

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 Friday
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS	ext 4
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Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education	ext 2
Malyssa Collazo, Parish Secretary	ext 1
Elizabete Romanello, Financial Manager	ext 1
Mary Kovacs, Bulletin & Website Editor	
Chris Lance, Music Director	

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 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



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 January 12, 2025 The Baptism Of The Lord

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 12th ~ Baptism Of The Lord

8:00 am † **Howard Morpeth**
By Altar Rosary Society

And **Birthday Blessings for Gloria Keker**
by Stan & Dorothy Wantrabski

10:30 am † **Vincie Vallo**
By Robert & Victoria Dicheck

Monday, January 13th ~ St. Hillary

8:45 am † **John Flynn**
By George & Georgianne Merlo

Tuesday, January 14th

8:45 am † **Joyce Joyner**
By Mary & Matt Delany

Wednesday, January 15th

8:45 am † **Francis Edel**
By Saponaro Family, Savin, Steve,
Jane & Steven

Thursday, January 16th

No Mass

Friday, January 17th

8:45 am † **Anthony Annese**
By Rich & Maryjane Petterutti

Saturday, January 18th

5:00 pm † **Francis Blevins**
By Rachel & Family

Sunday, January 19th ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am **For the repose of the soul of**
Kathryn Finnegan
By Capaldo Family

10:30 am † **Vera Stoy**
By Theresa McLaughlin

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First Collection: \$2,278

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The 2025 Mass intention book is now open

The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass.

To schedule a Mass call the Parish office at

908-689-8318

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

Ann Marie, Ientile Family,
The Proefrock Family, Luke Ansbach,
Michael Shannon, Jim Mattison, for the Cáceres
Family, Helen Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby,
Joseph Mattar, Louise Isidori, Bp. Paul Bootkoski,
Jaenne Szamreta 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

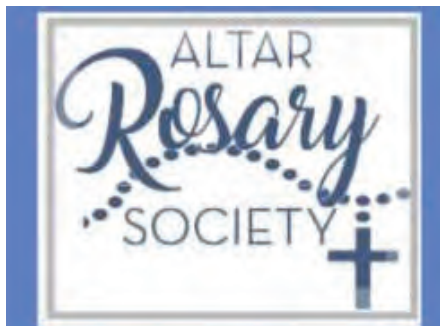


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available. Please, when you submit your request, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or send an email request to sttheodorenj@gmail.com .



Calling all parish women! We're on the lookout for some awesome ladies to join our Altar Rosary Society.

Our next gathering is coming up on **January 19th at 9:00 am.**

After the meeting, we'll say the Rosary at 10:00 am.

Come Pray a **ROSARY** *for* **LIFE**

with Bishop James F. Checchio

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025
AT 1:00 PM**

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You are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm, 369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ. There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, please contact ammarshall@diometuchen.org.



The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord, also known as Theophany, is a Christian feast day that commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is a significant event in the life of Jesus and is considered the basis for the Christian rite of baptism.

The Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. It marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. The baptism was a sign of Jesus' willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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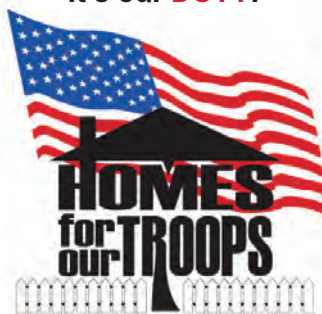
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