

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

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| Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS | ext 4 |
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Ministry

RCIA.....Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS
Care of the sick.....call Parish Office
Altar Rosary Society:Meetings Third Sunday of the month9:00 AM
Youth Group Fr. Damian Tomiczek

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

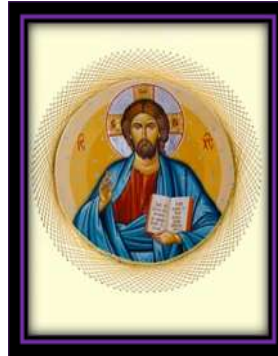
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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 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 Gagliano - President, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Malyssa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

Sunday November 23rd ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22nd ~ St. Cecilia

5:00 pm **For the Pedrosa Family**
By the D'Andrea Family

Sunday, November 23rd ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am † **William Bonnah**
By Josephine Boonah

10:30 am † **Georgia Talarowski**
By Family

Monday, November 24th ~ St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:45 am Birthday Blessings for Carmen Pitre
By daughter Malysa

Tuesday, November 25th

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

Wednesday, November 26th

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

Thursday, November 27th ~ Thanksgiving Day

8:45 am **Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Theodore**

Friday, November 28th

8:45 am **for the Colon Family**
By George & Malysa

Saturday, November 29th

5:00 pm † **Mary Giordano**
By Family

Sunday, November 30th **First Sunday of Advent**

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

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

Your Offertory Gift~ November 16th, 2025

First Collection: \$2,595

Votives: \$47

National Shrine: \$343

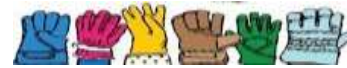
Electronic Giving: \$441



Next week's Special collection is for the Work's of Mercy Campaign.

Fall Grounds Clean-Up

Our grounds are revitalized and refreshed, all thanks to our outstanding clean-up team who came out last Saturday! Thank you for working so hard so everyone can enjoy and appreciate our beautiful parish grounds.



On behalf of Fr. Damian Tomiczek, SDS

*St Theodore's parishioners and staff offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of **Jeanne Szamreta, Al DiFonso & Robert Jackson**. May their souls be at peace with our Heavenly Father.*



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen*

Attention! Attention!

Inviting all women of the Parish to join the Altar Rosary Society. Meetings are the 3rd 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 Proffrock family, Emilia Bernabey, MaryAnn Kubik, Lisa Molinsky, Janet VanAlstyne and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

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

ST THEODORE'S
**INVITATIONAL
 CHRISTMAS
 CONCERT**
 December 14th, 2025 @ 3:00 PM
 855 State Route 57
 Port Murray, NJ 07865

Free Admission
 Donations accepted
 Refreshments to follow

Bring in the holidays with music by several vocal and instrumental groups



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.

Debit/Credit option NOW AVAILABLE!

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,

which takes place on the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

The feast was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to counter the growing secularism and atheism of the time.

The feast is a reminder that Christ's reign is eternal, even as governments come and go. The feast proclaims Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. It also highlights that Jesus is both fully God and fully man, and that he is the image of the invisible God.



On October 3, 1789, President George

Washington received a message from Congress requesting him "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer."

His proclamation declared that the day "be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

Thanksgiving has roots in recognizing the many blessings God has given us, as individuals and collectively as a country. More than 230 years later, millions of Americans continue to celebrate Thanksgiving with an eye toward God as the original source of all for which we have to be grateful.

Dear Lord, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You in prayer. We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family. For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. Amen.

December Calendar of Events



Saturday, Dec 6th ~ Annual Tricky Tray
@ Mansfield Elementary School at 10 am

Sunday, Dec. 7th ~ St. Nicholas visit with children
After 10:30 Mass

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

Wednesday, Dec. 10th ~Pastoral Council Meeting
@ 6:30 pm

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

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

Sunday, Dec. 14th ~ Christmas Concert
@ 3:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 21st ~ Altar Rosary Society Meeting
@ 9:00 am

Sunday, Dec. 21st ~ Christmas Decorating
After 10:30 Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 24th
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant & 12:00 am Midnight
Mass

Thursday, Dec. 25th
Mass @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

A letter from Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Please extend my sincere thank to the parishioners of St. Theodore Parish for their generous response to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. With final gift totaling \$7,764 your parish earned a total rebate of \$382. This income will not be assessed and is to be used for local needs at your discretion.

God bless you and be assured you have my heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

Thank you to Pat Romanello, George Merlo & Howard Sargent for putting up the new billboard at the entrance of our Parish.



Thank you from the Rosarians

Last weekend we received a great amount of gift card purchases and donations toward this years Annual Tricky Tray. We appreciate all of our generous parishioners and visitors. Thank you.

Also a thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for the NJ Right to Life Car Raffle. A total of 58 tickets were purchased which is an increase from last year. Thank you very much.

Council 10419 of the Long Valley Knights of Columbus is holding its 33rd Annual Auction on Saturday evening, December 6, 2025 at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 265 West Mill Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853. Visit their website www.lvkofo.org to purchase or for additional details.

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

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Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / Luke 23:35-43

As the crowd was teasing Jesus about being King of the Jews, one of the criminals believed the truth of who Jesus was, and that He was innocent of any crime. Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." *Luke 23:42*

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Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.

Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

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Luke 23:42

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