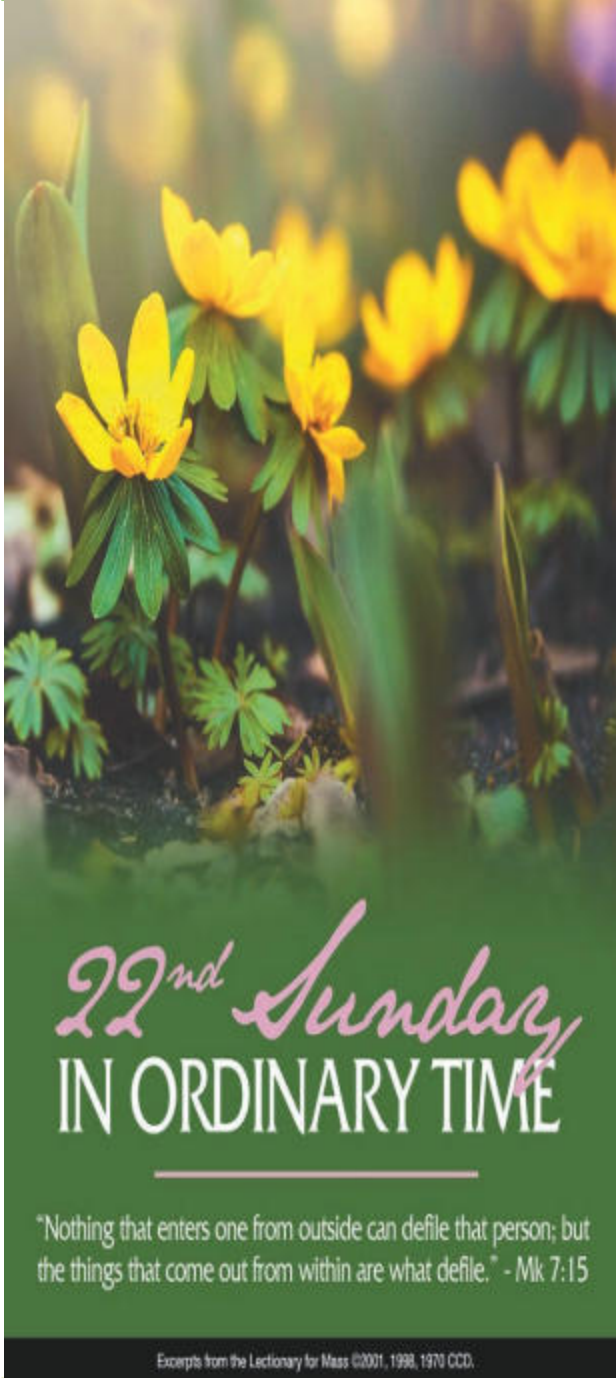




St. Theodore's Church

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



22nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Pastoral Perspectives

There was once a woman who set out to buy a silver soup ladle. The silverware salesperson was very obliging. She showed the woman many ladles. Some were very fancy, gilded pieces with heavily embossed curved handles. The price seemed right, but the woman couldn't decide.

Finally, the salesperson said, "Perhaps you would like to see something like this." She brought out a ladle that was plain and unadorned. This one pleased the woman very much. She wanted to buy it. But the price! It was nearly double the cost of the others she had been shown. She asked why, and the salesperson said, "You see, in fancy, ornamental ware the flaws in the material don't show. The defects are covered up by the ornamentation. As you can see, the plain ladle is free of defects. If there were any, you would see them easily. It's as simple as that."

When you strip away the fancy words about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, it all comes down to whether you are a loving, caring, forgiving person. And no amount of ornamentation can cover that up. And the core seems to be: "am I a forgiver?"

The word "resentment" means to "re-feel" - - to feel again a wrong that has been done to you by another, to re-feel again the wound or the injury. The Hebrew Talmud says that a person who harbors resentment is like one who, having cut one hand while handling a knife, avenges himself by cutting the other hand.

Many people are ill not because of what they are eating, but what is eating them inside. The medical and social sciences have long been telling us that harboring grudges and resentments literally help to make people sick. Forgiveness on the other hand can do more to make them well than pills and medicine.

It's tough to move forward in life if you are continually staring in the rearview mirror at an incident in your past. Purposefully choose to forget. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Amen.

- *Thought for the week:* Listen carefully to those who love you the most.

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Smile for the week: Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? The food is terrific but there's no atmosphere!

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

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NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Effective Monday, August 30, the parish office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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!



FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

Try to imagine what it would be like to not have enough food for your family. Let's do everything we can so no one in our community has to find out. Bring a gift of food, toiletries or paper products with you each weekend as part of your Sunday offering.



NEEDED ITEMS:

Pancake Mix & Syrup



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO RECEIVE REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES!!

Registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Program for grades 1-9 has been going on for the past month. Regular registration fees are in effect until Monday, August 30! **After Monday, there is an additional \$25.00 fee per child.** At the present time, we are planning to have in-person classes this year. 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. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Maureen Piehler at 429-5650 or Maureen.piehler@dor.org.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Rosary Altar Society is a group women from our parish who meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center Library from September to June. Our meeting begins with the recitation of the Rosary followed by a short meeting. In the past, the Rosary Altar Society has

hosted events in the parish such as: St. Theodore's Christmas Party , St. Joseph's Table and Fashion Party. We also participate in May Crowning of Blessed Mother, Lenten Retreat Soup Suppers, Baked Food sale and much more. The Altar Society is open to all women of our parish.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Nellie Di Cesare, President at 247-6601. Thank you



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Anthony DiPaola

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

DAILY CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

- 8/16 Carol Heifferon \$25
- 8/17 Linda Tufano \$25
- 8/18 Dan Piehler \$25
- 8/19 Anthony Marcello \$25
- 8/20 Stephen Vlosky \$25
- 8/21 St Theodore's \$50
- 8/22 Pat Maxcy \$50



"FEEDING THE SPIRITUAL HUNGERS"

Presented by Rev. Robert Werth. Fr. Werth is a priest within the Diocese of Rochester for the last 42 years. He is currently serving as Parochial Vicar at Cabrini Rochester. He has a Master's in Scriptures and in Social Work and is also a Licensed Master Social Worker. The conference will be from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch, free time, and confessions. Day concludes with Mass at 2:00 p.m. \$25 fee. Register by calling 585-394-5700 or e-mail ndretreat@rochester.rr.com.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

We encourage you to keep your Sunday offerings current. You may mail in your envelopes, drop them off at the parish office during office hours or have them sent from your bank using your bank's online banking feature.

Just add St. Theodore's Church as a payee. Use your envelope number as your account number and let them know how often to initiate a check. The bank will then send the check right to St. Theodore's and we will enter the contributions in our computer just as if you put your envelope in the collection basket.

If you have any questions, please call Leigh Ann in the parish office.

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.

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.



**New parish office hours:
Monday—Thursday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

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 during parish office hours. 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 during parish office hours.

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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 _____

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Josephine Giardino req. M/M Vince Plumeri

TUESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Salvatore Cordaro req. Maria Cancilleri & Family

WEDNESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Yolanda Dunne req. Daniel Dunne
8:30 A.M. Josephine & Gaetano Reale req. Family

THURSDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Esther DeGregorio req. Georgie & Bill Turner

FRIDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Loreto Saraceni req. Wife, Anne

WEEKEND MASSES

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. John Neu req. Mother, Bernadette
11:00 A.M. David & Evelyn Hugunin req. Terry Hugunin
11:00 A.M. Maria Messina req. Henry Sciarabba

Bible readings for next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a;
Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37(128)



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 22

Sunday Collection	\$9,542.00
Maintenance Fund	\$85.00
Attendance	410



**Calling all High School
and College Students...
The West Side is a "Blaze"
with NCYC 2021
November 18,19 and 20**

Let the planning begin!! We will be staying local for NCYC 2021 and teaming up with other West Side parishes at the Parish of the Holy Family to experience a mix of virtual and in-person activities and workshops. For those who attended NCYC 2017, you will remember the awesome and inspirational Sister Miriam, who will be one of the emcees this year! There will be keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and our very own "Ignited in Faith" area, with activities similar to the thematic park. Since some teens do not like to be away from home, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the excitement of NCYC. You will not have to miss school since the Thursday and Friday programs are in the evening and Saturday is all day. The cost is very reasonable and each parish will have their own chaperones and will decide on a parish T-shirt and crazy hat! An informational meeting will be scheduled soon for our families to discuss the cost and other details.

Save the date of Sunday, November 14 for the Kickoff gathering for all parishes in our Diocese participating in NCYC. This will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Parish of the Holy Family. We are excited to have our Rock of Faith group there to provide some great music and ice-breakers to get us "ignited" for the day! We will conclude with 5:00 p.m. Mass.

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



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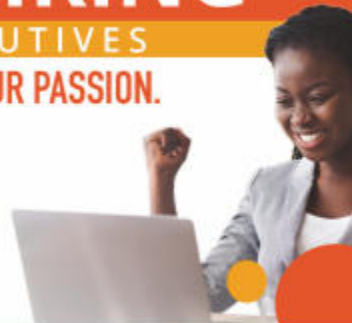
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