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NOVEMBER 14, 2021 | 33RD 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**

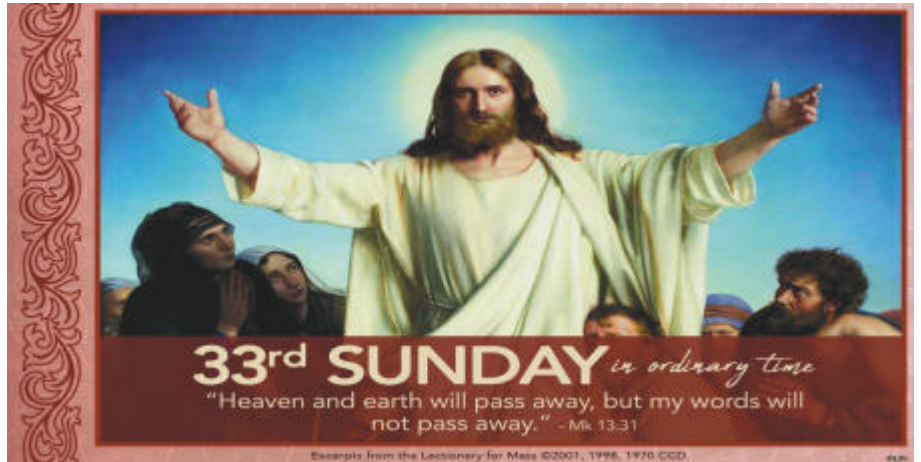
*ALL THESE MASSES ARE IN ST. TERESA
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9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS
CHAPEL, ON NORTHERN BLVD. AT LA BAU
AVE., ONE BLOCK IN FROM VICTORY BLVD*

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
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or deacon.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm,
in the sacristy near the altar

WEDDINGS

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THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21
4:00PM Patricia Van Houten and Margaret Caterina 7:30AM Carmella Pirrazzi 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Kathryn Parnassa 12:30PM Charles Festa 5:00PM Ariele Newman		4:00PM Allen D'Arcy 7:30PM Mary Ann and Mary Fair, Patty McVey 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Mary Ann Milano 12:30PM Marie Sapienza 5:00PM Marie Sapienza
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
8:30AM Daniel and Mary Agnes Dougherty	8:30AM Anthony Savarese 12NOON Frances Kennedy	8:30AM Patrick Rogan 12NOON Mary Bruno Pansarasa
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8:30AM Rob Cavallone 12NOON Joseph Tirone	8:30AM Grace Ward There will not be a Noon Mass today.	8:30AM Frank Vicario

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

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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 Ciricirillo, 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 First Class Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Garrison Humphreys, S. 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,

* I hope you have seen the handsome new sign at our church's ball field on Victory Blvd. across from Clove Lakes Park. The old sign became weather-beaten and discolored, so it was time for a new one. In bright red letters, everyone can read: ST. TERESA CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO JOHN EDWARDS FIELD—HOME OF THE FALCONS.

John "Sonny" Edwards was a legendary coach and teacher for our parish's youth. A Sergeant in the NYPD and a member of its Holy Name and Honor Societies, an Eagle Scout, a veteran of the Korean War, physical education teacher at St. Teresa School (when it had 700+ students!), he took on the difficult task of coordinating all the teams and activities using our parish's precious very own sports field.

Mr. Edwards was highly regarded by all who knew him. His early death at age 44 was a sorrow and a loss for our parish as well as his family. The field was dedicated to his memory soon after his passing. The new sign is a chance for us to recall his example of faith and service. And when I spoke to his son Chris for more information to share with you about his father, Chris and his brother Anthony made a contribution to the YAA to pay for the new sign.

* I want to thank all of our parishioners who helped our parish to make a great response to the 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

Our parish goal this year was \$119,500. As of October 29, our generous parishioners had made pledges of over \$175,000! This is an historic outpouring of generosity during this difficult Covid time. Whether your donation was large or small – we remember last Sunday's Gospel about the widow Jesus praised, who gave the little she had - we are grateful to everyone, and would welcome additional contributions to what used to be called "Catholic Charities."

Our parish giving so far came from 231 families or individuals of our parish. Almost all that has been pledged has been sent in, and our parish will share part of the extra amount that is received above the assigned goal. In fact, some people traditionally wait for the end of the tax year to make their most generous contributions to our parish in the Christmas collection, and to the Cardinal's Appeal.

The Annual Stewardship Appeal truly is important for our Cardinal's ability to help others. We should be proud that our parishioners did our part in supporting the ministries of Catholic Charities, Catholic elementary schools, seminary education, etc. Look in the November 4 edition of CATHOLIC NEW YORK, where you can see our parish's name on the honor roll of parishes that met or exceeded their goal – just 88 out of 284 parishes were able to do that.

* Time goes fast. Next Sunday is Christ the King, and the first Sunday of Advent is November 28. Therefore the happy season of Christmas and its decorations must be in the planning stage. I met on Monday Night with our Holy Name Society. They are getting ready for their annual Christmas Tree display to lift the hearts of our parishioners and neighbors and all the passersby who cross Victory Boulevard and Slosson Avenue and so that they might think about the birth of the baby JESUS. The reservation form to ask for a tree, with the privilege of memorializing that tree with your name(s) and personal decoration, appeared in last week's bulletin, and will be repeated just once more today. Please make your desire known now, because the fifty trees that the HNS has ordered will soon be erected and decorated with lights. We will have the blessing and lighting of the trees after the 4pm Mass on Saturday December 11th.

* Many thanks to the renewed interest in donating to the SISTER MARGARET MARY FOOD PANTRY on the first Sunday of each month, and/or through donations delivered on other days in person or by mail. Thanks to Sunday's gifts, we were able to send a letter this week to all families and neighbors who need some help to have enough to eat, enabling them to use a \$100 credit to do shopping at our neighboring Met Food store.

* Please look at the page inside with the names of our young people who will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday morning. You might want to pick one name and say a prayer each day for that person for his/her spiritual openness to know and do what God has in mind for them.

Still being careful of Covid, attendance is limited and by ticket only. Because Confirmation Mass begins at 11am, we will not be able to have a noontime Mass on Friday. We are very grateful that His Excellency, our former pastor Bishop John O'Hara, will be the confirming prelate, and he will take pictures with families in church after the Mass.

Msgr. William Belford

About Parental Discretion and Vaccines

(We thought our parishioners would be interested in reading about children and vaccines. Here are excerpts from a Nov. 3 letter from our Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael Deegan.)

It is gratifying to know that our Catholic schools continue to operate—as they have for 19 months—with virtually no transmissions within our buildings, while maintaining and exceeding our high academic standards for all learners. Every step of the way, we have also strived to serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of everyone in our school communities.

As Superintendent of Schools, I must approach every critical decision guided by what is best for our children and staffs. Sometimes our school system finds itself bound by government mandates from the federal, state, or local levels.

The government has already granted vaccine approval for students ages 12 years and older, and has now determined the same for children 5-11 years old to receive the vaccine. **Thus far, there have been no vaccine mandates for any students of any age in New York, and the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese have no plans to mandate vaccinations for any students unless there are government orders to do so.**

The absence of government mandates means the decision to vaccinate your child remains solely at your discretion. Pope Francis has made it clear that vaccinating is morally acceptable and that we have the moral responsibility to get vaccinated. Cardinal Dolan has said the same. Just as you are your child's primary teacher, you are their primary health care advocate. As such, I urge you to please discuss with your pediatrician to determine what is best for your child. Taking all of the above into consideration will ensure that you are making informed decisions as you exercise your own personal discretion.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR CATHOLIC BURIAL

Resurrection Cemetery near Mt. Loretto is offering an extension through November 30, 2021 of a "Pre-Need Planning Discount" (\$500) for our grave/foundation package. Please contact our cemetery office at (718) 356 - 7738 to schedule an appointment or email: mark.rolston@archny.org

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord Jesus, help us to be very good at praying and spending time in prayer for the urgent needs of our Church, our families, and for so many people who are now immigrants or refugees, let us pray to the Lord...

TODAY WE ARE OFFERING OUR CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE FORMS INSIDE THIS BULLETIN. OUR HOLY NAME SOCIETY SERVES OUR PARISH. TREE LIGHTING IS DECEMBER 11 AFTER 4PM MASS.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The last Sunday of our liturgical year is the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to respond to secularism and atheism, this day reminds us that while governments come and go, Jesus Christ reigns as King forever. During the early 20th century, militantly secular regimes in Mexico, Russia, and parts of Europe threatened not just the Catholic church and its members, but civilization itself. (Seems familiar?) The day of Christ the King is a time to rededicate ourselves to working for the common good of everyone in our society, based on God's plans, as we identify the way of peace and justice from the teachings of our Lord. Jesus is a King who reigns forever, but He also suffers and weeps for the sufferings of His people. In our Gospel next Sunday, although Jesus seems to be heading for defeat via a terrible death on the cross, we who know better celebrate His awesome victory.

YELLOW 50/50 CLUB ENVELOPES ARE ON THE TABLES IN THE VESTIBULES. ENTRY AMOUNT: FIVE DOLLARS.

The winner of our 50/50 Drawing for the month of October was Mr. and Mrs. Rich Newman! They won \$140 for a \$5 entry. For you to possibly win next time, pick up a yellow envelope and return it before the end of the month.

*Thank you for your Sunday donations!
WeShare online amount was \$3,984.
Parishioners brought envelopes with contributions of \$5,778.*



*Please keep in your prayers this week
young members of our parish who will receive*
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Friday, November 19, 2021

Administered by Bishop John O'Hara

Julia Isabel Amon	Sofia Quinn Jobin
Anthony Michael Anderson	Colleen Rita Kelly
Juliana Gemma Arbitrio	Edward Thomas Letendre
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Olivia Lucia Borgognone	Collin Michael Matrisciani
William Thomas Buscemi	Laila Rose Valentine Moley
Mia Josephine Castellano	Gabriella Jane Montas
Angelina Dorothy Collins	Emma Catherine Moroz
Christopher Anthony Colon	Riley Kathleen O'Hanlon
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James Francis Hutchinson	Adriana Joan Valonzo
Kelly Grace Hutchinson	Charles Joseph Wright
Danica Anne James	

THE LIGHT WE ALL NEED THIS YEAR!



ST. TERESA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE

LIMITED SUPPLY – ONLY 50 TREES WILL BE ORDERED

As we continue to strive for a sense of normalcy, we can always find comfort in our faith & in the celebration of the birth of Christ our Savior. The St. Teresa Holy Name Society is proud to sponsor once again this wonderful event that will turn our Parish grounds into a WINTER WONDERLAND! You can purchase one of the brightly lit trees that will adorn our prominent corner on Victory Blvd & Slosson Ave as a way to get into the spirit of the season. Your Christmas tree comes with a customized name plaque and will be yours to decorate. All trees will be lit on **December 11th** and will shine in honor of or in memory of people who are dear to you.

Holy Name Society Christmas Tree Reservation Form



Yes, I would like a Christmas Tree
Please have my plaque read as follows:

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Please return this form to the Rectory at 1634 Victory Blvd. 10314 with a check for \$200 payable to the St. Teresa Holy Name Society.

Note: Multiple Families may join to purchase a single tree.

Lighting Ceremony on **December 11th** immediately following 4pm Mass.



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