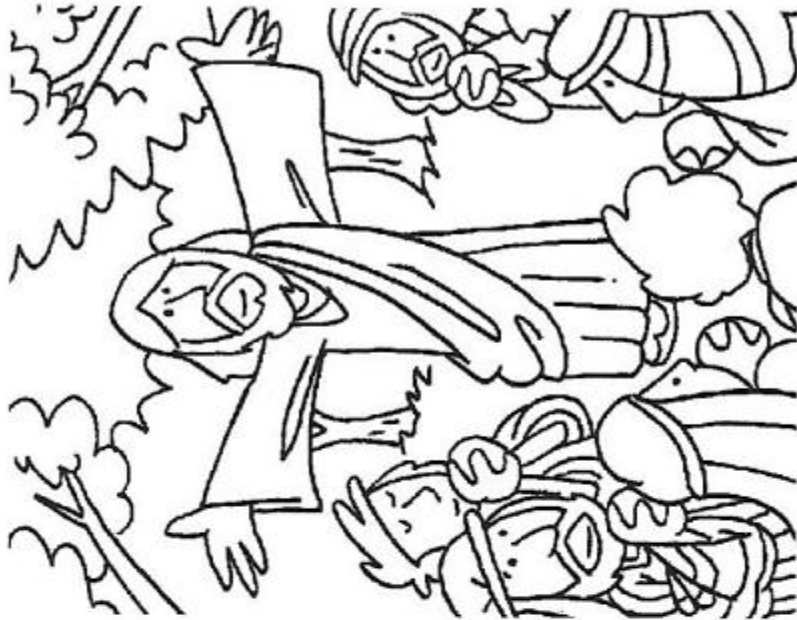
The monument is located outside the Church off the rear parking lot.

Matthew J. Scamardella  
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**GROWING**   
WITH THE **Gospel**  
CYCLE B

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



The Most Holy Trinity • Matthew 28:16-20

 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

AUTHORITY	MOUNTAIN	BAPTIZE
ELEVEN	GALILEE	TEACH
DISCIPLES	NATIONS	ALWAYS

A	J	E	G	S	U	L	E	T	F	A
N	U	D	B	A	P	T	I	Z	E	R
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 **MISSION**

When we read the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Father. What have you learned so far about the Holy Spirit? Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up "Holy Spirit." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Talk about each verse. If you have any questions, write them down and ask your pastor or teacher for help.





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