

# 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 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  
 Malysa Collazo, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Intentions**

Next week's collection is for the:

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Maria Goretti**

5:00 pm † **Henry & Theresa Rebinski**  
By Family

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am † **Louise, George & Jack Wyker**  
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30am **Blessings for Julito, Jeedez Fioryeh**

By Jadwiga Gondek

**Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **Helene Picht**  
By Theresa McLaughlin

**Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **Ryan Cybrowski**  
By Van Houten

**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

**Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:45am † **Alan Dipetrillo**  
By Rich & Maryjane Petteruti

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm † **Ronald Semonche**  
By Rachel & Family

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am † **Robert R. Capaldo Sr. &  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Capaldo Jr.**  
By Capaldo Family

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



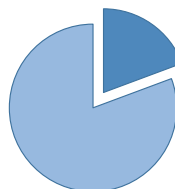
**Daily Mass & Devotions**

Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am  
Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am  
Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am

**Air Conditioning Fund**

Goal: \$5,000

we are at 24% of goal



■ Collected \$1,078

■ Balance \$3,422

**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 will be open for booking  
Masses beginning July 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 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

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

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.

# Parish 50/50 Raffle

## Did you get your tickets?

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.

## Capital Campaign Update

**Total Pledged: \$158,750**

**Total Collected: \$150,674**

**Left to hit GOAL: \$8,076**

Our campaign was launched October 2021. With the initial and ongoing pledges, we have completed all the campaign improvement projects and so close to hitting the pledge goal of \$158,750!

- ✓ New Roof ~ Installed
- ✓ HVAC in Music Area ~ Replaced
- ✓ Carpet ~ Replaced

## 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 more information.

## Why we have Masses for the Living and the Dead

The Council of Trent states that Masses can be said for "the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities".

Purgatory purifies the soul of those venial sins that impede the soul's perfect ascent to God. Death ends a person's ability to change morally, because body and soul—the integral person—are broken apart. The soul is, therefore, passive *vis-à-vis* himself. He can do nothing for himself (though, from love, he can do for others, which is why we can invoke the prayers of the faithful departed). We, who are alive, can do acts of charity for our faithful departed in purgatory they cannot do for themselves. Our charity can be extended to them to help atone for their sins.

**Catholics may have Masses said for living** people as a way to intercede for them and pray on their behalf. This is known as a Catholic Mass intention or request. The Mass is considered the highest form of worship and prayer, and some say it can have a powerful spiritual impact.

Here are some reasons why Catholics may have Masses said for living people:

- **Increase grace**

Living people can still grow in sanctifying grace, and a Mass can offer them increased grace to become more Christlike.

- **Repentance**

A Mass can provide the grace needed for repentance, even if conversion is ultimately a free choice.

- **Special occasions**

A Mass can be offered on special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, or to pray for someone who is struggling with health issues.



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