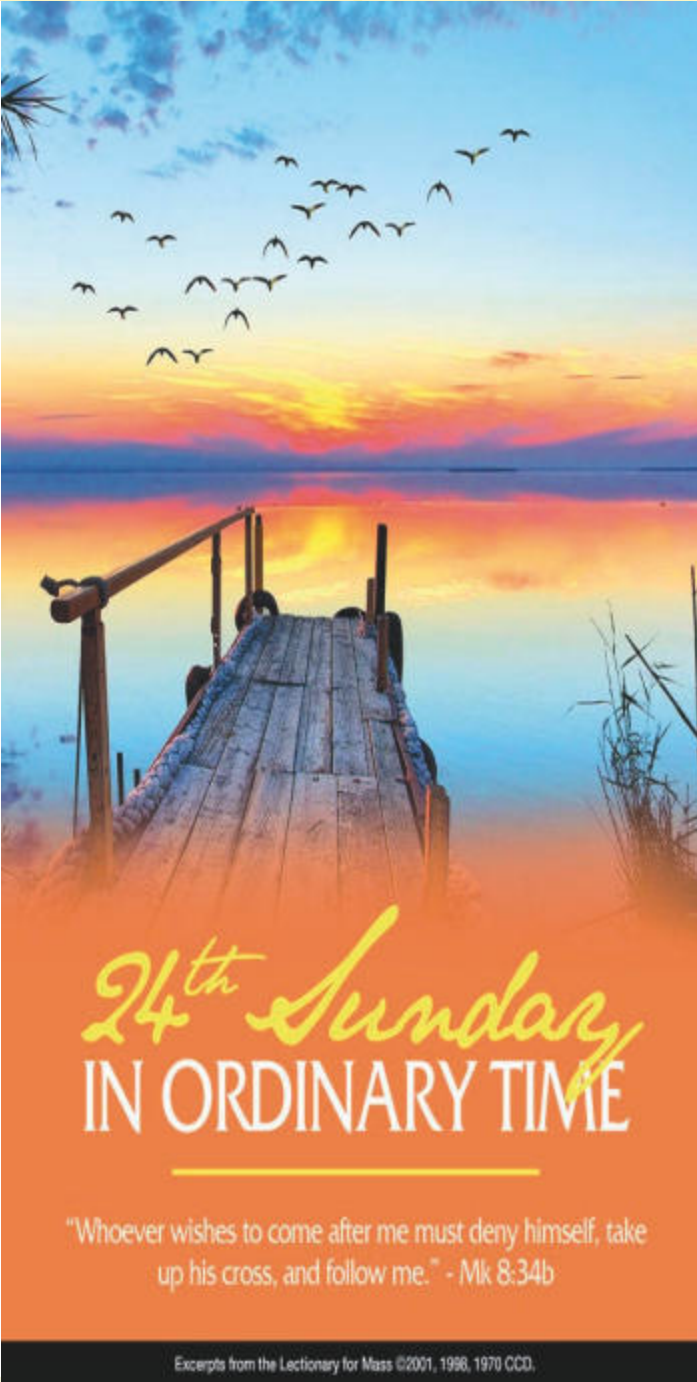




# St. Theodore's Church

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



## **Pastoral Perspectives**

During the Vietnam War, a legendary pacifist Pastor A.J. Muste stood in front of the White House night after night with a lit candle, in persistent and peaceful protest. A reporter asked him, "Do you really think that standing here with a candle can change the world?" He answered, "I don't stand here with a candle to change the world. I stand here to keep the world from changing me."

It has been said that nothing in the entire Scripture is more thoroughly resisted and rejected by humanity today than its insistence on the need for change --- the need for repentance.

A little girl had been misbehaving. Her mother sent her to her room, saying, "Pray to God and tell God what a naughty little girl you have been." The little girl went up to her room but came back down almost immediately. Whereupon her mother asked, "Did you tell God how naughty you have been?" "Yes," she replied, "but God told me to go back downstairs because there are a lot of little girls worse than I am."

I was struck by a mother I knew from another parish who had an unusual approach to discipline. Her oldest son had become quite difficult. "He doesn't do his homework. He is nasty to his brothers and sisters. He snaps back at my husband and me. He doesn't help around the house. I asked what she was going to do. She said: "I am going to make him my special project. Her main focus would be on him until she could help him become the son that she knew he could be. It was not that she would ignore the other children. But she would not allow the oldest to be lost. She would find ways to help him through this difficult time in his life. I am sure that many of the parents here today have had special projects in their family.

We are God's projects. He doesn't give up on any of us. Instead, he searches for us. He finds us, and He calls us back to the family that is His kingdom.

- *Thought for the week:* When you stop and look around, life is pretty amazing.

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- *Smile for the week:* What's big and gray with horns? An elephant marching band!

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

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**



We would like to resume Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-11. In order to do this, we need more adult volunteers who are CASE trained. The adult leader reads the Gospel from the Children's Lectionary and relates the homily to the children on their level. The children offer their petitions, sing a couple of songs, receive a pamphlet with the Gospel reading and activities to do at home and then return to their parents at the beginning of the Offertory. Training is available! Teen volunteers are also needed to assist the adult leaders. If you are interested, please contact Maureen at [Maureen.piehler@dor.org](mailto:Maureen.piehler@dor.org) or 429-5650.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS...**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:** Next Sunday during the 9:00 a.m. Mass the volunteers from the Faith Formation program will be acknowledged for "passing on the faith" to the children and teens of our parish.

**TEACHER MEETING:** Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater Room. If you haven't already, please call 429-5650 to let us know if you are attending.

**LAST WEEK TO REGISTER:** Weekly religion classes begin on Monday, September 20. **If you haven't already enrolled your child in religion classes for this year, please do so this week!** for students. In order to enroll in sacramental programs, children need to attend weekly religion classes or a Catholic school. If you have any questions about the Faith Formation Program, call Maureen Piehler at 429-5650.

**Confirmation Meeting:** Parents who have a child entering the 8th grade religion program need to attend an Informational Meeting regarding Year One Confirmation on Monday, September 20 following teacher assignments.

**CASH RAFFLE WINNERS**

8/30/21 Dan Piehler	\$25
8/31/21 Carol Heifferon	\$25
9/1/21 John Fiorino	\$25
9/2/21 Regina Mahnke	\$25
9/3/21 Julie Natarelli	\$25
9/4/21 Pat Maxcy	\$50
9/5/21 Philip Maier	\$50



**FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS**

We welcome any non-perishable food items.



**NEEDED ITEMS:**

Hamburger / Tuna Helper



**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 today 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](mailto: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 ice-breakers 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.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

**FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION**

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).



**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Rocco Cannella  
James Carey

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

**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.



*Eucharistic Chapel - Open 24 Hours*

**TUESDAY**

7:00 P.M. Faith Formation Teacher Meeting

**NEXT SUNDAY—**

9:00 A.M. Mass—Catechetical Sunday  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection at all Masses

**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.

**Parish office hours:  
Mondays through Thursdays  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish life center during 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 A.M. St. Theodore's Faith Formation Program

**TUESDAY The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:30 A.M. Doug Tilyou req. Terry Hin

**WEDNESDAY Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:30 A.M. People of St. Theodore's Parish

**THURSDAY Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

8:30 A.M. Ann Marie Cotone req. Gates Amita Club

**FRIDAY Weekday**

8:30 A.M. Edward Esker req. Mary, Joe, Jr. and Joe, Sr. Caporale

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY**

4:30 P.M. Hazel Jarman req. Reivon Bubel

4:30 P.M. Antonio Marascio req. Family

**SUNDAY**

9:00 A.M. Carol Argento req. Mary Scherzi & Family

9:00 A.M. Joseph Muller Sr. req. Mickey Culhane

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

**Bible readings for next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37(134)

**BAPTISM**

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized.



Dylan Michael Carpenter  
Child of Michael and Jennifer

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.

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, the finances for the week of September 5 will be in the September 26 bulletin.



**NEW COLLECTION BASKETS!**

Thank you very much to the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Council 178 for their generous donation of new collection baskets for our parish. As soon as we have enough ushers for each Mass, we will begin using the new baskets. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please call the parish office at 429-6811 for more information. Volunteers for this ministry need to be CASE trained.



**Fr. Kevin and Joe Argenta, Grand Knight**

**Parish Staff:**

*Rev. Kevin McKenna, Pastor*  
*Dennis Lohouse, Deacon*  
*Angelo Coccia, Senior Deacon*  
*Laurence Feasel, Senior Deacon*  
*Anthony Caruso, Senior Deacon*  
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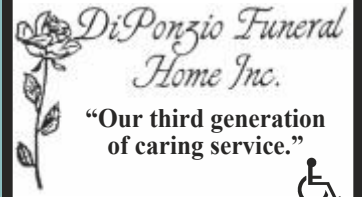
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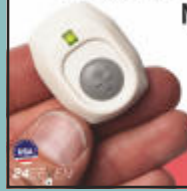


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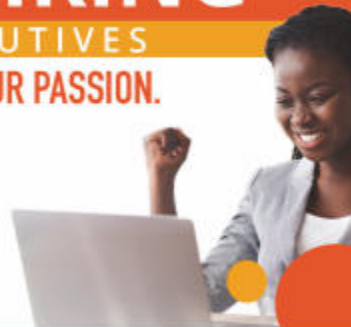
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