



St. Theodore's Church

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



Pastoral Perspectives

If ever you are inclined to wonder about the limits of God's mercy, remember that God's mercy is always there for the best of us and, and most importantly, for the worst of us. It doesn't come to us because we beg for it; it doesn't depend on whether or not we ask for it. God is always present as a merciful, forgiving Father.

But sometimes it is difficult to know God's mercy. It could have been difficult even for Mary. She suffered the scorn of the neighborhood busybodies because she was pregnant before marriage. She had to quietly endure this waiting for the day that God's plan would someday become evident. In the small tight knit community of Nazareth, everyone knew that Mary's pregnancy shocked and upset her betrothed husband, Joseph. He was a man who, even though he was as gentle as possible, had resolved to send her away. Her cousin Elizabeth's son would be born in a home with numerous people attending. Mary's child was not born in a home but in a stable. This would be a hardship and suffering for any mother. The Gospel of Matthew says that Mary and Joseph also suffered exile in Egypt to flee Herod. Later on, Mary would suffer the indignities of people telling her that her son had lost his mind. She would have her heart torn out as her son died on the cross. Then, even after the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Mary would have to put up with the squabbling of the apostles. But she always believed. And she, who we believe was taken body and soul to heaven, continues to help us.

- Thought for the week: As long as we don't forgive people who have hurt us, they occupy a rent-free space in our mind.

- Smile for the week: What is the tallest building in the world? The library. It has the most stories.

God bless! Have a wonderful week! Fr. Kevin McKenna

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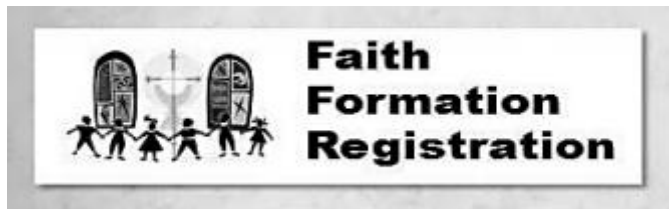
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Registration has begun for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Program for grades 1-9. At the present time, we are planning to have in-person classes this year. The registration letter and form were emailed to families last week.

To enroll in our sacramental programs, children and teens must attend weekly classes or a Catholic school. Textbooks and supplies need to be ordered, so please register as soon as possible. **Regular registration fees are in effect until August 30. After August 30, there is an additional \$25.00 fee per child.**

If you have any questions about the program, or you did not receive information yet, please contact Maureen Piehler at 429-5650 or Maureen.piehler@dor.org.

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS


Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies. The response was overwhelming! There will be a smile on all the faces of the children that receive them.

During the summer months, our donations are way down, but our demand is way up.

With children out of school, more and more young families seek our help.

We are in very short supply of many items including:

NEEDED ITEM OF THE WEEK



Canned Mandarin Oranges

Daily Cash Raffle Winners

8/01	M. Fraser	\$50
8/02	Susan Frank	\$25
8/03	Bernadette LeFrois	\$25
8/04	Tony Giuseppetti	\$25
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COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE

Study

BIBLE STUDY WITH SR. BERNARDE

After a summer break, Sr. Bernarde's Thursday afternoon Bible Study Group will be getting back together again in mid-September. They always enjoy having new folks gather with them. No prior Bible Study experience is necessary. Please consider joining them from 1: 30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the library.

Come and See!
Give it a try!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletins for September 5, 12 and 19 - Articles must be sent to sttheodorebulletin@dor.org no later than noon on Thursday, August 26.

MASK UPDATE

The CDC and Monroe County recommend and encourage wearing a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBA

Thank you to all who contributed to the special collection for the Missionary Society of St. Columba last weekend. Our parish raised \$2,217 for their mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Mass of Recognition
of the
Sacrament of Matrimony*



Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at Two o'clock in the Afternoon at Sacred Heart Cathedral 296 Flower City Park • Rochester, NY 14615. Register online at <https://conta.cc/3vjYs7x> or emailing donald.smith@dor.org or katey.bourne@dor.org.



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 _____

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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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.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Ronald N. DiPonzio
Croce Grande
John McNeill
Eileen St. John
Carol Sciortino

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MONDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Rose Nardone req. Angelina Cifarelli

TUESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Jerry Scheid req. Dan & Terry and Mike & Chris

8:30 A.M. Filippo Colaprete req. Wife & Children

WEDNESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. John Capizzi req. Daughter, Lisa Ann

8:30 A.M. Stephen Klender req. Connie Nye

THURSDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Joseph Caporale, Sr. req. Laura Towns

FRIDAY St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. Irma & Simplicio Cotturone req. Family

WEEKEND MASSES

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. Carl Petrillo req. sister, Mary Scherzi

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. People of St. Theodore's Parish

11:00 A.M. SS Martiri of Celano req. Congrega

Bible readings for next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

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 AUGUST 8

Sunday Collection	\$8,789.00
Maintenance Fund	\$340.00
Attendance	404

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

Silvester Kirchoff will be a senior at Spencerport High School and is a Boy Scout in Troop 165. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Silvester wanted to do something to enhance the grounds of St. Theodore's since this has been his parish his entire life. Silvester and his parents, Greg and Silvana, met with Maureen Piehler for some ideas and suggestions. She said that it would be wonderful to have an area with benches and a fire pit for different ministries in our parish to gather for prayer, reflection and meditation. Silvester designed the plans for the area, researched what supplies were needed, how much it would cost and presented his proposal for approval.

Once the project was approved, Silvester, his dad and other scouts from Troop 165 and their dads got busy digging, building benches and putting the area together. It is located on the side of the parish life center by the gym entrance. The fire pit, materials for building the benches and the landscaping were funded by grant money that the Youth Ministry Program received through the Happy, Healthy, Holy Youth Initiative sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, through the generosity of the Mother Cabrini Foundation. This program was started to provide pathways for young people and their families to grow in holiness, engage in positive relationships and experience mental, physical and emotional wellness. Silvester also contacted stores for donations for some of the materials.

We are so grateful for the beautiful prayer area that Silvester designed and created for our parish. All of the planning, hard work and many hours spent outside in the hot weather is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Silvester, and Congratulations on completing your Eagle Scout Service Project! We are very proud of your accomplishments and leadership skills.



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