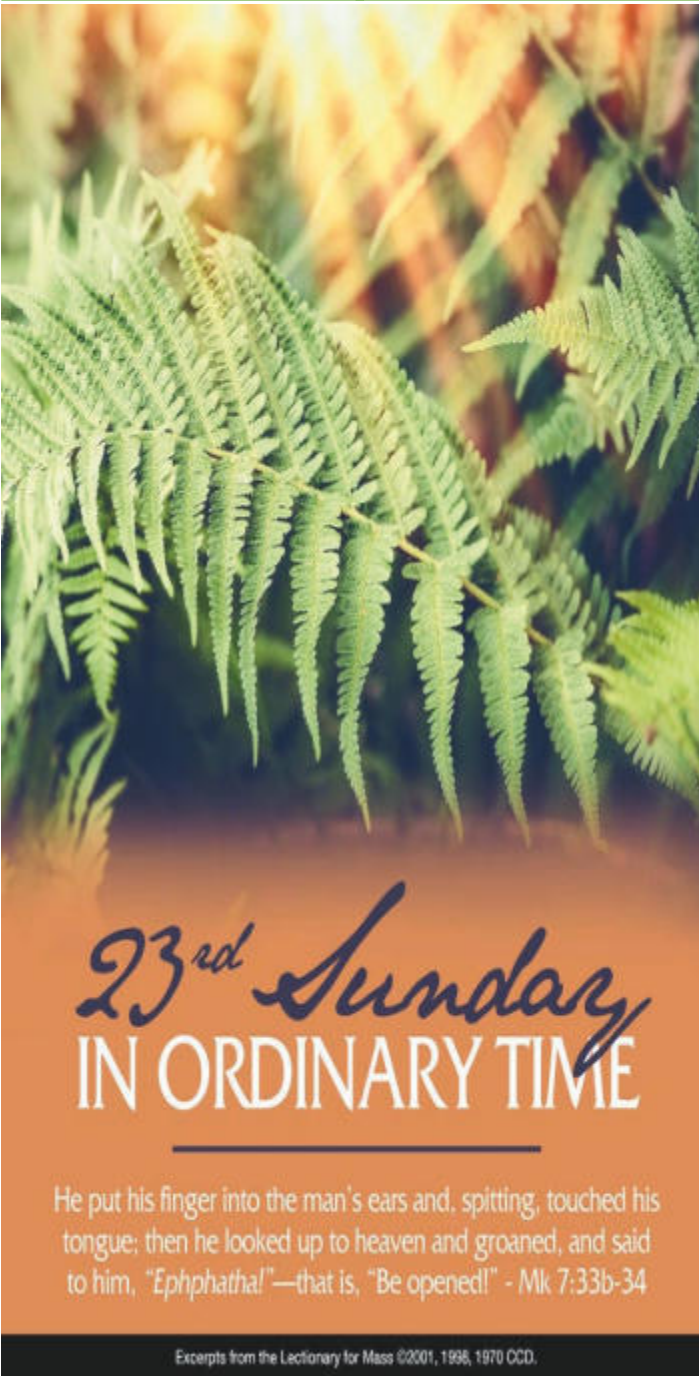




St. Theodore's Church

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



23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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Pastoral Perspectives

In a Peanuts cartoon strip, Little Lucy, who is known to be ever-ready with unsolicited advice, is playing right-field in a baseball game. Charlie Brown is pitching. "Let's win this one for a change, Charlie Brown," Lucy cries out. Charlie Brown then throws his first pitch, and the batter hits the ball to right-field. But Lucy makes no attempt to catch it. She just stands there and does nothing. Charlie Brown yells out at her, "If you're so interested in winning, why didn't you try to catch the ball?" To which a defiant Lucy replies: "My role is strictly advisory."

The Kingdom is word and action, contemplation, and service. It is more than giving good advice. In the parable of the Last Judgment, Jesus spells out in the clearest terms his mission and the thrust of his teaching. What mattered was that the hungry were fed, the naked were clothed, the sick and the imprisoned were ministered to. Jesus was saying, in effect, "Don't bother telling me how you feel about them. Tell me what you are doing for them. Love is something you do. Show me you practice what you preach."

Saint John XXIII at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council made it clear that the Church today must employ the "medicine of mercy rather than that of severity." Through his intercession may we believers have our hearts softened and our hands toughened to build God's kingdom, here and now.

- Thought for the week: You cannot always choose the path that you walk in life, but you can always choose the way in which you walk it.
- Smile for the week: What has lots of keys, but can't open doors? A piano!

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

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NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will now be open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Program has been going on for the past month. If you haven't already registered your child for the program, please do so as soon as possible so that textbooks and supplies can be ordered. **Classes are scheduled to begin on Monday, September 20.**

To enroll in our sacramental programs, children and teens must attend weekly classes or a Catholic school.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Maureen Piehler at Maureen.piehler@dor.org or 429-5650.

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

Your support of our food cupboard is appreciated by the whole community. We welcome any non-perishable food items.



NEEDED ITEMS:

Pasta Sauce

Calling all High School and College Students...

The West Side is a "Blaze" with NCYC 2021 November 18-20

INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12



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, workshops, prayer services and much more! **There is an informational meeting for teens, young adults, parents and interested chaperones scheduled for Sunday, September 12 after the 11:00 Mass.** If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested in information about NCYC, please contact Maureen at Maureen.piehler@dor.org.

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. You will not have to miss school or work since the Thursday and Friday programs are in the evening and Saturday is all day. The cost is going to be very reasonable and affordable for families and each parish will have their own chaperones and will decide on a parish T-shirt and crazy hat!

Since some teens do not like to be away from home, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the excitement of NCYC.

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 icebreakers to get us "ignited" for the day! There will be priests available for confession, including our pastor, Father Kevin. We will conclude with 5:00 p.m. Mass.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



David Attridge
 Louise Attridge
 Civita Bronco
 James Carey
 Vera DeCaro
 Joan O'Connell
 Laura St. John
 Felicia Vespone

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

DAILY CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

8/23 Anne Renda	\$25
8/24 Dante Giunta	\$25
8/25 Nancy Barattini	\$25
8/26 Frank & Rebecca Barattini	\$25
8/27 Shirley Donaldson	\$25
8/28 Chad Lester	\$50
8/29 Tony Giuseppetti	\$50





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



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 _____
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Eucharistic Chapel - Open 24 Hours

MONDAY
 Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY
 7:00 PM Rosary Altar Society

NEXT SUNDAY
 NCYC Informational Meeting after the 11:00 Mass

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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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.



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Frances Donnelly req. Ted & Jean & Family

TUESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Carmela Pezzulo req. Celia D'Alonzo

WEDNESDAY The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 A.M. Mary Ruggieri req. M/M Vinnie Plumeri

THURSDAY Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:30 A.M. Nanette Hotchner req. M/M August DiSano

FRIDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Anna Marie Tripi req. Mom

WEEKEND MASSES

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. Gail DeCaro req. Scott Davis

4:30 P.M. Quirino Simonetti req. Pia Palozzi & Family

SUNDAY

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

11:00 A.M. Philip Heberger req. Mary Maier

11:00 A.M. Raymond Megerle req. Tony & Kitty Schrader

Bible readings for next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a;
Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35(131)



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 29

Sunday Collection	\$8,932.00
Maintenance Fund	\$420.00
Attendance	434

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The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6.

"I want to encourage our church family members to go to in-person Confession with Fr. Kevin on Saturdays between 3 and 4pm. I was out of the habit of going, due to the pandemic and all, and I had to make myself go! We can get out of the habit of doing good things! As Catholics, we consider Confession to be a Sacrament, a source of much blessing, healing and growth. If I can do it, you can, too!"

-A St. Theodore's Parishioner

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**Mass Honoring
First Responders**
on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

4:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 11, 2021
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Rochester, New York

Please join Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, as, in gratitude, we pray to God for the safety of all First Responders who so selflessly serve our community, and for all who served with courage in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, especially those who gave their lives or were injured

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Angelo Coccia, Senior Deacon
Laurence Feasel, Senior Deacon
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David Paluskiewicz, Senior Deacon
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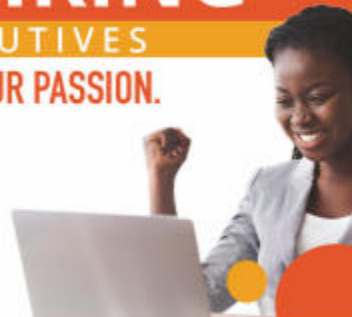
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