

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, Thursday & Friday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parish Staff

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Mass Schedule	ext 3
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education	ext 2
Malysa Collazo, Parish Secretary, Bulletin & Web page editor	ext 1
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Ministry

RCIA.....Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS
Care of the sick.....call Parish Office
Altar Rosary Society:Meetings Third Sunday of the month9:00 AM
Youth Group Fr. Damian Tomiczek

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

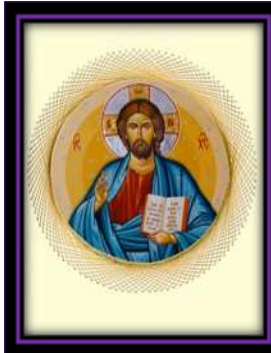
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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 1st 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, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Malysa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

Sunday December 21st ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20th

5:00 pm Christmas Remembrance

Sunday, December 21st ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Christmas Remembrance

10:30 am Christmas Remembrance

Monday, December 22nd

8:45 am Christmas Remembrance

Tuesday, December 23rd

8:45 am Christmas Remembrance

Wednesday, December 24th ~ Vigil Mass

5 pm Christmas Remembrance

12 am Christmas Remembrance

Thursday, December 25th ~ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9:00 am † Jan & Maria Grzegorz Karkoszka

11:00 am Living & deceased Parishioners of St. Theodore

Friday, December 26th ~ St. Stephen

8:45 am † Filomena & Bernardino Iannelli
By Family

Saturday, December 27th ~ St. John

5:00 pm Christmas Remembrance

Sunday, December 28th ~ the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Theodore

10:30 † Pauline Scala
By Victor & Lynn Liss

Attention! Attention!

Inviting all women of the Parish to join the **Altar Rosary Society**. Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00 am.

Enhance your spirituality by learning about Saints, attend short meetings and fellowship. Reciting the rosary as a devotion to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us for 1 ½ hours a month to give thanks for all God gives you.



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

Your Offertory Gift~ December 14th, 2025

First Collection: \$1,165

Votives: \$77

Clothing Bin: \$100

Religious Retirement: \$570

Electronic Giving: \$366

Next week's Special collection is for Propane Costs



Propane Costs

We are at 14% of the goal.



■ Collected \$1,466

■ Balance \$8,534

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

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Ann Marie, Ientile Family, Jim Mattison, for the Cáceres Family, Gustavo Cáceres, Helen Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar, Louise Isidori, Bp. Paul Bootkoski, Craig Smith, Jaenne Szamreta, Eugene, Joseph Magnini, Fr. Gabriel, SDS, Baby Rowan, Bonnie Jewel Hawkins, David Dallas, the Malia Family, the Profrock family, Emilia Bernabey, MaryAnn Kubik, Lisa Molinsky, Janet VanAlstyne and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.



St. Theodore's ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

St. Theodore Annual Tricky Tray was a success!
We thank everyone who donated/sponsored prizes,
bought tickets, donated food, and the work behind
the scenes throughout the year!
All the hard work paid off and we were able to raise
approximately

\$27,000

**more details to follow once all expenses are
accounted for**

A special thank you to Desire Mora, Theresa
McLaughlin, and Dorothy Wantrobski who ran the
operations.



*"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, 2025, and ends on
January 4, 2026, 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.

2026 Offering Envelops have arrived!



Please take a moment
to pick up your
offering envelops
located in the narthex.

**Thank you for your continued
generosity throughout the year.**

Sanctuary Candle

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Stephen & Mary Giordano



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*



New Years Day Mass

Wednesday, 31st
5:00 pm

Thursday, 1st
9am & 11 am

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