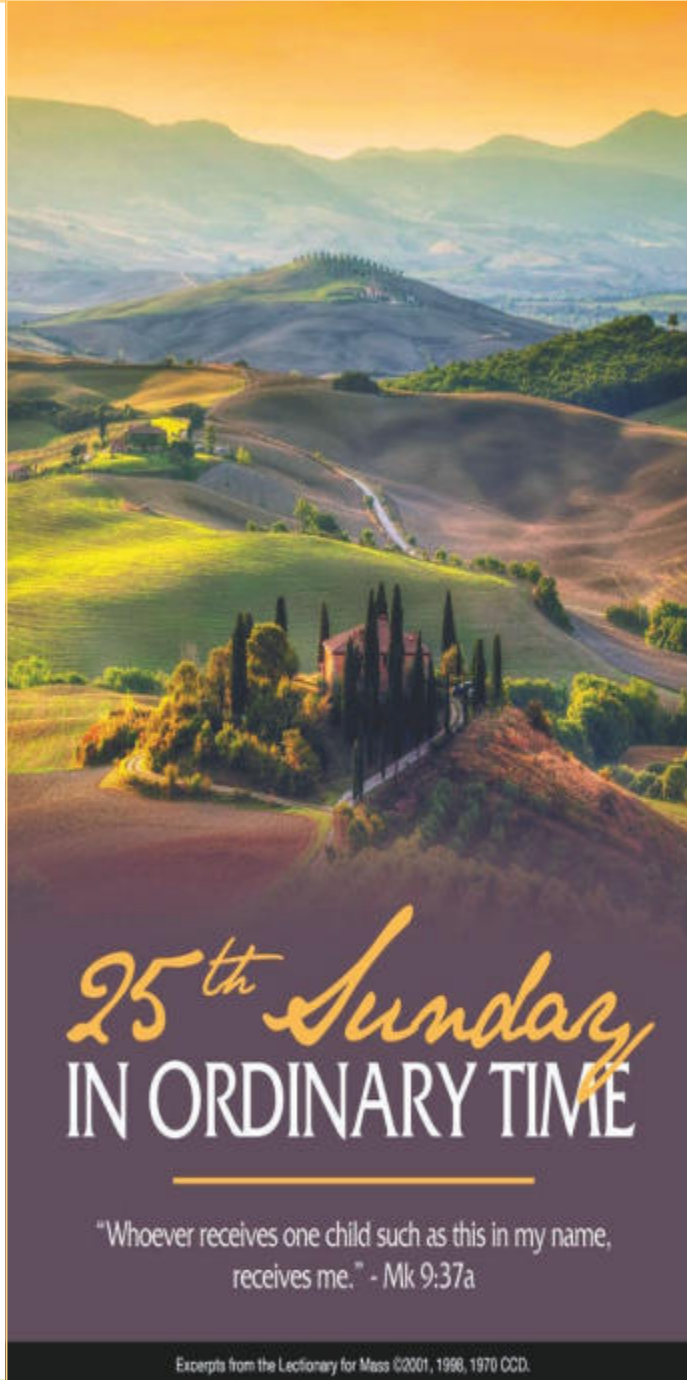




# St. Theodore's Church

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



## Pastoral Perspectives

In John's Gospel we hear Jesus telling Nicodemus that he would be lifted up so that all who see him and believe in him would have eternal life. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die, but may have eternal life.*

To have eternal life changes every relationship in life. The great philosopher Charlie Brown was once leaning against a tree talking to Lucy. She asks, "What do you think security is, Charlie Brown?" Charlie answers, "Security is sleeping in the back seat of a car when you're a little kid and you've been somewhere with your Mom and Dad and its night. You don't have to worry about anything. Your Mom and Dad are in the front seat and they're doing all the worrying. They take care of everything."

The promises of Jesus give us peace with ourselves. In the last analysis, a person is more afraid of himself or herself than of anything else. We know our own weakness. We know the force of our own temptations. We know our own responsibilities and the demands of our lives. But now we know that we do not face it alone. St. Paul said, "It is not I who live, but Christ lives in me."

It makes us certain that the greatest joy that we can experience in this life is just a foretaste of what is yet to come. The deepest peace we know here is but a shadow of the peace that we will one day know. It gives us hope, a goal, an end to which we travel. It gives us a life of beautiful things and experiences here, and yet at the same time, a life in which the best is yet to be.

- *Thought for the week:* Kindness is always fashionable and always welcome.
- *Smile for the week:* Why didn't Cinderella make the soccer team? She kept running away from the ball.

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

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## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



Today Catholics across the country celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the volunteers who teach in our weekly Faith Formation Program. This year's theme is "*Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed.*" The theme acknowledges a world in need of healing. The Church shares Jesus' special concern with those who are sick and suffering. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

We are richly blessed with many dedicated adults and teens who share their time and talent each week to spread the message of Jesus and his Church with our young people and support parents in their primary responsibility of forming their children in faith. Please support them with your prayers and express your gratitude to them when you have the opportunity. Our deepest thanks to each of them!

**FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS:** Karen Bready, Lillian Fleck, Debbie Luciano, Larry Luciano, James McCabe II, Edie Pignone and Elliana Soto.

**CLASSROOM AIDES:** Gabriella Meyers and Mia Preteroti.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS:** Cyndy Belfield, Irene Culhane, Jean Livingston, Connie Meyers, Sara Moyer, Dan Piehler, Tara Preteroti and Debbie Smardz.

**CLASSES BEGIN TOMORROW!** On your child's scheduled class time we will meet in church for teacher and classroom assignments. **Face masks are required to be worn during class.** At least one parent needs to accompany their child to the church on the first day of classes. Please remember to bring the Code of Conduct signed by parent and child and the Permission to Release form that was emailed to families. **Have your child bring a folder and pen/pencil with them; students in grades 7-8 need to bring their bible.** If you haven't registered your child yet, please call the Faith Formation Office ASAP. Registration will not be accepted on the first day of classes.

**Parents who have a child entering the 8th grade religion program** need to attend an Informational Meeting regarding the Year One Confirmation Program tomorrow night following teacher assignments. Parents of Catholic School students do not need to attend the meeting; you will be notified of the date for the retreat they are required to attend.



### 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, listen to 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.

### FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

PLEASE bring an item to church with you next week, and leave it on the food cupboard table. We need your donations of any non-perishable food or toiletries, especially the most needed item of the week.



#### NEEDED ITEM OF THE WEEK:

Muffin Mix

**BAPTISM**

With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized.

Olivia Jade Chamberlain  
Child of Michael and Kelsey



**DAILY RAFFLE**



Due to the early submissions of the bulletins, raffle winners will be listed in the September 26 bulletin. Checks for those winners will be delayed until late September. Thank you for your understanding.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN  
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

*Eucharistic Chapel - Open 24 Hours*

**MONDAY**

5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes—Grades 1-5  
7:00 PM Faith Formation Classes—Grades 7-8

**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. You can drop off your envelopes in the parish office 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 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.



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions and Martyrs**

8:30 A.M. St. Theodore's Food Cupboard Volunteers

**TUESDAY Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

8:30 A.M. Anthony & Lorraine Dalessandro req. Gary & Josie Dalessandro

**WEDNESDAY Weekday**

8:30 A.M. Parishioners of St. Theodore's

**THURSDAY Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

8:30 A.M. Nancy Militello req. James Gallagher

**FRIDAY Weekday**

8:30 A.M. Rose & Joseph Bianchi req. Children

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY**

9:00 A.M. Nick Borrelli req. Nancy & Bart Barattini

9:00 A.M. Ann Oimet req. Daughter & Family

11:00 A.M. Emanuel & Maria D'Ambrosio and Angelo D'Ambrosio req. Domenic & Linda D'Ambrosio

11:00 A.M. Nan Hotchner req. Jeanette Donato

**Bible readings for next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29;  
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48(137)



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 12 will be in the September 26 bulletin.

**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!

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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** \_\_\_\_\_

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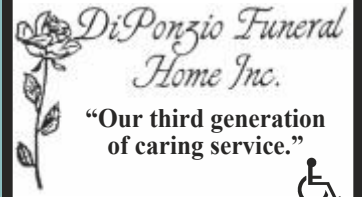
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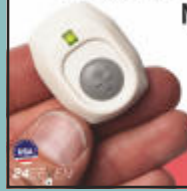


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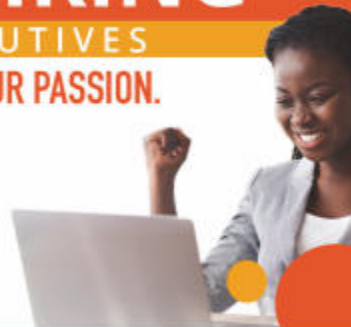
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