## SAINT THEODORE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission:

We proclaim to all people the salvation which has appeared in Jesus Christ, so that by the lives we live and in our apostolic activities, all may come "to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent"

and have life in all its fullness. (John 17:3),



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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday	
10 a.m. to 1 p.m	1.

#### **Parish Staff**

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS		
Mass Schedule	ext 3	
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education		
Malyssa Collazo, Parish Secretary, Bulletin &		
Web page editor		
Elizabete Romanello, Financial Manager		
Chris Lance, Music Director		

#### Ministry

RCIA	Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS
Care of the sick	call Parish Office
Altar Rosary Society:	Meetings Third Sunday of
the month	9:00 AM
Youth Group	Kevin McLaughlin

#### **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

Saturday	5:00 PM	
Sunday	8:00 AM and 10:30 AM	
Weekdays Monday	through Wednesday, and	
Friday	8:45 AM	
First Friday and First Sat	urday8:45 AM	
Holy Days		
Vigil Mass	6:30 PM	
Holy Day	8:45 AM and 6:30 PM	

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday-Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

#### **Devotions**

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following Monday 8:45 AM Mass
St. Joseph Devotion
Following Tuesday 8:45 AM Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

After 8:45 morning Mass:

First Friday with Divine Mercy Chaplet
First Saturday with Rosary Devotion



#### Salvatorian Fathers, SDS

Religious and apostolic, international society founded by Fr. Francis

Jordan in 1881. We Salvatorians are called to follow Jesus Christ, the Divine Savior, by living as community within the universal Church for apostolic service.

#### **PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION**

**Baptism:** Expectant parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to register for a preparation program.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** The preparation process for adults who wish to consider becoming Catholic or who wish to complete their Catholic sacramental formation. Contact the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to a tentative wedding date.

**Care of the Sick:** Please contact the Parish Office when someone is sick, hospitalized or unable to attend Mass so that arrangements may be made for those who wish to receive Communion and the Anointing of the Sick.

#### Program of Religious Education.....Monday 6:15 PM at School

We provide a Roman Catholic religious education to the children grades Kindergarten through 8th. We teach the doctrine of our Catholic Church utilizing Diocesan programs. Our Catechists share their own faith commitment as well as their knowledge, always mindful of our Catholic traditions. We offer preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

The Youth Ministry is ready for an exciting year with lots of fun, social stewardship, and spiritual activities. Any youth in grades 6th thru 12th, are invited to join. College students, and adults are welcome to participate on a volunteer bases. This ministry is not a requirement of Rel. Ed. classes but should be thought of as a great opportunity for young adults to become involved in their church and give back not only themselves but others. Contact Parish Office for more information.

Trustees: Stanley Wantrobski, Ginny Moran

**Parish Council:** Bob Gagliano - President, Nancy Guerriere, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Malyssa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

## Sunday April 27th ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy

# **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 26th

5:00 pm † **Andrew Peterson** 

By Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>~ Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 am In memory of present & past members of

St. Theodore Altar Rosary Society

By Altar Rosary Society

10:30 am † Henry & Bertha Owens &

Guillermo Sendon Sr. & Jr.

By Cecilia Devenezia

Monday, April 28th

8:45 am † Michael Shannon

By Fred & Jeon Warrien

Tuesday, April 29th ~ St. Catherine of Siena

8:45 am † Andrew Bongiorno

By Elaine Geschardt

Wednesday, April 30th

8:45 am Living & Deceased members of

the Rebinski Family

Thursday, May 1st

No Mass

First Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>~ St. Athanasius

8:45 am The Schilke Family & their loved ones

By Saam Family

First Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>~ Sts. Philip & James

8:45 am Living & Deceased Parishioners

Of St. Theodore

5:00 pm † Margaret Mustello

By Tim & Ginny Moran

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Frank, Nettie, Joseph & Edward Roche

& Theresa, John & John Jr. Adamiak

By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am Birthday Blessings for Stasia Grabia

& Danuta Grabias Kikta

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# Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

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The Proefrock Family, Luke Ansbach,

Michael Shannon, Jim Mattison, for the Cáceres Family, Helen Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar, Louise Isidori, Bp. Paul Bootkoski, Craig Smith, Jaenne Szamreta, Eugene, Scott Griseto and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF** 

**INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

### POPE FRANCIS 1936-2025

Eternal rest grant upon him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.







## Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2025

Please join us in congratulating these young men and women who chose to establish a deeper relationship with God and become closer to Jesus Christ!

Thank you Mary DeStefano, Georgina DeStefano for helping our young people prepare for this most special Sacrament.



Joelle Teresa Flora
Jordan Matthew Harris
John Christopher Decker
Gabriella Francesca Anthony
Faith Rose Schwarze
Parker Andrew Sanocki

### Let us pray

For our children who are preparing to receive

First Holy Communion on May 4<sup>th</sup>

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ Please join us Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm: Exposition of the Holy Eucharist Divine Mercy Chaplet Benediction

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown above.

A basic explanation of the image is:

Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent).

The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*).

The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.



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