### 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),



# Contact Information Saint Theodore Roman Catholic Church Post Office Box 146, 855 Route 57 Port Murray, New Jersey 07865

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|--|---------------------------|--|
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| Web  | www.sttheodorenj.org      |  |
| Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday |                           |  |
| 10 a.m. to 1 p.r                           | n.                        |  |

#### **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 Monda            | y through Wednesday, and |  |
| Friday                    | 8:45 AM                  |  |
| First Friday and First Sa | turday8:45 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 March 23rd, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

5pm † Susan Bifano

By Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>~ Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

† Thomas jackson

By Rosarians of St. Theodore

10:30 am

† Geofore DeFeis

By Gene & Dottie Mcarthy

Monday, March 24th

8:45 am

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Theodore

Tuesday, March 25th ~ Annunciation of the Lord

8:45 am

† Randi Jo Sargent

By Pat & Beth Romanello

Wednesday, March 26th

8:45 am

† Randi Jo Sargent

By Theresa McLaughlin

Thursday, March 27th

No Mass

Friday, March 28th

8:45 am

† Judith Laukaitis

By George & Georgianne Merlo

Saturday, March 29th

5:00 pm

Steven & Colleen Spagnuolo &

their loved ones

By Saam Family

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

**Present & Past Members of** 

St. Theodore Altar Rosary Society

By Altar Rosary Society

10:30 am

† Marco Mezzina

By Gean & Dotty McCarthy



**Daily Mass & Devotions** 

Blessed Virgin Mary–Monday 8:45 am Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am First Friday & First Saturday 8:45 am **Your Offertory Gift** 

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Starts with Mass at 8:45am** 

Concludes by 1:30pm

**RSVP: Parish office** 

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# How to Live A Hopeful Life

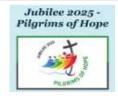


Narthex.

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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 and all the intentions found in THE
BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the



### <u>Decree on Designating Sacred Places for the</u> Jubilee Indulgence

Most Reverend James Francis Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, designated the following sacred places within the Diocese of Metuchen as places where the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, NJ
- Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, NJ
- National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ
- National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick, NJ

These sacred spaces have been carefully chosen to reflect the spiritual significance of pilgrimage and to foster deeper conversion and reconciliation among the people of God. The visit is not merely an outward action but a reflection of the soul's pilgrimage toward God, with conversion, reconciliation, and renewal at its heart.

Thus, the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
- A sincere intention to detach from all sin, even venial sin, and, if necessary, going to confession
- Participating in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year.

In some cases, those unable to travel may fulfill the requirements through other means, such as prayers at home. The period for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence will coincide with the Jubilee Year, as outlined by the Holy See beginning the  $8^{\rm th}$  of December 2024 and will end on the 8th of December 2025.

We encourage all the faithful, during this time of grace, to take the opportunity for sacramental confession, so that the Jubilee Indulgence may be received in the spirit of true reconciliation with God and the Church.

### <u>Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying Together in</u> Faith, Hope & Charity

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so **March 22/23**, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift no, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Annunciation of the Lord March 25<sup>th</sup>

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,



"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Mary's first characteristic is her faith. She believes and entrusts herself to God, certain that nothing is impossible for Him. God is not afraid of our moments of confusion, of reflection, of trying to understand. God does not force our freedom, but teaches us how to be free so that each one of us can say our own "Let it be done to me".



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