

FIRST SUNDAY *of Advent*



S a i n t T h e o d o r e
Roman Catholic Church
Port Murray, New Jersey

Sunday December 1st, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30th ~ St. Andrew

5:00 pm † **Jan Gondek**
By Jadwiga Gondek

Sunday, December 1st ~ **First Sunday of Advent**

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

10:30 am † **Frank Altese**
By Theresa McLaughlin & Family

Monday, December 2nd ~

8:45 am † **Bernadino & Phillamena Iennelli**
By Iennelli Family

Tuesday, December 3rd ~ St. Francis Xavier

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

Wednesday, December 4th

8:45 am † **Henry & Theresa Rebinski**
By Family

Thursday, December 5th

No Mass

First Friday, December 6th

8:45 am † **Father Joseph Rucinski**
By Eileen & Jim Mattison

First Saturday, December 7th ~ St. Ambrose

8:45 am † **Father Roderick Hunt**
By Family

5:00 pm † **Arthur Peterson**
By Charles & Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, December 8th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † **Michael Keker**
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 am **Altar Rosary Society**

December Calendar of Events

Christmas Nativity Pageant Practice-

Every Sunday Dec 1st – Dec. 22nd at 9- 10:30am

First Friday Devotion - Dec. 6th at 8:45 am

First Saturday Devotion - Dec. 7th at
8:45am

Tricky Tray!!!!!! - Saturday, Dec. 7th
Doors open at 10:15 am

Sunday Dec. 8th

Hospitality Sunday after 8 & 10:30 Mass

Visit with St. Nicholas 10:30 am

Christmas Concert 3:00 pm

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary** – Monday Dec. 9th

Mass at 8:45am - Not a Holy day of Obligation

Altar Rosary Society Meeting

Sunday Dec, 15th at 9:00 am

Christmas Confession

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

*Prayer
Request*

Ann Marie, Ientile Family,
The Proefrock Family, Luke Ansbach,
Michael Shannon, Jim Mattison, for the Cáceres
Family, Helen Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby,
Joseph Mattar, Patricia Walker, Bp. Paul Bootkoski,
Jaenne Szamreta and all the intentions found in **THE
BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.



St. Theodore's

ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

Saturday December 7, 2024

To Be Held At:
Mansfield Elementary School All-Purpose Room
 50 Port Murray Rd, Port Murray, NJ 07865

DOORS OPEN AT
10:15 AM



DRAWINGS BEGIN
11:45 AM

ST THEODORE'S

INVITATIONAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 8th, 2024 | 3:00PM
 855 State Route 57
 Port Murray, NJ 07865

Free Admission
 Donations accepted
 Refreshments to follow



Bring in the holidays with
 music by vocal and
 instrumental groups



DECORATE

the Church


Sunday, Dec, 22nd at 11:30 am

Come join the festive chaos
 as we decorate the Church.
 It is a wonderful time for
 your family to feel the
 Christmas spirit as we
 prepare for the birth of
 Jesus.



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, December 1, we'll transition from cycle B to cycle C. 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, December 1, 2024.**



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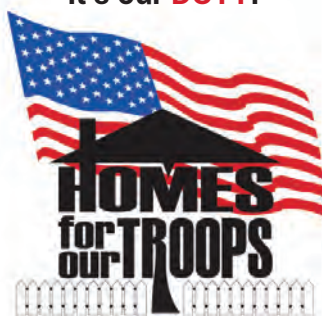
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