

# 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, Thursday & Friday  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS	ext 4
Mass Schedule	ext 3
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education	ext 2
Malyssa Collazo, Parish Secretary, Bulletin & Web page editor	ext 1
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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** ..... Fr. Damian Tomiczek

## 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 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

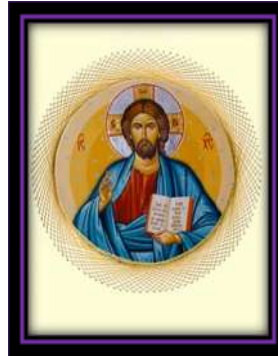
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

### 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 1st 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 Gaglione - President, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Malyssa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

# Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> ~ First Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm † Mary Giordano  
By Family

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> ~ First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Joseph & Patricia Roche  
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am † Pauline Scala  
By Victor & Lynn Liss

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

8:45 am the Saksa Family  
By Theresa & Peter

Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:45 am † Nicolas John Prosser  
By Lisa Marie

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ St. Francis Xavier

8:45 am living & deceased members of the Rebinski Family

Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

First Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

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

First Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † Fr. Joseph Rucinski  
By Eileen & Jim Mattison

5:00 pm † Arthur Peterson  
By Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Michael Kecker  
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 † Lorraine Feeney  
By Pam DiMartile

## Your Offertory Gift~ November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

First Collection: \$2,595

Votives: \$47

National Shrine: \$343

Electronic Giving: \$441



Next week's Special collection is for Maintenance & Repairs.

**St. Theodore's**  
**ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY**  
Voted Northeast NJ #1 Tricky Tray 2024 Event on Tricky Tray.com!!  
**Saturday December 6, 2025**  
To Be Held At:  
**Mansfield Elementary School All-Purpose Room**  
50 Port Murray Rd, Port Murray, NJ 07865



**First Friday Devotion - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am**

**First Saturday Devotion - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am**

Hospitality Sunday & Nametag weekend ~ December 14<sup>th</sup> after 8am & 10:30 am Masses. Bring your favorite baked goods and join in fellowship to start the week off.



## Attention! Attention!

Inviting all women of the Parish to join the Altar Rosary Society. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00 am.

Enhance your spirituality by learning about Saints, attend short meetings and fellowship. Reciting the rosary as a devotion to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us for 1 ½ hours a month to give thanks for all God gives you.

## **Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:**

Ann Marie, Ientile Family, Jim



Mattison, for the Cáceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Helen Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar, Louise Isidori, Bp. Paul Bootkoski, Craig Smith, Jaenne Szamreta, Eugene, Joseph Magnini, Fr. Gabriel, SDS, Baby Rowan, Bonnie Jewel Hawkins, David Dallas, the Malia Family, the Profrock family, Emilia Bernabey, MaryAnn Kubik, Lisa Molinsky, Janet VanAlstyne and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

**Here are five things we can do to prepare ourselves for a holy Advent.**

**1. Ask God to help you draw near to Him.**

The more we yearn for Christ in Advent, the closer we come to a real celebration of Christmas. Isn't that a common fear we have during Advent? That Christmas will come like it always does and we will be no better for it? There is much that might trouble our hearts. Let us ask God to help us prepare our hearts for His coming and to aid us in having a good and holy Advent. After all, it is what He longs for for us, too.

**2. Begin to practice silence.**

To live in this world is not only to exist *amongst* the noise but often to *be* that noise.

Silence is essential, knowing it and living it are two different things. We all need silence in order to draw close to Our Lord. Silence is an essential component of a holy Advent.

**3. Gather your essential Advent items.**

There have been times when the first Sunday of Advent comes and we are without candles for the Advent wreath. By the time we get them it is the second (or third!) week of Advent. By thinking ahead now and putting together a list of Advent supplies, we can ensure we have the right supplies when we need them.

**4. Don't sweat the small stuff.**

when you are drawing closer to Our Lord, you will be better able to reflect Him to your children and to others.

Advent, while it is a beautiful season to share with our family, specifically calls us as individuals to spend time alone with God.

**5. Prepare for a good confession now.**

The Church calls us to repentance during Advent, making it an important time to go to confession. Perhaps getting yourself and your family to confession can be your top priority this Advent.

**Advent: The Beginning of a New Liturgical Year**

Advent awakens us not only for the birth of Christ but also for the beginning of a new year in the Church. With Christ's coming, we start anew – on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30<sup>th</sup>, we'll transition from cycle C to cycle A. Cycle A focuses on the Gospel of Luke, which we will hear during each Mass this Advent season.



Like Lent, Advent is a season of preparation, repentance, and regality. The color purple liturgically represents these spiritual themes for both seasons.

As Pope Benedict XVI said, "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

**First Advent Candle/Sunday: Hope**

*"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."* – C.S. Lewis

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, light the first candle on **Sunday, November 30, 2025.**





Our Parish Giving Tree will be on display in the Narthex from **now through December 3rd**. A flier explaining how the program works is hung on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

Use your normal purchases at grocery, gas, restaurants, and automotive stores to raise monies for our parish. More generic cards are also available such as VISA, American Express, Discover and Amazon. There are NO activation fees and cards do not expire. Monies raised are used towards operating expenses such as heat, air conditioning, repairs and purchasing candles in the Narthex.

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More Information: 908-689-8318 [www.StTheodoreNJ.org](http://www.StTheodoreNJ.org)

## December Calendar of Events



**Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Annual Tricky Tray**  
@ Mansfield Elementary School at 10 am

**Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Nicholas visit with children**  
After 10:30 Mass

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy day of Obligation**  
Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:45 am & Vigil Mass 6:30pm

**Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> ~Pastoral Council Meeting**  
@ 6:30 pm

**Sat. Dec.13<sup>th</sup>, Sun. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Mon. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Advent Retreat**  
Advent confession Monday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm  
Conference~ Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Hospitality Sunday & Nametag Weekend**  
After 8 & 10:30 Masses

**Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Concert**  
@ 3:00 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Altar Rosary Society Meeting**  
@ 9:00 am

**Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Christmas Decorating**  
After 10:30 Mass

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

**Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant & 12:00 am Midnight Mass  
**Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### **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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.

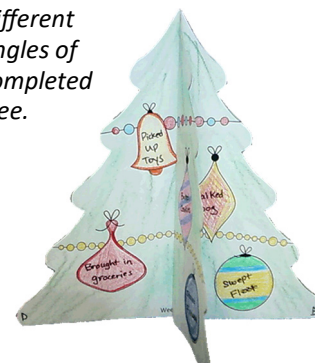
Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



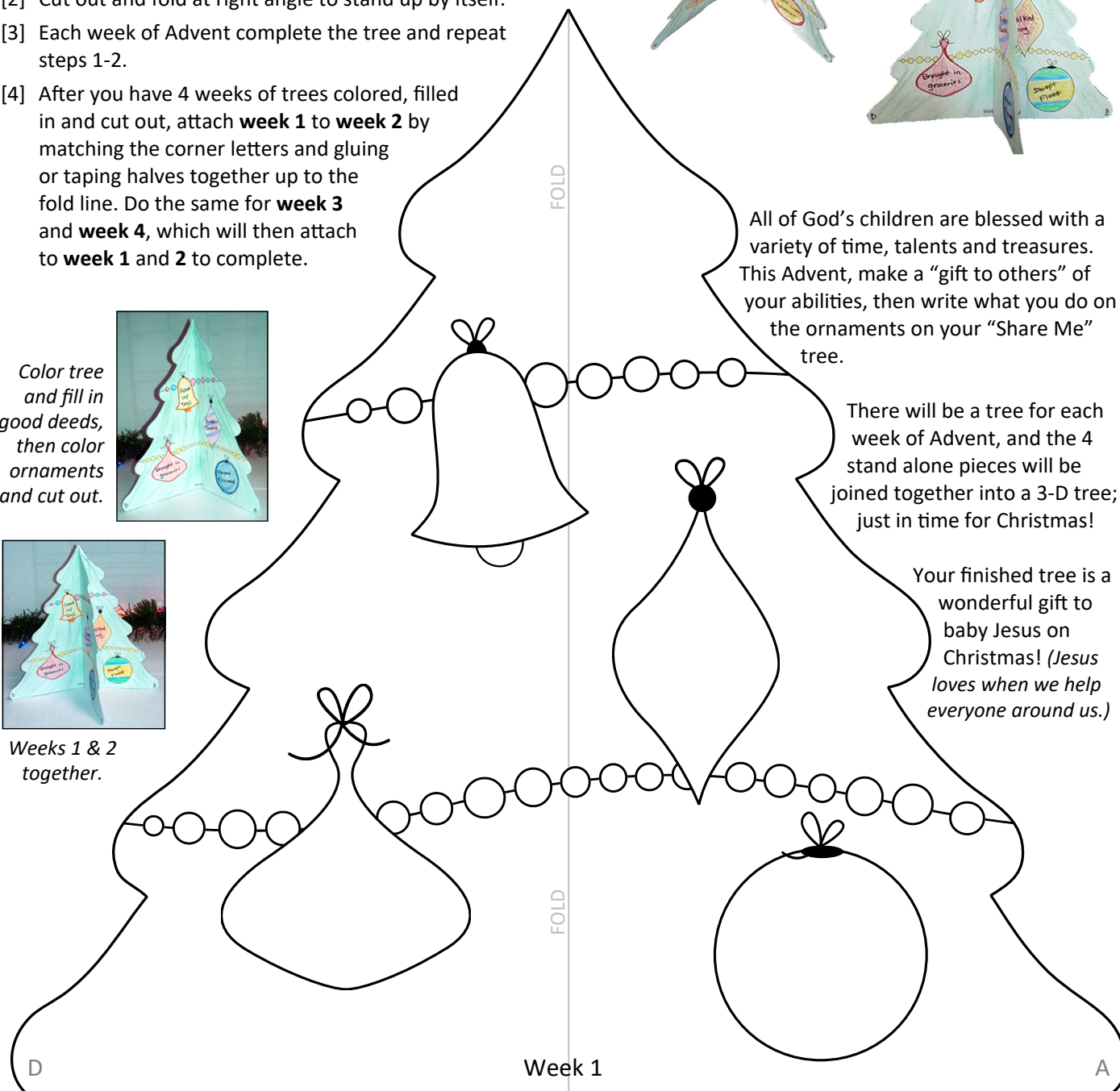
Different angles of completed tree.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (*Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.*)



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