



TAMIL CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

September 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- **October Mass,
10/16/16:
St. Cecilia church,
Monmouth
Junction, NJ**
- **Christmas Mass,
12/18/16:
St. Philip the
Apostle church,
SaddleBrook, NJ**

President's Message

Dear Members,

Hope you all had a very nice relaxing summer break. It is time to come together to celebrate many things in TCA this September. Most importantly our kids are going back to school and we are celebrating the mass for them to grow in wisdom. Also we are celebrating Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sep 8th and we will ask our Beloved Mother to pray for us. TCA is also blessed to have Bishop of Kottar Diocese, Most Rev. Peter Remigius and celebrating the mass with us. We are welcoming the Bishop with our warm heart. Please mark your calendar for our Christmas Celebration on December 18th.

James Rethinam

A Special Message

We, as a group, collected two hundred dollars' worth of food supplies which TCA's Youth Club members distributed to Five Loaves Food Pantry. Thank you all for your generosity towards charity.

The Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa

by Athalya Joseph

Mother Teresa is not only appreciated by the Catholic Church, but also recognized all around the world for her great deeds as a missionary. She was—and still is— an icon of love, for all people. Mother Teresa believed that people should never be forgotten and should always be in contact with the love God has to offer. She lives out this message especially when she helped people living in the slums of Calcutta, India. When I think of this remarkable person, I see her as a bridge, connecting the gap between people and God's love and grace. She not only helped people physically, but also helped to see hope in God.

Even after her death, her legacy lives on. Every day, in Calcutta, prayer meetings and seminars are held to commemorate Mother Teresa. Many women are inspired to become nuns and help people just like her. Her tomb was recently moved to the ground floor of The Missionaries of Charity, for people to pray by her. Also, a single drop of her blood has been sent to the United States, and a parish in Chicago is currently displaying it. In 2015, Pope Francis approved of the healing of a man in Brazil with multiple brain tumors, as being conducted by the actions of Mother Teresa. Her deeds have finally led up to something very special in our Christian faith.

As of September 4, 2016, Mother Teresa will no longer be recognized as *Blessed* Mother Teresa, but as a Saint. Mother Teresa has carried out the works of saint, through her heroic virtues, admirable character, and her two great miracles. She is such an amazing example for all people, and encourages others to help the unfortunate. Her unconditional love for the poor and sick is something everyone should wish to acquire. And as a catholic, it's great to know that there is a possibility for people to be good, even when there is so much harm and strife around us. It's so fulfilling to know that there was a person who just gave off rays of love. So as we make it through the month of September, let us remember the life of Blessed Mother Teresa, try to bring her love and virtue into our lives.

“I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love”

-Blessed Mother Teresa



The Freedom Tower

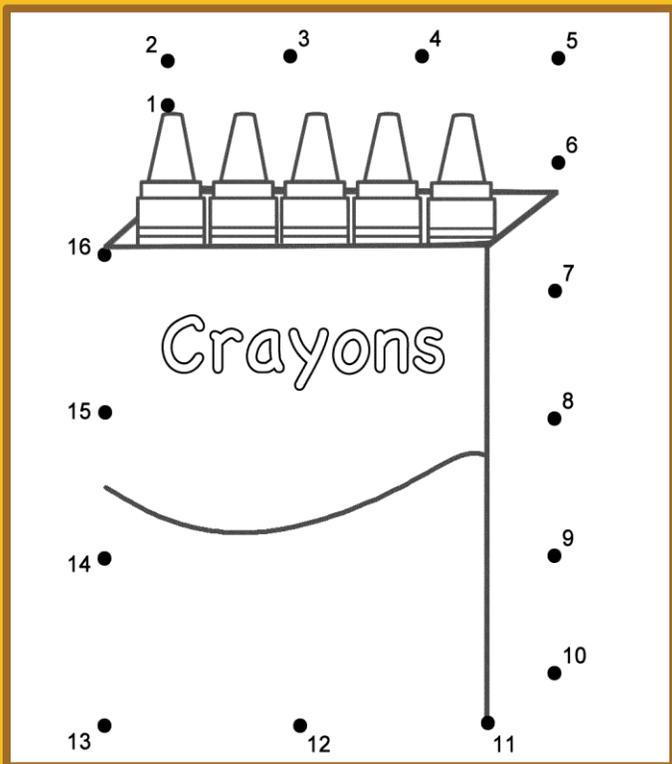
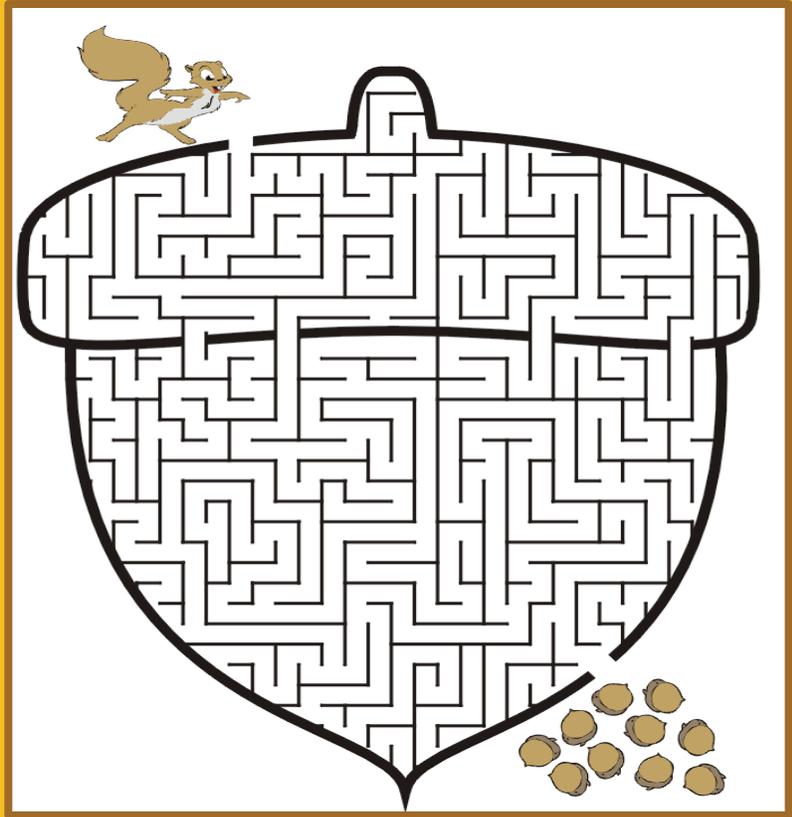
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“A symbol of New York, America, and freedom.” It has been almost 15 years since the twin towers came down from a terrorist attack that silenced an entire nation. I’m sure many of you can remember the news on TV—each tower fell down so carelessly—so effortlessly, as if they were just toys that a two-year-old pulled apart. Just puffs of smoke, the realization that there were people in there, the screaming, the horror...and all anybody could do was watch, wide-eyed. How—just how, could planes simply knock down towers standing tall in one of the greatest cities in the world? How can a couple of heartless people just kill almost 3,000 people so quickly? We felt that cold, dark, swelling in the pit of our stomach when we saw the spectacle on TV, and we still get the chills when we hear the stories today.

There is a saying that “sometimes bad things have to happen before good things can,” and that’s exactly what the city of New York has accomplished. On November 3, 2014, the Freedom Tower opened its doors for people to visit a place that was left in ruins, but now proudly exists anew. Standing at 1,776 (the year the Declaration of Independence was signed.) feet tall, the tower is the tallest in the Western Hemisphere, and sixth-tallest in the world. Beyond the numbers, the tower stands of something a whole lot bigger. You see, people from terrorist groups think that they can tear people down just by scaring them. They think we will surrender in fear of the harmful potential they have. That’s not the case with what happened on 9/11. We chose to rise above the hate, and showed the world that we can still shine when bad things happen. The Freedom Tower is not just a symbol of liberty or love or any other virtue. It’s most importantly a message to those who think we will be unbalanced by violence. It tells everyone that if you try to bring America down, we will only build higher. And that the heroes that gave their lives to save another, will not be forgotten, but paid homage to. It says that even if anybody tried to make us plummet to our death, we will always find a way to fly.



Kids Page



Find and circle the words in the box below. See if you can find more back to school words and enjoy the places knowledge takes you!



Books	Library	Paper	Scissors
Bus	Music	Science	Study
Crayons	Paper	Math	Reading