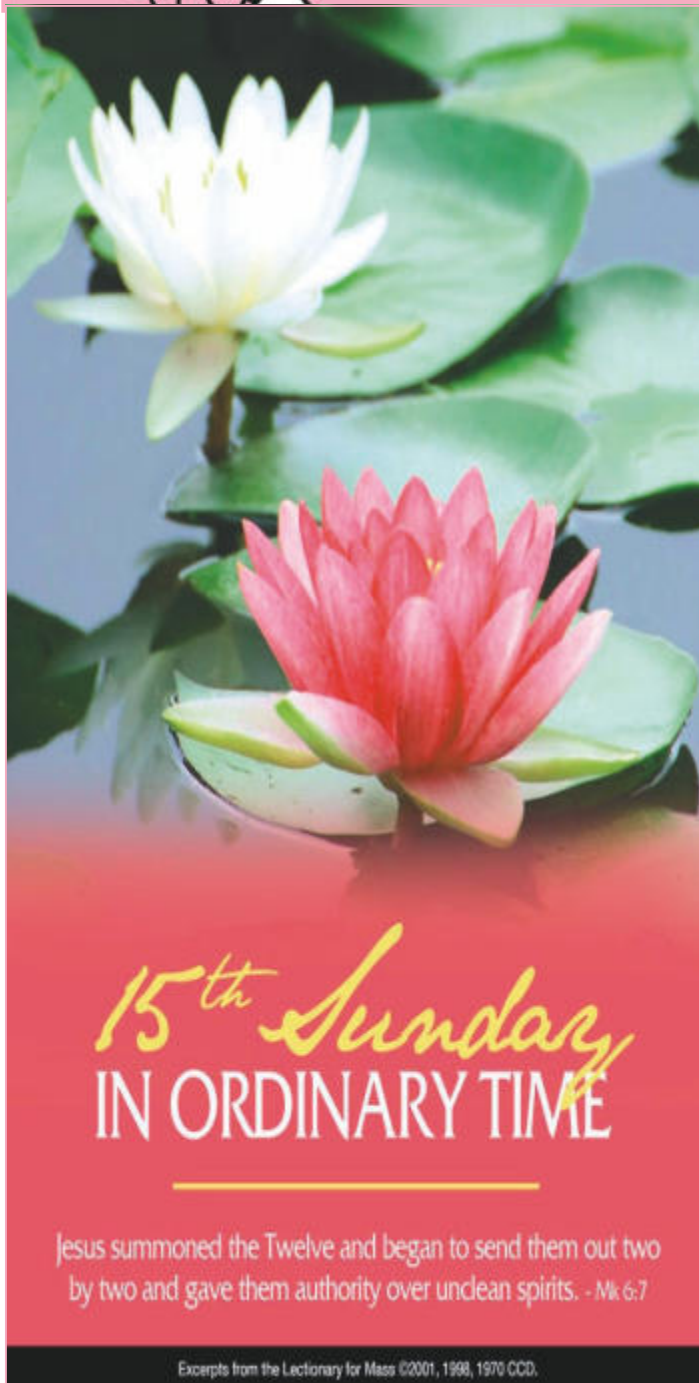




# St. Theodore's Church

*"Broken, we gather. Nourished, we are sent forth."*



*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

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## *Pastoral Perspectives*

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt 11:28-29).

For the peace of mind, heart, and soul we all need and want, we can come to Jesus.

Jesus spoke to people desperately trying to find God, and who were desperately trying to be good, and who were finding the tasks impossible, and who were driven to weariness and to despair.

The people of Jesus' day spoke of the yoke of the Law, the yoke of the commandments, the yoke of the Kingdom, the yoke of God. But it may be that Jesus took the words from something closer to home - from his carpentry shop. He said, "My yoke is easy." The word easy is translated as "well fitting." In Palestine, ox-yokes were of wood; the ox was brought, and the measurements were taken,

So, Jesus says to us, "My yoke fits well." Whatever God sends to us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly; God has a task for every one of us, which is made to measure for us. Jesus says, "My burden is light." As a Rabbi had it, "My burden has become my song." It is not that the burden is easy to carry, but it is laid on us in love. It is meant to be carried in love; and love makes even the heaviest burden light. When we remember the love of God, when we know that our burden is to love God and to love people, then the burden becomes a song. The burden which is given in love and carried in love is always light.

• **Thought for the week:** "We are not our thoughts. We are what we do with our thoughts."

• **Smile for the week:** Joe: "What kind of dog is that?" Bill: "He's a police dog." Joe: "He sure doesn't look like one to me." Bill: "Of course not. He's an undercover cop."

God bless! Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Kevin McKenna

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### THEO'S POWER LAB

Discover Jesus' Miraculous Power  
 "Mini Bible Camp"  
 July 26, 27 and 28  
 9:30 a.m. - Noon  
 Children ages 4 -12



Now that restrictions are being lifted, we would like to offer a three day "Mini Bible Camp" so our parish children can enjoy fun activities while staying safe. This year will be different from past years when we had a week long program, but one thing will remain the same, it will be lots of fun with science experiments, bible stories, crafts, and games! The building will not be decorated and the sessions will be outside as much as possible. Snacks and craft items will be individually packaged.

The number of children will be limited in order for the groups to be small so we can social distance and keep everyone safe.

Since space is limited, at this time registration is only opened to parishioners. Parishioners will have until **July 12** to register and the fee will be **\$15 per child until July 12.**

**After July 12**, parishioners and non-parishioners will be able to register **if** space is available. **The registration deadline is July 19** and the fee will be **\$18 per child.** If your registration form is received after the program is full, you will be notified and your payment will be returned.

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) and did not receive a registration form, please contact Maureen at 429-5650 or Maureen.piehl@dor.org..

### FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

For too many families in our Neighborhood it is a real struggle to put meals on the table for their families. Please share generously with them by bringing some item of non-perishable food as part of your regular weekly offering.

### NEEDED ITEM OF THE WEEK

Large 28oz, Canned Tomatoes

### DAILY CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

This is the end of the current Daily Cash Raffle winners for the period of March to June. Our next raffle will start August 1.

6/28	Rosann Hartman	\$25
6/29	Dan & Michele Butterworth	\$25
6/30	Marcia Zona	\$25

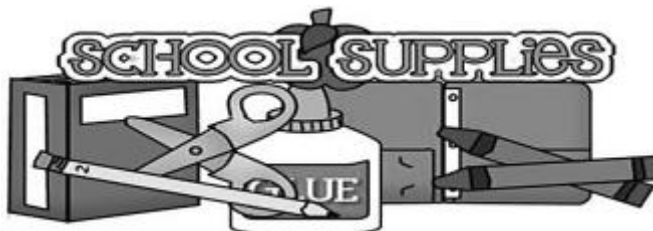


### FOOD CUPBOARD SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Many of the people who depend on our Food Cupboard have children of school age. We would like to help them by giving them some school supplies. These items may be placed on the Food Cupboard donation table, along with any food donations. Please provide these items by August 2. Thank you!

Please take me shopping with you — listed in order of greatest need.

- o Back packs
- o Colored pencils
- o Pink erasers
- o Pencil end erasers
- o Scissors
- o Elmer's Glue
- o Composition Notebooks (wide & college ruled)
- o Wire-bound Notebooks (wide & college ruled)
- o Pocket Folders
- o Packages of Loose leaf notebook paper (wide & college ruled)
- o WASHABLE markers
- o Crayons
- o Pencils
- o Glue sticks
- o Dividers for binders



### **"CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT" Mandatory Training for Parish Volunteers**

In March 2021, the Diocese of Rochester updated its Volunteer Creating a Safe Environment (CASE) Policy to include **ALL** volunteers, not just those that work with children or vulnerable adults. The training is offered exclusively in an online platform. You will be required to sign a Code of Conduct and complete a background check prior to starting your volunteer service. **If you have a passport or Enhanced ID, you will not need to give your social security number for the background check.** These must be renewed every 3 years. Minors will still need to sign a Volunteer Code of Conduct and complete a training session with Mrs. Piehler.

With the new policy, ushers, cantors, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, office volunteers, Food Cupboard and Theo's Closet volunteers along with Faith Formation and Youth Ministry volunteers are now required to be CASE trained. There is an exemption for money counters and committee members IF there are NO youth/children on the committee and the committee meets when NO youth/children are around. Additionally, women and men's groups that meet when NO youth/children are around and NO youth/children are in the group. The exemption goes away if a vulnerable adult is a part of the committee or group.

Volunteers can access the training using Google Chrome at <https://www.dor.training>, or by contacting Maureen Piehler at 429-5650 or [Maureen.piehler@dor.org](mailto:Maureen.piehler@dor.org) for information. Before doing the training, please notify Maureen so that she can provide you with the Volunteer Code of Conduct you need to sign and explain the Background Check.

Since this training is mandatory, if a person does not agree to complete it, unfortunately, they can no longer volunteer. We greatly appreciate the support of our volunteers and thank you so much for your service/ministry to our parish and pray that you will continue!

### **BOTTLE AND CAN RETURNS**

At the present time, we are still not able to accept bottle and can donations at the parish. With graduation parties and family picnics going on, you can still support our youth programs if you can return your bottles and cans on your own and donate the money to the program or you can take your bottles and cans to T & T Redemption Center, 485 Spencerport Road (behind CVS pharmacy), and tell them to put the money on the account for St. Theodore's Church and hand in the receipt to Maureen Piehler. Once we reach a certain amount, they will issue us a check.



Please do not bring your empty bottles and cans to the parish center. We greatly appreciate your support and generosity.

**BAPTISMS**—Please call 429-6811 to schedule the baptism.

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-9 INCLUDING SACRAMENT PREPARATION**—Contact Maureen Piehler at 429-5650 for information regarding programs.

**HOSPITAL CALLS**—Please call the parish office to have a priest or pastoral staff visit you while you are in the hospital. Due to privacy laws, we cannot access information about your hospitalization unless you indicate St. Theodore's as your faith community on your admissions forms.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**—Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**WEDDINGS**—Contact Deacon Dennis at 429-6811 or [dennis.lohouse@dor.org](mailto:dennis.lohouse@dor.org) as soon as possible to reserve the church **before** you sign a contract with a reception hall.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FOR GRADES 6-12**—Contact Maureen Piehler for information at 429-5650.

**BULLETIN**—Email [sttheodorebulletin@dor.org](mailto:sttheodorebulletin@dor.org) at least 10 days before the bulletin date. Pick up a copy of our latest bulletin in the chapel entrance.

**Please remember St. Theodore's Church of Gates, NY in your will. Request that memorial donations be sent to our parish upon a loved one's death.**

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**—Please continue to mail in your envelopes on a weekly basis. We are also accepting envelopes at the entrance of the parish life center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only from 9:00—12:00. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and needed at this time.

**FOOD CUPBOARD**—Donations to the Food Cupboard can be dropped off at the entrance of the parish life center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only from 9:00—12:00.

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Log into your account and shop away.



### *Eucharistic Chapel - Open 24 Hours*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**—Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

The Eucharistic Chapel is open 24/7 to pick up bulletins, raffle tickets, calendars, etc.



The parish office is open with limited hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00—12 Noon.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MONDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Philip LoMaglio req. Carolyn Langelotti

## TUESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Joseph Muller Sr. req. Rose & Ginny

## WEDNESDAY St. Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

8:30 A.M. Carmela Pezzulo req. Vincenzo & Philomena Miale

## THURSDAY St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. Connie Feola req. Marilyn Casaceli & Roseanne Porcelli

## FRIDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Helen & Steven Zeller req. Estate of Sophie Zeller

## WEEKEND MASSES

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. William & Clara Spallina req. Joanne Reeder

## SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. Joseph & Alfonsa Argento req. Gary & Josie D'alessandra

11:00 A.M. People of St. Theodore's Parish

**Bible readings for next Sunday:** Jer 23: 1-6;  
Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-3



### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Joseph Carusotti  
Edward Harris  
Kathleen Smith

Please remember our deceased and their families at this most difficult time.

Thank you to the good stewards who continue to support our parish. St. Theodore's is very blessed to have your support especially during this difficult time.



### FINANCES FOR WEEK OF JUNE 27

**Sunday Collection** **\$6,392.17**

**Attendance** **393**

**ST. THEODORE'S CASH RAFFLE**  
**122 CHANCES TO WIN!**  
Drawings from 8/1/21 through 11/30/21  
Tickets are \$20 each



**PRIZES**

Weekday—\$25  
Saturday/Sunday—\$50

**FOUR SPECIAL DRAWINGS OF \$125**

**on August 15, September 15,  
October 15 and November 15.**

**Bright green tickets available in the bulletin today  
and in the back of church.  
Place tickets with a check or cash in an envelope.  
They can be mailed back, dropped off at the parish  
office or put in the Sunday collection boxes.**



Are you new to our parish and want to register as parishioners? We would love to have you. Please fill out the form below and we will contact you to complete the registration.

**I WANT TO REGISTER AT ST. THEODORE'S!**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Staff:**

*Rev. Kevin McKenna, Pastor*  
*Dennis Lohouse, Deacon*  
*Angelo Coccia, Senior Deacon*  
*Laurence Feasel, Senior Deacon*  
*Anthony Caruso, Senior Deacon*  
*David Paluskiewicz, Senior Deacon*  
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*Maureen Piehler, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry*  
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