

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, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Office Closed Wednesday)

Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS ext 4
Mass Schedule ext 3
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education ext 2
Mary Kovacs, Parish Secretary ext 1
Chris Lance, Music Director

Ministry

RCIA.....Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS
Care of the sick.....call Parish Office
Altar Rosary Society:Meetings First Wednesday of the month6:30 PM

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays..... Monday through Wednesday, and Friday.....8:45 AM
First Friday and First Saturday.....8:45 AM

Holy Days

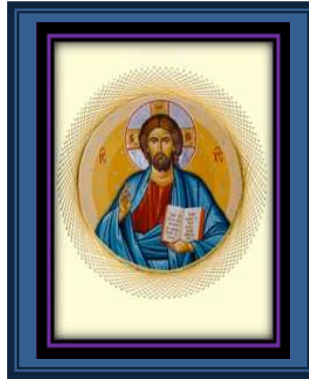
Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM
Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

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, Mary Kovacs, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20th

5:00 pm † **Maria Capolango**
By Mary Lou Viola

Sunday, April 21th

8:00 am † **John William Koper**
By Capaldo Family

10:30 am † **Steve & Helen Dicheck**
By Robert & Victoria Dicheck

Monday, April 22nd

8:45 am † **Msgr. Robert Zamorski**

Tuesday, April 23th

8:45 am **Blessing for Darcie, Julie & Russ
Strohmaier**
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Wednesday, April 24th

8:45 am † **Jacquelyn Pang**
By Family

Thursday, April 25th

No Mass

Friday, April 26th

8:45am † **Peter & Julie Martinez**
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 pm **Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Theodore**

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 am † **Alan Keggan**
By Ivins & Joanne Smith

10:30 am **Living & Deceased Members of
Peterson Family**
By Nancy & Charlie Guerriere

Mass is the greatest prayer that we can offer. This is true for many reasons, and especially so because it is Christ's

prayer, Christ's saving sacrifice offered to the heavenly Father for his glory and for our salvation.

Your Offertory Gift

April 14, 2024

First Collection: \$2,667

Easter Flowers: \$5

Votive Candles: \$93

Thank you for your generosity.

Next week's second collection is for Property & Liability and for Catholic Relief Services.

We offer the Remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

Perry Alburg, Clint Williamson, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, Nancy Guerriere, Vincent Locasto, Ann Morpeth, Frances Oleni, Patsy Reiger, Michaela, Adam, Andrew, Kimberly Rivers, Wally Schlegel, Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres Family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Barbara, Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta, Kathy Finnegan, Joelynn Locasto, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2024

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.

Adriana Cecilia Proefrock
Vanessa Catherine Mansilla
Paige Joan Ansbach
Vincent Vincent Merton
Nicholas Gabriel Mele
Rita Maria Ientile

Patrick Louis Conroy
Adam Maximilian Davis
Anthony James Gullo
Cynthia Genevieve Kovacs
Amber Lucy Locasto
Joseph Vito Laffey
Anais Elizabeth Roman

Let us pray

for our children
who are preparing to receive

First Holy Communion on May 5th

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

***STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and
Send Us on Mission.***

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our Parish goal is \$7,000. Everyone is invited to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual video by going to <https://diomtuchen.org/BBA>.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage." (Ps 23).

God gives us the grace to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel according to John for the 4th Sunday of Easter Jesus identified himself as the shepherd. Jesus comes to offer us riches which we will never have to give up. He promises that they will last beyond death into and throughout eternity. "I came" He said, "that they might have life and have it more

abundantly". Abundant life! That is what we all want. We want a life so full in joy and happiness that there be no fear of it ever ending. That is what the psalmist sings about. That is what Jesus promises. Jesus wants to be your shepherd, your security, your protector. "I am the gate," He says, "Whoever enters through me will be saved."

We all know that spiritual riches are a gift from God. We cannot earn them. But we do have to sometimes work hard to prepare and open ourselves for the reception of Jesus' gifts. Now with the church still closed for public liturgy it can be difficult to prepare yourself and the family for Sunday's celebration, to create a Family Church, a liturgy of Domestic Church Life. There can be many attractions which can draw us away from God. But if we open our home to the Lord our reward will be great. It is by being like a sheep which hear the voice of the Shepherd and follow wherever He goes. Jesus is the gate wishing to lead us through himself into never ending happiness.

Let us not forget Mary during this blessed time of Easter. Indeed, she is our Mother. Before Jesus died on the cross, he gave his mother to us. She was with Jesus on the way to Calvary. She experienced what does it mean to be in pain and suffering, what does it mean to be lonely and helpless. But she never left her Son. She became our Mother not in Bethlehem but in Golgotha. And now Mary is with us. She is with her suffering children. She knows our prayers and she would like to help us. She would like to let us know that for those who trust God, everything is possible. "Through Mary to Jesus".

Let us conclude this reflection with the closing prayer after the Litany of the Blessed Virgin: "Lord God, give to your people the joy of continual health in mind and body. With the prayers of Virgin Mary to help us, guide us through the sorrows of this life to eternal happiness in the life to come. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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