

# 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 Thursday  
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 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 month .....6:30 PM  
**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



### *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

July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm † Madeline Ackerman  
By Paul & Elisabeth Boccolini

Sunday, July 28<sup>st</sup> ~Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Veronica Quinnan  
By Family

10:30 am Living & Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Theodore

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> ~ St Martha, St. Mary & St. Lazarus

No Mass

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

No Mass

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

No Mass

First Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

No Mass

First Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00 pm † Gerard J. Cicala  
By Saam Family

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am † John, Theresa & John Jr. Adamiak  
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am Living & Deceased  
Parishioners of St. Theodore

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

Joan Prosser, Michael Shannon, Sam Mattison,  
Ann Morpeth, for the Cáceres Family, Helen  
Schuetler & Family, Kathy Finnegan, Edward  
Kirby, Joseph Mattar, Patricia Walker and all the  
intentions found in **THE BOOK OF  
INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

**Your Offertory Gift**

July 28, 2024

**First Collection: \$1,744**

**Votives: \$209**

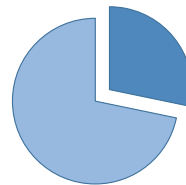
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**Next week's collect is for the  
Air Conditioning Fund**

**Air Conditioning Fund**

**Goal: \$4,000**

**We are at 28% of goal**



■ Collected \$1,130

■ Balance \$2,870

**Reminder:** There will be no week day Masses until August 14<sup>th</sup> however Father Damian will take those Mass intentions to Poland with him.

*MASS Intentions*

**The 2025 Mass Book is open**

- 1) Please have Mass Intentions written down with a second option for a date.
- 2) Please remember there are no Masses celebrated on Thursdays.
- 3) Mass stipend is \$10 per Mass and please send your check made payable to St. Theodore Church

## Parish 50/50 Raffle

The drawing will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in the Parish Center,

You should have received a book of 10 tickets in the mail priced at \$10. Each book sells for \$100.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this fundraiser and sharing this opportunity within your friends and family circles.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Religious Education 2024 -2025**

**Early Registration ends August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Religious Education Forms are due August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please return them in a timely manner. Forms can be found in the narthex and online. We also encourage mothers and fathers to get involved and volunteer. It's a great way to brush up on your Catechism at the same time! See Liz Saam for

### **Bus Trip NJ State Mass & March For Life in Trenton – Thursday, September 26, 2024**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the NJ State Mass for Life and March for Life in Trenton on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Bus seats are \$20 per person. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 7:45 AM and then attend the 9:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. After Mass it is a short walk to the 11:00 AM Rally at the State House Annex which will be followed by a 1 mile walk through Trenton beginning at 12:00 Noon. The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 PM to bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center. If you have any questions and/or would like to reserve a bus seat please visit

[www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity](http://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity) oremail amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

## July 29: Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus



July 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the friends of Jesus, the siblings of Bethany, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. They welcomed Jesus into their home on different occasions, providing Him with a place of rest in the midst of His active ministry. They are typically pictured in iconography with Martha serving Our Lord's needs, Mary sitting at His feet, and Lazarus dining with Him.

Originally only Martha was celebrated on this day, but in 2021 Pope Francis expanded the memorial to include all three of the Saintly siblings.

These holy friends of Jesus can be seen as personifying the three theological virtues:

- **Martha** represents **faith** — while in mourning the death of her brother, through confusion and frustration at Jesus' delay, she still professes Jesus as the Messiah.
- **Lazarus**, represents **hope** — he was raised from the dead and manifests the Christian expectation of the resurrection and new life.
- **Mary** represents **love** — she sits at the Lord's feet listening to Him, which Jesus proclaimed "the better part," a great model for contemplative life. She also shows forth love in getting up and running to the Lord when He calls and anointing His feet while at supper, demonstrating her undivided heart. Their stories can be found in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-44, and John 12:1-11.



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