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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM

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

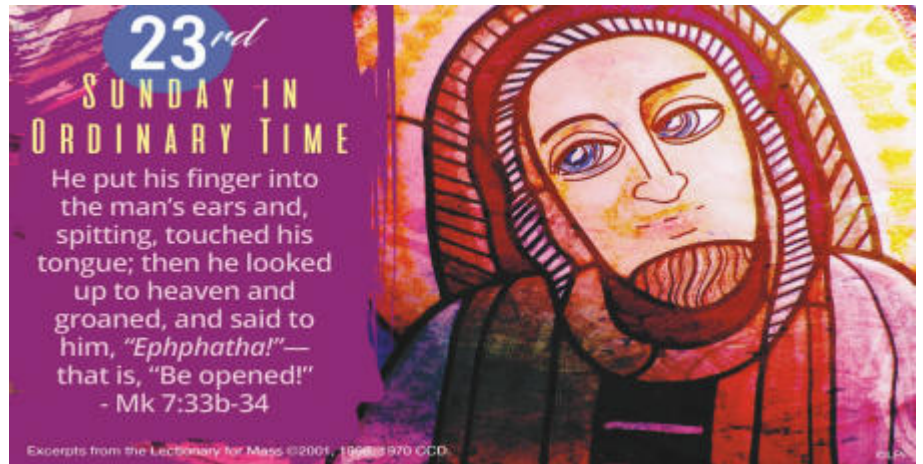
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9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS
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WEEKDAY MASSES

**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

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THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
4:00PM Joan Ozga 7:30AM Tony Mangiaracino 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Anthony Antenucci 12:30PM Phil Meli 5:00PM Joan Ozga		4:00PM Filipinas Decena 7:30AM James Thomas and Marjorie DeSilva (Wedding Ann.) 9:00AM Maryann Granello 10:30AM Albert Witt 12:30PM John Mondelli 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
8:30AM Maryann Granello	8:30AM Theresa Capobianco 12NOON Mr. Anthony	8:30AM Michael Long 12NOON Joseph Foresta
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:30AM Theresa and Robert Travalino (Living) 12NOON Deceased Members of the SWEM Club	8:30AM Thanksgiving Robbin Antony 12NOON Joseph Maggiore	8:30AM William Buhse

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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, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Circirillo, Carina DeGulio, Ed Diaz, Rachel Diaz, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarino, 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, Ronald Rothmund, 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, 9am Monsignor Belford
 10:30am, 12:30, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil
 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Heroism and sacrifice are very much on our minds this weekend, in the aftermath of all that has happened in Afghanistan, and our feelings on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. But September 4 is another anniversary—of the heroic death in 1967, on a battlefield in Vietnam, of a native Staten Islander: Father Vincent Capodanno, a priest and Servant of God who has been awarded the United States Medal of Honor and might one day be called a Saint of our Catholic Church.

Here are parts of his life story, as found on the interesting multi-media website of the Father Capodanno Guild:

Vincent Robert Capodanno was born on February 13, 1929, in Staten Island, New York, the tenth child of Italian immigrants. Through the example of his parents, Vincent Jr. experienced the dignity of hard work, pride of family, strength of ethnic solidarity and most especially, love of his Catholic faith. These values sustained the family during the Great Depression and the sudden loss of their patriarch on young Vincent's tenth birthday.

The American involvement in World War II impacted Vincent personally with three of his brothers serving in the military. This fostered in him a profound patriotism and strong faith. Often before classes at Curtis High School, Vincent attended daily Mass at his home parish in Mariners Harbor, a good practice he continued after graduation and during his undergraduate years at Fordham University. While on a spiritual retreat in 1949 he confided to a close friend and fellow student his vocational desire: to be a priest.

Like many young adults of that era, Vincent was familiar through their magazine—The Field Afar—with the missionary work of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society based in Westchester and popularly known as Maryknoll. Wanting to share his faith by responding to peoples' needs through foreign service, he applied to join the Maryknoll Fathers and received acceptance in 1949.

After nine years of intensive preparation in theology, academics, and basic survival tactics to fulfill the order's mission to "Go and Teach All Nations," Vincent was ordained in 1958 by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Accompanied by the tolling of the seminary's bell, an annual tradition of the departure service, Father Capodanno learned his destination: Taiwan. He arrived on the island in 1959, and immediately began studying the difficult language and acclimating to the culture of his future parishioners, the Hakka-Chinese. While serving that community, Father Capodanno administered the sacraments, taught native catechists, and distributed food and medicine.

After a new assignment in Hong Kong, Father Capodanno sought permission to join the Navy Chaplain Corps. He wanted to serve the increasing number of Marine troops in Vietnam. Maryknoll granted his request. After finishing Officer Candidate School, Father Capodanno reported to the 7th Marines in Vietnam. As the chaplain for the battalion, his focus was the young enlisted troops or "Grunts." Later transferred to a medical unit, Father Capodanno was more than a priest ministering within the horrific arena of war. He became a constant companion to the Marines: living, eating, and sleeping in the same conditions of the men. He established libraries, gathered and distributed gifts and organized outreach programs for the local villagers. He spent hours reassuring the weary and disillusioned, consoling the grieving, hearing confessions, instructing converts, distributing St. Christopher medals. Such work "energized" him so much that he requested an extension to remain with the Marines.

It was during his second tour of duty in Vietnam, on September 4, 1967, with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, that Father Capodanno made the ultimate sacrifice. After hours of heavy fighting from a North Vietnamese ambush, Father Capodanno, himself seriously injured, ran to the assistance of a wounded corpsman. He and the Marine he was assisting were pinned down by an enemy machine gunner while he administered medical and spiritual attention. Despite the fact that he was unarmed, the enemy opened fire on him and Father Capodanno, with 27 bullet wounds, died performing his work as a good and faithful servant of God.

Posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1969, Lieutenant Capodanno was also awarded the Navy Bronze Star medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and the Purple Heart Medal. After his death, a chapel bearing his name was dedicated on Hill 51 in Que Son Valley, Vietnam. Chaplain Capodanno had helped build this simple place of prayer and peace that was constructed of thatched palms and bamboo. Within months, the chapel at the Navy Chaplains School at Newport, RI, was dedicated the Capodanno Memorial Chapel. Other military chapels and commemorations are located in Oakland, CA, Camp Pendleton, CA, Fort Wadsworth, NY, Iwakuni, Japan, and Thiankou, Taiwan, to honor the missionary who began his work in that country.

Another significant and prestigious memorial was the naming of a Navy vessel, the USS Capodanno, a ship whose motto was "Duty with Honor." During its 20 years of operational service, it was further distinguished as the first ship in the US Fleet to receive a Papal Blessing. Further military buildings bearing his name include the Vincent Robert Capodanno Naval Clinic in Gaeta, Italy, Capodanno Hall at the San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, and the Capodanno Research Facility at the Navy personnel offices in Millington, TN. Other tributes preserving his name are: Capodanno Boulevard in Staten Island, NY, and Capodanno Street at the Naval Base, Newport, RI.

Artists have chosen to commemorate Father Capodanno's heroic final moments. An oil painting by Douglas Rosa is at the Chaplain School in Newport, RI, and a bronze statue by Antonio Pierotti stands at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island. The painting depicts the priest's struggle to rescue the dying corpsman, while the sculpture reveals a calm and prayerful chaplain administering to the Marine. Another dramatic representation of the priest, a sculpture, is situated in Gaeta, Italy's town square. We will again display in our church these weeks a lithograph portrait of Father in uniform, with prayer book and stole, looking directly at us.

Annual awards and scholarships continue to honor Father Capodanno. Since 1971, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation designates a recipient among children of Marine Corps members. In 2002 the former Chaplain of the Year Award was renamed the Father Vincent Capodanno Chaplain of the Year Award. Sixteen Knights of Columbus assemblies and councils throughout the United States have chosen Father Capodanno for their patron; similarly the Veterans of Foreign Wars have honored the chaplain by naming several posts after him. The continuation of these acknowledgments demonstrates the enduring love and respect that Father Capodanno inspires. Since his death in 1967, many people wishing to honor his memory have chosen specific and eloquent ways to honor the holiness that this man of God radiated in his lifetime and afterward.

Father Capodanno is buried with his parents at St. Peter's Cemetery. If you would like to receive more information about Father Capodanno and his path to being called a Saint, you can join the Father Capodanno Guild at www.capodannoguild.org.

Msgr. William Belford

OUR ANNUAL PRAYERS NEXT SUNDAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS KILLED ON 9/11

As we do each year after Masses on the Sunday nearest to September 11th, we invite the congregation leaving Mass to gather for a brief service at our parish's 9/11 Memorial, to remember by name the ten parishioners who became victims of that terrible day of violence.

You are also urged to come this Friday evening September 10 to Our Lady of Pity Church, at 1616 Richmond Avenue, just hundreds of feet from Victory Blvd. at 7:30pm for the annual Staten Island Mass of Remembrance sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Staten Island.

CONVERSATION WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

There is a very interesting weekly radio program on The Catholic Channel 129 Sirius Satellite Radio. The title: **CONVERSATION WITH CARDINAL DOLAN.**

During his show, Cardinal Dolan discusses important religious issues, gives his perspective on news from around the nation and the world, talks to big names from both in and out of the church, and takes calls and questions about faith. (He is known to also mention baseball and food once in a while!) The program is aired on Tuesdays at 2pm. The Cardinal is pretty popular, because you can hear replays on Sirius channel 129 at 4am on Wednesdays, 6am and 9am on Saturdays, 3am, 9am, 6pm and 9pm on Sundays, and 4am on Mondays.

JOB OPENING FOR A PASTORALCARE MINISTER

There is a full-time opening in the Pastoral Care Department at Carmel Richmond Healthcare and Rehab Center. If you have the skills and desire, please contact: Suzanne Alio at 718-407-2941



A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

That we may see the connection between the Ark of the Covenant, which carried and protected the commandments, and the body of the Virgin Mary, which carried and protected the human body of the Son of God, let us pray to the Lord...

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Most of us remember too little about the Ten Commandments or even where to find them in the Bible (Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5).

Those who take the time to study the Ten Commandments find that they are God's guide to a life full of blessings.

There's much more to these Ten Commandments than meets the eye. They are not God's way of preventing us from having a good time. They truly are ten keys to a successful and happy life!

Every Commandment of God is for our good. The Commandments are designed to protect us, our families and our communities. They are a guide to improving the way we think, what we do, and how we live.

These are the traditional formulas found in The Catechism of the Catholic Church, introducing #2052ff.

*I am the Lord your God:
you shall not have strange gods before me.*

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods or anything else that belongs to him.

AS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK,

TODAY THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE :

TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN HAITI
AFTER THEIR RECENT EARTHQUAKE

BEREAVEMENT GROUP RESUMES

Our St. Teresa's Bereavement Group will resume meeting in person at the Parish House every other Saturday morning beginning on Sat. September 11 at 10:45am. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. Please call Michael Schiffler at (347) 466-0603 before your first meeting so he can welcome you.

INVITATION TO OUR SACRAMENTS

Have you not been baptized? Or did you miss First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Wouldn't you like to receive these Sacraments and become a full-fledged member of our Catholic Church? It is not too late! If you would like to know more about this, talk to a priest or to Deacon Jonathan Reyes so that you can join our wonderful Sunday morning meetings known as RCIA—the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We begin in September, so please let us know.



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SCHOOL IS AROUND THE CORNER!

All our children need a religious education.
We can help you to give it. Call our Catholic School at 718 448 9650 or our Religious Education Program at 718 981 2632 soon.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE**WHO CAN LISTEN TO YOU?**

Everyone goes through crises sometimes. When that is happening, you 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 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, and then you can call and arrange your first visit with someone who knows how to listen.

MEALS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP

The City Department of Education (DOE) is offering free meals to students and to adults locally at different designated times.

Free breakfast and lunch meals are available for all New York City Students from 9a.m. to noon at specified school locations.

Adults can pick up meals from 3 to 5 p.m. on school days only.

Meals are not available to the general public at other times.

No registration or identification is required, and multiple meals can be picked up at once.

Families can search "Free Meals" on schools.nyc.gov or call 311 to find a site near them. Families can also text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 to find a meal near them.

ARE YOU READY TO SAVE**TIME, TROUBLE, AND MONEY?**

This way of giving saves you preparing envelopes. It saves us money printing and distributing them!

We recommend you do this by using **WeShare**. Follow these steps: 1. Go to our parish website:

www.saintteresasi.org. 2. Look for the cute church and see "Give Online." 3. Go to Primary Church Collection and then Recurring Church Collection. 4. Enter the amount you want to give. Your donation is deducted safely from bank accounts or credit cards, under your control as you decide.

This is important for our parish future.

GROWING ⁺ WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 7:31-37

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GALILEE

DEAF

TALK

TOUCH

FINGERS

EARS

SPIT

TONGUE

AMAZED

O D L A D H M A C D
 F T O N W A B G U B R O G
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+ MISSION

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.



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