

# 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

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS ext 4  
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 Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education ext 2  
 Malysa Collazo, Parish Secretary ext 1  
 Elizabete Romanello, Financial Manager ext 1  
 Mary Kovacs, Bulletin & Website Editor  
 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..... 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

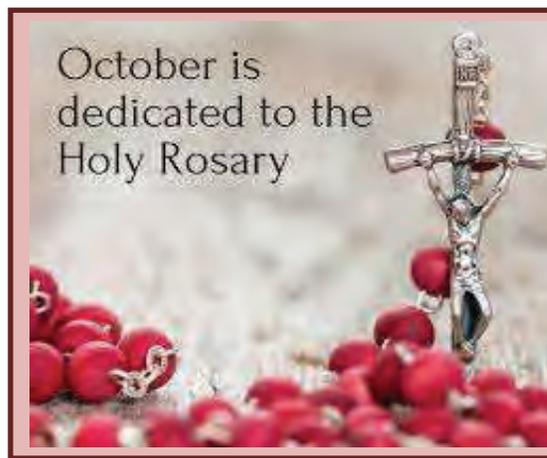
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

After 8:45 morning Mass:

**First Friday** with Divine Mercy Chaplet

**First Saturday** with Rosary Devotion



## 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

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Jon & St. Isaac

5:00 pm † **Sue Joans**  
By Howard Sargent & Children

## Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Loretta Mrochek**  
By Hartzel Family

10:30 am † **Jospeh & Celina Paslawski**  
By Joseph Paslawski son

## Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

8:45 am **Altar Rosary Society**

## Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

## Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

## Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † **Robert Johnson Sr.**  
By Eileen & Jim Mattison

## Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † **Gil Ackert**  
By Tim & Ginny Moran

## Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm † **Rose Ann Pietro**  
By Rachel

## Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Margaret Musello**  
By Tim & Ginny Moran

10:30 am † **Blessings for Mark & Lisa Molinsky  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



Daily Mass & Devotions  
Blessed Virgin Mary–Monday 8:45  
Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am  
Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am  
First Friday & First Saturday 8:45 Eucharist & Benediction

## October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**First Collection: \$2,472**  
**Assessment Fund: \$1,074**  
**Votives: \$66**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

Next week's collection is for:

**Property & Liability Fund**  
We are at 9% of goal. This includes  
balances from 2022 & 2023



October 20<sup>th</sup> - Altar Rosary Society Meeting, 9:00am

## Sanctuary Candles

We offer the burning candles, two available at  
all times – they are the  
candles near our murals  
Sanctuary. This intention is for a  
whole week. The stipend for a  
Sanctuary Candle is also \$10



## **Confession Schedule**

Every Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday,  
30 minutes before Mass  
or by appointment



Rosary meetings will be switched from the 1st Wednesday of the month to the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass, at 9:00 am and will be held until just before 10:30 am Mass.

Next month's meeting will be on **October 20th at 9:00 am.** Please mark your calendars.



**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**

**General Admission: \$15.00 / person**  
 Includes one sheet level 1 tickets (26 tickets/sheet)  
 --OR--  
**Reserve a Table for 10 for \$150.00 by Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Early admission at 9:15am for **FULL table reservations**  
 Includes Admission & one sheet level 1 (Small) tickets for 10

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

**Ann Marie**Entile 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.

Live the Gospel of Life



Live the Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Twenty-five years ago, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the Gospel of Life is the most important and life-saving message to the world (Evangelium vitae 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.

As the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Rather whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many... ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’”**

Our society constantly urges us to get ahead. We are not satisfied and want more education, a better job as a mark of success. How different. Remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper. He humbly washed the feet of the apostles as a sign of service and as a lesson for His followers.

The mark of greatness or success is not found in the prestigious role one has, or the power he or she can display. It is found in the service rendered to others as an expression of our love of God.

May we speak as the apostles did, asking Him to assist us in learning how to serve and put it into practice. Think of a person you know who exemplifies this gift.

### **HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS

*LIVES  
of  
Service,  
LIVES  
of  
Joy...*

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 10:35-45

When James and John ask Jesus if they can be seated with Him in Heaven, they are told only God decides this. To gain a place in Heaven Jesus tells the twelve, they must be servants to others, not expect to be served.

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“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

- Mark 10:45



Write the letters not found in the heart in the space below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the correct answer below...

Jesus said,

“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your... ”

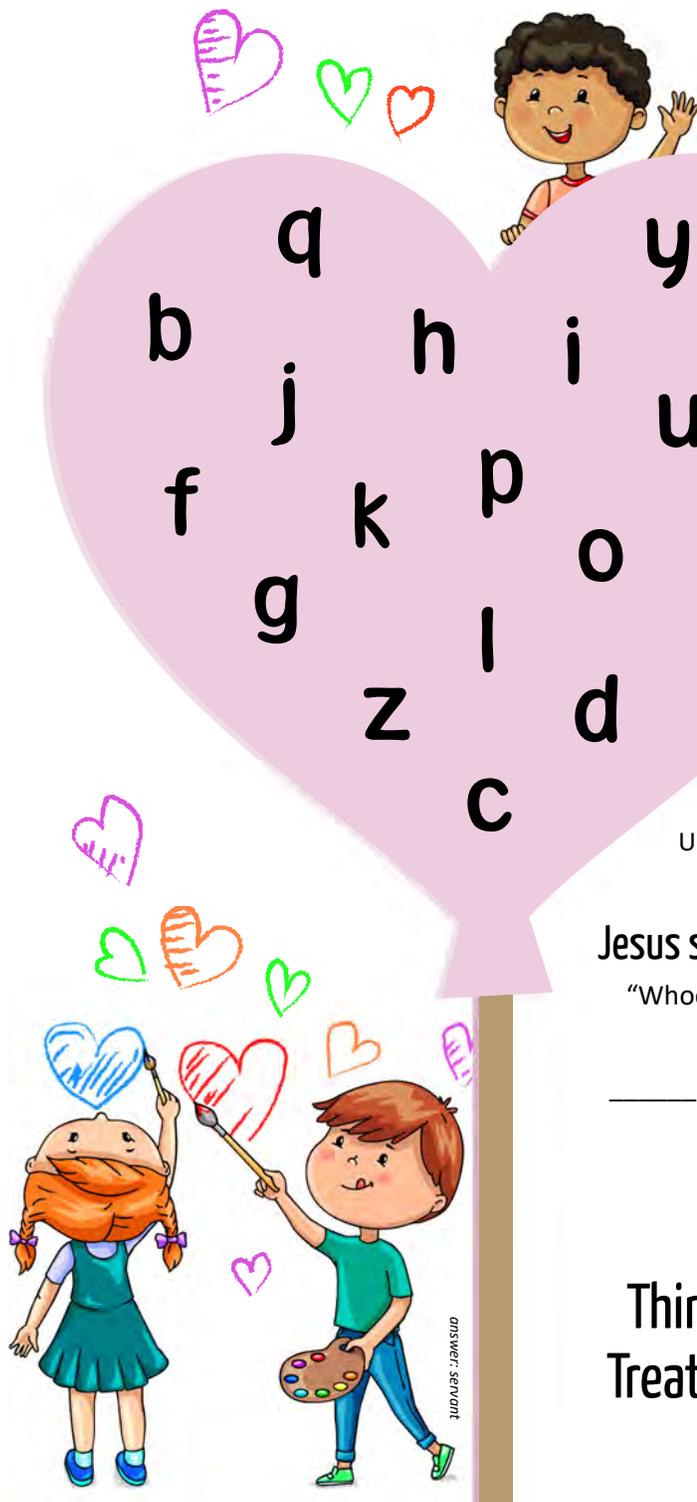
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- Mark 10:43



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