

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
Saint Theodore Roman Catholic Church
Post Office Box 146, 855 Route 57
Port Murray, New Jersey 07865

Phone..... (908) 689-8318
 Email.....sttheodorenj@gmail.com
 Religious Ed..... sttheodoreled@gmail.com
 Web.....www.sttheodorenj.org
 Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Office Closed Wednesday)

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 month6:30 PM
Youth Group Kevin McLaughlin

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 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

Sunday December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 pm Christmas Remembrance

Sunday, Dec. 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Christmas Remembrance

10:30 am Christmas Remembrance

Christmas Eve Vigil

5:00 pm Christmas Remembrance

12:00 am Christmas Remembrance

Monday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am Christmas Remembrance

11:00 am Living & Deceased parishioners of
St. Theodore

Tuesday, December 26th ~ St. Stephen

8:45 am Living & Deceased members of
the Kovacs family

Wednesday, December 27th ~ St. John, Apostle

8:45 am † Sabino & Antonietta Antinolfi
By Iannelli family

Thursday, December 28th ~ The Holy Innocents

NO Mass

Friday, December 29th ~ St. Thomas Becket

8:45 am † Ardra Doherty
By Family

Saturday, December 30th

5:00 pm † Loretta Schuettler
By Helen Schuettler

Sunday, Dec. 31st ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am † Richard & Gina Sparacino
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

10:30 am Birthday blessings for William Henry
Prosser
By your loving daughter Lisa Marie

Your Offertory Gift

December 17, 2023

First Collection: \$1,803

Propane: \$808

Christmas Flowers: \$165

Votives: \$93

Thank you for your generosity.

Next week's collection is for
Together in Charity

*Sanctuary Candles ~we offer the burning
candles, two available at all times.*

*This intention is for the
whole week. The stipend for a
Sanctuary Candle is \$10*



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

Clint Williamson, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, Nancy Guerriere, Vincent Locasto, Ann Morpeth, Frances Oleni, Patsy Reiger, Michaela G, Adam, Andrew, Kimberly Rivers, Wally Schlegel, Scott Goodrich Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres family, The Saksa family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Mary Supple, Barbara, Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuettler & Family, Marietta, Edward Kirby, and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

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



Dear Parish family,

*I am very happy to wish you all my **Prayerful Greetings** as we enter the Christmas Season. As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors. I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help. My special gratitude goes to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment. I hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed time during this Christmas Season.*

Father Damian, SDS



“She shall bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

The Incarnation changes everything.

At the root of the holiday season, sometimes buried beneath the well-intentioned array of lights, decorations and wrapping paper, remains the single transformational moment that we celebrate.

Jesus being born ~ God entering our world

That night in Bethlehem, in a humble manger, remains so awe-inspiring, that it’s difficult to imagine it ever being forgotten or overlooked during the holidays.

When does the Catholic Christmas season start and end? The Catholic Christmas season starts on the Nativity, December 25, 2023, and ends on January 8, 2023, the Sunday Mass celebration of the Epiphany.

What is the Octave of Christmas? The Octave of Christmas includes the eight days between Christmas Day and January 1, which is both the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and New Year’s Day.

What are the 12 Days of Christmas, and where did they come from? The 12 Days of Christmas are the 12 days between Christmas Day and Epiphany. The “12 Days” likely had pre-Christian roots, though the term was likely adapted to fit the Church calendar in celebration of the Nativity. Tradition also holds that the Three Kings’ journey to meet the baby Jesus was twelve days.

What is Epiphany? Epiphany is the celebration of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God – here on earth with us. The feast is also known as “Three Kings Day,” the day the Magi visited Jesus in Bethlehem.



Sunday, 24th

Christmas Eve Mass & Pageant
5:00 pm 12:00 am Midnight Mass
(there will be regular Sunday Mass at 8:00 am & 10:30 am)

Monday, 25th

Christmas Morning Mass
9:00 am & 11:00 am

2024 Offering Envelops have arrived!



Please take a moment to pick up your offering envelopes located in the narthex. If you do not see your name please see Mary in the office.

Thank you for your continued generosity throughout the year.

O'Neill Jewelers

10% OFF
With Ad

Dan O'Neill
908-979-0959

1885 Rte. 57 • Mansfield Commons • Hackettstown

Cochran



Funeral Home

James G. Cochran, Mgr.
N.J. Lic. No. 3702

908-852-3361

Serving The Parish Community
Since 1899

905 High Street • Hackettstown

Quickway Auto Sales

~ Where Quality Counts ~

908-850-5700

SALES • LEASING

16 Route 57

Hackettstown, N.J. 07840



DISCOUNT TIRES
"Check Our Tire Prices"

OXFORD A-1 TIRE & GAS

Owner: Doug Muessig

WE SELL

- All Tire Brands
- American Racing Wheels

\$15 OFF

OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICE
With Purchase of
4 Tires With This Ad

908-453-3223

908-453-3202

Most Major Credit Cards Accepted

ROUTE 31 • OXFORD, NJ
(3 miles north of Washington, Rt. 57)

NEED A LAWYER? INJURED?



★ Call For A Free Legal Consultation ★



MARC J. BRENNER ESQ.
973-326-8902

- Personal Injury
- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security Disability



Member Of The Superior Court
of New Jersey, A.A. Winick's
Compensation Law Attorney

lawmarcbrenner.com • marc@lawmarcbrenner.com

222 RIDGEDALE AVENUE • CEDAR KNOLLS, NJ 07927



POP IN
to donate!

Taking care of
Veterans is not charity...
it's our DUTY!



www.hfotusa.org

PREGNANT?

Free Pregnancy Testing
Confidential Assistance

Women Who Have Made Choices Are Waiting To Help You!

Call 908-454-2066 or
1-888-4-OPTIONS

OR STOP IN: LIFE CHOICES, INC.

411 SOUTH MAIN STREET, PHILLIPSBURG, NJ

GAGLIARDI & MELSKY ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Caring About You And
Planning For Your Future

YOU TALK,
WE LISTEN



908.946.8227

37 Belvidere Avenue • Washington, NJ 07882

www.GMLAW-NJ.com

WARREN HILLS MEMORIAL HOME



SERVING
ALL
FAMILIES AS
OUR OWN

RICHARD L. MAGUIRE, JR.
OWNER/MANAGER, NJ LIC. No.4434
(908) 689-0119

234 WEST WASHINGTON AVENUE • WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
www.warrenhillsmemorialhome.com

Act now to
help end hunger.

In the United States,
1 in 9 people face hunger.

FEEDING AMERICA
feedingamerica.org



24/7 Helpline
800.272.3900

alzheimer's association

Knoll-DeVoe

Funeral Home WASHINGTON, NJ Cremation Service NEW JERSEY

CHRISTOPHER J. KNOLL
Manager
N.J. Lic. No. 4460

908-689-0046
142 WEST WASHINGTON AVENUE
WASHINGTON, NJ

www.knolldevoefh.com