



St. Theodore's Church

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

Pastoral Perspectives

A theologian who is a spiritual writer once shared "Guidelines for the Long Haul." I think they provide us with some good tips for living our faith as disciples for the long haul:

- 1) Be grateful. Resist pessimism and false guilt. To be a saint is to be warmed by gratitude. The highest compliment you can give a gift-giver is to thoroughly enjoy the gift. You owe it to your Creator to appreciate things, to be as happy as you can.
- 2) Don't be naïve about God... God will settle for not less than everything. As an activist once said: "Before you get serious about Jesus, consider carefully how good you're going to look on wood."
- 3) Walk forward when possible... or at least try to get one foot in front of the other. Start over often. Nobody is old in God's eyes; nothing is too late in terms of conversion.
- 4) Pray ... that God will hang on to you. Distrust popularity polls. Trust prayer. Be willing to die a little to be with God since God died to be with you. Let your heart become the place where the tears of God and the tears of God's children become the tears of hope.
- 5) Love... if a life is large enough for love, it is large enough! Create a space for love in your life. Know that nothing can be loved too much. Things can only be loved in the wrong way. Know there are only two potential tragedies on life: Not to love and not to tell those you love that you love them.
- 6) Accept what you are... and fear not, you are inadequate! Accept the human condition. Only God is whole.
- 7) Don't mummify... let go, as not to be pushed. Accept daily deaths. Don't seize life as a possession. Possessiveness kills enjoyment, kills relationships, and eventually kills you. Let go gracefully.
- 8) Refuse to take things seriously. God's laughter fills the emptiness of our tombs. Keep in mind it is easy to be heavy, hard to be light. Laughter is a direct insult to the realism, dignity and austerity of hell. Laugh with people and not at them.
- 9) Stay within the family... you're on a group outing. Don't journey alone. Be "born again," regularly into community. Accept there are strings attached. The journey includes family, church, country, and the whole human race. Don't be seduced by the lure of absolute freedom. Freedom and meaning lie in obedience to community: community humbles, deflates the ego, puts you into purgatory, and eventually into heaven.
- 10) Don't be afraid to go soft ... redemption lies in tears!

And so, all of Jesus' teaching can be put into one word: surrender! If you will not have a softening of the heart you will eventually have a softening of the head. Help us Lord get through the narrow gate!

- Thought for the week: Say "yes" like you mean it. Say "no" like you mean it.
- Smile for the week: What do lawyers wear to court? Lawsuits.

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



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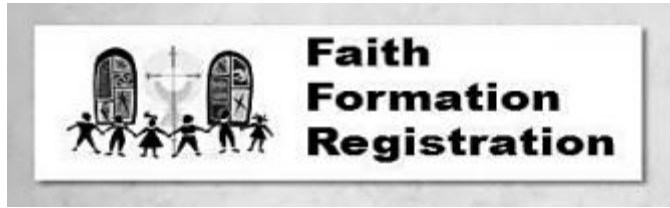
FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

Thank you for your continued support of our food cupboard during these troubled times.

Food donations can be dropped off when you come to Mass or at the entrance of the parish life center during parish office hours.

NEEDED ITEMS:

Pudding & Jello Mix



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.

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.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Frank DiCesare
Josephine Duplesis
Thomas Puglia

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

Daily Cash Raffle Winners

8/9	Monica Mau	\$25
8/10	Carol A. Cummings	\$25
8/11	Nancy LaMendola	\$25
8/12	Anne Renda	\$25
8/13	Abigail Vlosky	\$25
8/14	Cheryl Damuth	\$50
8/15	Debora Smardz	\$125



Correction:

In the article about the Eagle Scout Service Project last week, it mentioned that Silvester Kirchoff will be a senior at Spencerport High School; Silvester will be a junior this year.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



We are very thankful for those who have chosen to be CASE trained and continue their volunteer service at St. Theodore's. If you would like to volunteer and are not CASE trained, please call the office for more information.

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!

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



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Have you ever felt called to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi?

The Secular Franciscan Order (formerly known as the "The Third Order"), was created more than 800 years ago by St. Francis for lay people – married and single – secular priests, and deacons who want to live out Franciscan spirituality in their daily lives.

The St. Padre Pio Chapel 141 DiMino Way, hosts the Glory of the Most High Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. The Fraternity regularly meets in the Chapel the second Sunday of the month from 1-3 p.m. for prayer and study of Franciscan spirituality. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12.

Visitors are welcome to see if they are called to this Franciscan approach to life.

For more information, call Lee Strong, OFS, at 426-7268.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you feel helpless?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It is Catholic in nature but open to couples of all faiths or backgrounds.

This world-wide program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

The next program will be the weekend of September 17. Please call 585-293-1552 with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

MAGNIFICAT ROCHESTER

Magnificat Rochester invites all women to a breakfast on Saturday, September 18th; seating begins at 9:00 a.m. - meal & program starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 12:00 noon at the Brook Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd, (off Chili Ave). Masks required for those not vaccinated.

Our speaker is Anne Costa. Anne is from Syracuse, NY, is the best-selling author of six books. Anne's writing and speaking ministries bring hope, practical help and spiritual healing and address such topics as addiction, suicide, abuse, relationships, boundaries and physical, spiritual and mental health.

Reservations \$25.00; after Sept 11th: \$27.00; Student \$15.00; Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. Deadline Sept. 15th. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal (\$26.00) on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com.

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.





Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. David Zona req. Marcia Zona

TUESDAY Saint Bartolomew, Apostle

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

WEDNESDAY Weekday

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

THURSDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Josephine Duplesis req. M/M Tony Passamonte

FRIDAY Saint Monica

8:30 A.M. Edward Esker req. Ted & Irene Caporale

WEEKEND MASSES

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. Clemente Ruggiero req. Frank & Anna Ruggiero & Family

4:30 P.M. Richard J. Prince req. Family

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. Charles & Rose Plumeri req. Vincent & Joann Plumeri

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

11:00 A.M. St Cesidio req. People of Trasacco

Bible readings for next Sunday: Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23(125)

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 15

Sunday Collection	\$6,264.18
Maintenance Fund	\$153.00
Attendance	402



We will be staying in Rochester for NCYC 2021 and setting the world and our faith “Ablaze”!! There will be a mix of in-person activities along with livestreaming of the keynote speakers, a few of the workshops and prayer services. For those teens who do not like to be away from home, this will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the excitement of NCYC.

Much more information will be coming but for right now, save these dates:

Sunday, November 14: Kickoff Event for all parishes in our Diocese participating in NCYC. The kickoff event will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Parish of the Holy Family— (St. Jude’s). We are excited to have our Rock of Faith group there to provide some great music and icebreakers to get us “ignited” for the day! We will conclude with 5:00 p.m. Mass.

November 18-20: Virtual NCYC

November 21: World Youth Day

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!



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:

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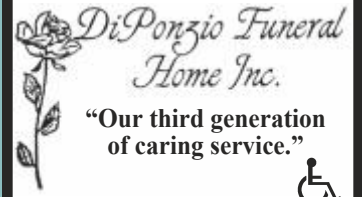
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