

# 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 .....7:00 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

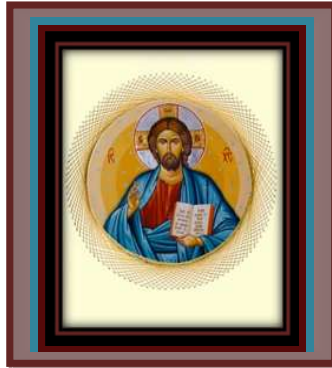
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

#### 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 Di Martile



February 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm † **Michael Kovacs**  
By Irene Sanocki

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am **Nancy Sives**  
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

10:30 am † **Rose Golonka & Roman Kolot**  
By Helen Schuettler

**Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:45 am † **Sabina & Antonietta Antinolfi**  
By Daughter

**Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:45 am † **Kristen Feeney**  
By Pam DiMartile

**Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:45 am † **Julia Kolot**  
By Helen Schuettler

**Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **Helen Fasanella**  
By Helen Schuettler

**Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm **Living & Deceased Members of St. Theodore**

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am **Living & Deceased Members of St. Theodore**

10:30 am **Deceased Members of Peterson Family**  
By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

**Your Offertory Gift**

**February 13, 2022**

**First Collection: \$2,319**

**Ash Wednesday: \$15**

**Votive: \$15**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Next week's collection will be for  
Property & Liability**

**Property & Liability Fund**



■ Collected \$2,826

■ Balance \$18,584



*The 2022 Mass intention book is now available. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. To schedule a Mass call the Parish office at 908-689-8318*

**Sanctuary Candles**

*We offer the burning candles, two available at all times – they are the ones near our murals Sanctuary.*

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




**Daily Mass Schedule & Devotions**

Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am  
 Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am  
 Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am  
 Rosary Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:45 am

Lauren Hardy, Steven, Michael & Christian, Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael, Robert, Helen, Sam, Marietta, Edward Kirby, William & Joan Prosser & Victoria



## 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your mean allow.

**Synod 2023 – Deanery Listening Sessions -**  
In each of the eight Deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Synod Listening Session will be held in order that we may respond to the Holy Father's call to journey together, to engage in dialogue with one another, and to listen to what the Lord is asking of us. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To register, visit the Diocese of Metuchen website. Our parish belongs to Morris Canal Deanery. The listening sessions will be in St. Phillip & St. James, Phillipsburg on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 9:30pm

## FEBRUARY FOOD DIVE

February is a time for love! It's also time for our February Food Drive. There is a small tree with heart ornaments located in the Narthex.

If you wish to donate please take a heart tag & purchase the requested item on your tag. All donations will be taken to Washington Food Pantry. Please have all donations in by the end of February.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## How do you prepare for Lent? Ash Wednesday is March 2nd

How have you prepared in the past? What are your ideas about what should happen during Lent?

We have the traditional Catholic practices of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. So, we pray more than usual, or we pray with different emphases. We eat smaller or fewer meals



or give up a favorite food or drink group. We give more of our resources or give them specifically to special works of mercy during Lent.

Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving continue to be quite good practices during Lent or at any time.

But, you might think, how do I prepare myself for this season? What needs to happen within so that I can practice with more integrity and intention whatever I'm doing on the outside?

In the days prior to Lent, try one or more of these suggestions.

**Ask God, every day, "What does my soul need?"** Just ask, and wait quietly. Because we're very good at fooling ourselves about how we're doing, it might take several days of praying this question before we're truly open and humble enough to know the answer.

**Ask God, every day, "What about my life makes you happy?"** Yes, when God looks at your life, some parts of it—perhaps many aspects of it—bring joy to God's heart. Think of how your children or grandchildren or other people close to you make you happy. God is in relationship with you, which means that your sins grieve God's heart, but also that your growth and love and freedom and kindness bring joy to God of the universe. Again, you will probably need to pray this a few times before you are willing to consider that you give God pleasure, that you make God happy in any way. Stick with this little prayer and keep listening.

**Tell God, and yourself, every day, "I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season."** Maybe you're not open right now, or you're not as open and willing as you'd like to be or think you should be. What else is new? We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more quickly and passionately what we know helps nurture God's kingdom on earth.



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