

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, 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 month 6:30 PM

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

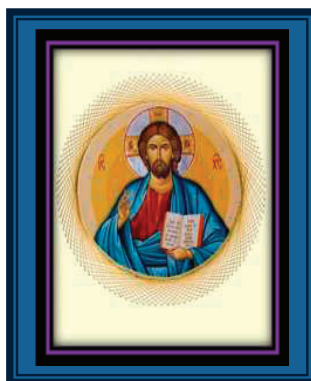
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27th

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

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 am † **Alan Keggan**

By Ivins & Joanne Smith

10:30 am † **Living & Deceased Members of
Peterson Family**

By Nancy & Charlie Guerriere

Monday, April 29th

8:45 am † **Maria Dao Nguyen**

By Dang Vo

Tuesday, April 30th

8:45 am † **Richard and Gina Sparacino**

By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Wednesday, May 1st

8:45 am † **Margaret Musello**

By tim & Ginny Moran

Thursday, May 2nd

No Mass

Friday, May 3rd FIRST FRIDAY

8:45am **For the intentions of Maria
and Keanen Bechler**

By Greg & Kylie Beben

Saturday, April 4th FIRST SATURDAY

8:45 am **Thanksgiving & prayer for
Elizabeth and Andrzej Gielniewski**

By Jadwiga Gondek

5:00 pm † **Helen Picht**

By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, April 5th

8:00 am † **Theresa, John & John Jr. Adamiak
and Nettie, Joseph & Edward Roche**
by Clem & Clara Wyker

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

12:30 pm **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Your Offertory Gift
April 21, 2024

First Collection: \$2,025

Mother's Day: \$10

Votive Candles: \$103.35

Thank you for your generosity.

**Next week's second collection is for the
Development of People.**

**We offer the Remember in your prayers the sick
of the Parish:**

Perry Alburg, Clint Williamson, Scott Griseto,
Teresa & Danny, Nancy Guerriere, Vincent
Locasto, Ann Morpeth, Frances Oleni, Patsy
Reiger, Michaela, Adam, Andrew, Kimberly
Rivers, Wally Schlegel, Billy Pinamont, Andrea
Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres Family, Ryan
Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Barbara, Cuello,
Steven, Michael & Christian, Lisa Moyer Det.
Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume,
Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta, Kathy
Finnegan, Joelynn Locasto, Edward Kirby, Joseph
Mattar, Patricia Walker and all the intentions found
in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the
Narthex.

**Congratulations to the First Holy
Communion Class of 2024**

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received
their First Holy Communion. Thank you, Elizabeth
Saam, Kim Fojut and Fr. Damian for helping our
young people prepare for this most special
Sacrament.

**Anaya Sophia Alburg
Anthony Michael Carrano Jr.
Anisette Colon
Brandon Matthew Flora
Hailey Grace Elizabeth Fojut
Matthew John Szilagyi**

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000

You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual video by going to <https://diomtuchen.org/BBA>.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."(John 15:1)

If we're not trimmed down, our pride will grow, our selfishness will expand and become bloated, but we won't grow.

Our growth doesn't have to come through pain, but we can try to distract our self-intake by being concerned about others. Listening to and remembering someone else's current problems is not too painful and it puts us in shape. We become more "beautiful", compassionate, patient and understanding.

And the best part of this struggle is that we are not alone. We may cut back sometimes but we're still part of the vine: Christ. Branches have certain advantages: they simply have to put to use the food and strength that come from the vine.

But we have obligations too. Christ doesn't expect miracles from us, but wants us to try, with his help, to reach out to others. The vine won't extend without the branches. And wherever the branches show up, the vine is appreciated or not according to the goodness of the branches. The Jewish Christians had a hard time deciding whether to accept Paul or not. But Paul proved he was joined to the vine by speaking out fearlessly in the name of Jesus, and worrying more about the gospel than his own welfare.

It's not that easy staying in shape as Christians. We have to accept pain and disappointment. We have to listen more to others than we do to ourselves. We die a little each day to

make room for the Risen life. And ultimately, as Christians we look forward to the final death, the last shedding of the human bulk. But death will be a real joy: the end of sin, the end of struggling, and the new permanently trim us. If we try trimming down our selfishness, we learn in advance what it means to die: dying to self, but rising to Christ.

Christ died to give us life – not in small proportion, but life abundantly. For this I will promise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

The Precepts of the Church.

In addition to the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses as found in the Old Testament (Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21) that oblige Jews and Christians to this very day, the Catholic Church has established its own set of particular commandments or "precepts" that bind the baptized Catholic faithful. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

The Precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayers and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2041).

The Precepts of the Church are as follows:

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
 2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year
 3. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season (ordinarily Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday)
 4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence
 5. Providing for the needs of the Church
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