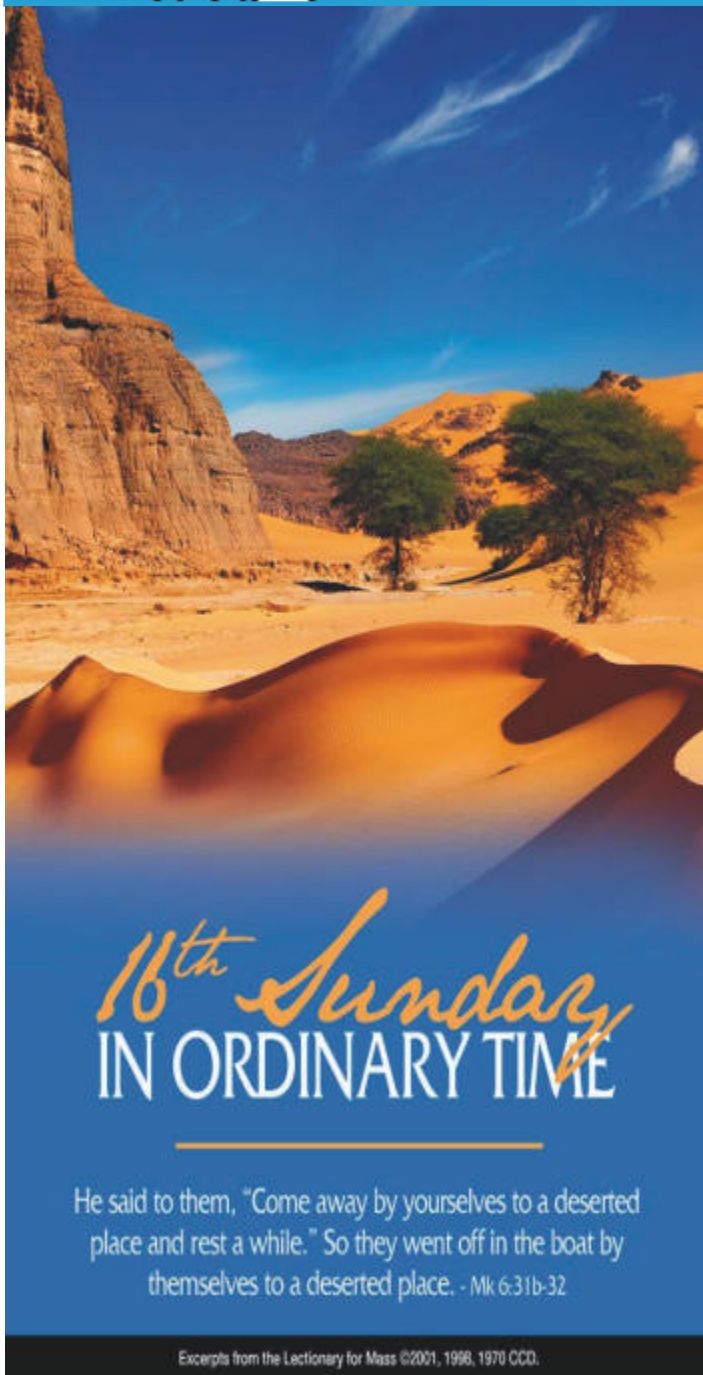




St. Theodore's Church

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



Pastoral Perspectives

A friend sent me the following – and I share it with you:

The Parable of the Spoons

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly.

They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have

learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves. "A friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart."

"People say true friends must always hold hands, but true friends don't need to hold hands because they know the other hand will always be there...."

· **Thought for the week:** When you resist change, you're never more than a moment away from disappointment.

· **Smile for the week:** If at first you don't succeed – don't try skydiving!

God bless! Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Kevin McKenna

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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!

THEO'S POWER LAB
Discover Jesus' Miraculous Power
"Mini Bible Camp"
July 26, 27 and 28
9:30 a.m. - Noon



Monday, July 19 is the last day to register for our three day "Mini Bible Camp". 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.

The registration fee is \$18 per child. If you are still interested in registering your child or grandchildren, please contact Maureen at 429-5650 or Maureen.piebler@dor.org.

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

During the summer months, contributions to the Food Cupboard decreases significantly, but the demand increases. Please help us..

NEEDED ITEM OF THE WEEK

Pork and Beans

The Greater Rochester Community of Churches – Faith In Action Network will host **"WE REMEMBER"** a community memorial service on Sunday, August 1 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at MLK Memorial Park, 353 Court St., honoring Monroe County residents who have died from COVID or from other causes during these pandemic days. Family and friends who have lost loved ones during this time are invited to send the names of the deceased to Rev. Deborah Grohman, GRCC Administrative Coordinator, by email to contact@rocchurches.org or phone 254-2570 (please spell names) by **Monday, July 26**. The names will be placed on a memorial scroll and read aloud during the service. Sign Language Interpreters will be provided.

Those attending the service are asked to bring a picture or a memento of their loved one as well as a chair or blanket for seating. We ask that you please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated. Free parking will be available on -street and at nearby city garages.

HOW IMPORTANT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is the "doorway" through which we enter the Church community. It is in this sacrament that Christ claims us for his own; that parents commit to raising their child as a Christian; and that the Christian community welcomes the child as a member. What an awesome gift parents give their child when they come to the Church to ask for this sacrament of Baptism for their child!

It is a serious responsibility of the faith community to help parents in every way possible. Here at St. Theodore's we offer an individual meeting with parents to talk together about the privileges and responsibilities of Baptism and a group session that further explores how both parents and Church can help form this child in our Catholic faith.

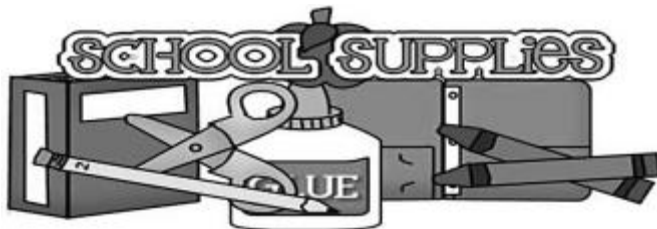
If you are expecting, we encourage you to attend this class during your pregnancy, so you have as much of a "head start" as possible in forming your child in faith. If you have a newborn, we urge you to participate in this group session in the early months of your child's life. Arrange an appointment with Sr. Cathy by calling the parish office; then plan to attend our next group session on Wednesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m.

**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



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

****UPDATED INFORMATION**

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 who have completed (CASE) Training and had a background check one time and who have attained the age of 70 will be exempt from renewal of CASE Training, they will be required to complete an updated background check. and volunteer code of conduct every three years.**

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 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!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Diana Licata
Rose Nardone
Dorothy Young

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

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 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 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.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Laurinda & Antonio Freitas req. Zita & John
Fernandes

TUESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Justin Howard req. Family

WEDNESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. William Gerew req. Gerew Family

THURSDAY St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 A.M. Floyd Donaldson req. Shirley & Family

FRIDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Sante Antonio de Padova & Santa Maria a
Monte Taburno req. Frank & Anna Ruggiero

WEEKEND MASSES

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. People of St. Theodore's Parish

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. Tony & Rosa DiLettera req. Ann Saraceni
11:00 A.M. Joseph & Nancy Pioli & Mary Guisto req.
Domenic & Linda D'Ambrosio

Bible readings for next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44;
Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15(110)

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 JULY 4

Sunday Collection	\$6,952.00
Attendance	375

FINANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11

Sunday Collection	\$9,269.00
Capital Maintenance	\$1,031.00
Attendance	416



St. Theodore's Cash Raffle

We hope you will purchase the St. Theodore's Cash Raffle tickets. It is a great way to support your parish and have a chance to win over \$4,000 in prizes. Please fill out the stub, place them in an envelope and return them with \$20 for each ticket to St. Theodore's no later than July 31.

Checks may be made out to "St. Theodore's Church".

You can mail them back, drop them in the parish office or in the Sunday collection boxes.

This fundraiser is essential to support the ever increasing cost of maintaining our parish programs and the upkeep of our parish property.

Green cash raffle tickets will be in next week's bulletin or in the back of church.
Buy some and become a winner!



Win Big,
the 15th of
each month



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
Leigh Ann Lester, Business Manager
Maureen Piehler, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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