



St. Theodore's Church

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

Pastoral Perspectives

On August 31, 1982, John Leary was jogging home from his job at the Pax Christi Center in Cambridge to Haley House, the Catholic Worker community in Boston where he lived. It was a run he made every day. But this day, he did not complete the trip. Without warning, he went into cardiac arrest and died almost instantly. He was twenty-four years old. In subsequent days and at his funeral at a Cathedral in Boston his friends were joined not only at the brevity of his life cut short, but in wonder for all that he had accomplished and for the many lives he had touched in such a short time.

It was well known that John divided his time between peace work at the Pax Christi Center and his life of community among the poor at Haley House. But these were only a small part of his many activities on behalf of peace and justice. During the six years since he had arrived in Boston as a student at Harvard College he had worked with prisoners, the homeless, and the elderly. He had engaged in protests over the military draft, capital punishment, and abortion. He regarded all such issues to be joined in a "seamless garment" approach to the defense of human life. Not everyone agreed with his every stand. But no one who met John Leary could fail to admire his idealism and his heroic determination to put his ideals into action.

Anyone meeting John Leary, it was said, was struck by his joyfulness, his modesty, and a wisdom that belied his youth.

St. Paul wrote to the Philippians: "Do nothing out of selfishness or vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." Now listen to this: **"Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus."** "He emptied himself taking the form of a slave ..."

The Word of God came down to us and lived among us as a slave. The divine way is the downward way. Indeed, the one who was from the beginning with God and who was God revealed himself as a small helpless child; as a refugee in Egypt; as an obedient adolescent and inconspicuous adult; as a preacher from Galilee; followed by some simple fishermen; as a man who ate with sinners and talked with strangers; as an outcast, a criminal, a threat to his people. He moved from power to powerlessness, from greatness to smallness, from success to failure, from strength to weakness, from glory to ignominy."

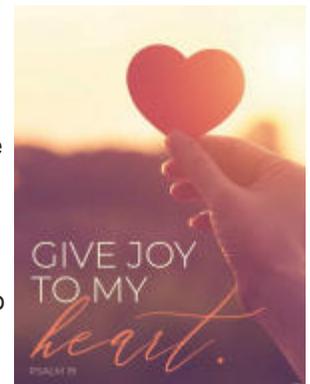
John Leary, that young man who died so young, spent long hours reading the bible, said the rosary, and made frequent retreats at a local Trappist monastery. He revealed to a friend that while jogging he liked to recite the Jesus prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner." It is likely that he was reciting this prayer at the time of his death.

What was the meaning of this short life? According to a friend, "John ... discovered that life had no purpose, no meaning no direction, and no focus apart from the purpose and focus of God. He became in his short life the complete and total man for others, and for those who knew him and loved him testify to the love of Christ that shone in and through him. "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus."

- *Thought for the week:* "Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption" (Pope Francis, *On Care For our Common Home*, no. 222)

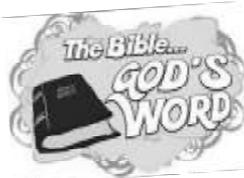
- *Smile for the week:* Definitions Not in the Dictionary: "toothache" – the pain that drives you to extraction."

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



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ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Teens, Young Adults and Adults are invited to join our Zoom Bible Study Group with Deacon Dennis and Maureen Piehler. We started this program during the pandemic for our teens and their parents and now

would like to open it up to our young adult and adult parishioners. **Our new night will be on Tuesdays from 7:00—7:45 p.m. beginning October 5.** We will be discussing the book of Romans. For those who have never done bible study, this is a wonderful way to learn more about the bible in a very casual setting. Along with the bible, Deacon Dennis uses slides and does a great job explaining and answering questions during our discussions. The sessions are recorded in case someone misses a week.

If you are interested in joining our group, please email Maureen Piehler at Maureen.piehler@dor.org so she can add you to our list to send you the zoom link.



SAVE THE DATE...

St. Theodore's Fall Clean Out Sale

We will be having a garage sale on Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22 from 9:00-4:30 p.m.,

Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m. **If you have items to donate, please call Lorrie Leone at 585-720-9448 to make arrangements to drop them off; do not bring items to the parish life center without contacting Lorrie to make arrangements.** Proceeds from the sale will go to the parish and youth programs.

Volunteers who are CASE trained are needed to help in order to make the sale a success. Please contact Lorrie if you are available to help. If there are not enough volunteers, we will need to reduce the days and times of the sale.



October is dedicated to Mary! The rosary is prayed Monday through Friday in the church from 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m.. All are welcome to come! Won't you consider it?

**FALL 2021 Days of Prayer
Notre Dame Retreat House
October 13, 2021**

"The Devil Made Me Do It" - Deacon Eric Besette

The topic will be the devil and what our church teaches about him. The fee is \$25. to register, please email ndretreat@rochester.rr.com or call 394-6700.

FOOD CUPBOARD NEWS

The sad truth is there are many – even in our community – who lack the means of providing nutritious meals for their families. The happy truth is, we at St. Theodore's are doing what we can about it. We welcome your donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries each weekend.

NEEDED ITEM OF THE WEEK:

Canned Mixed Vegetables



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the means offered by the Church to prepare and welcome new members to our faith and to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.



For more information or if you have questions about the process, call the office 429-6811.

DAILY RAFFLE WINNERS

9/6	Sue Granby	\$25
9/7	Tony Giuseppetti	\$25
9/8	Jeanette Pisano	\$25
9/9	Kaitlin Brennan	\$25
9/10	M. Fraser	\$25
9/11	Josh Lester	\$50
9/12	Mary Maier	\$50
9/13	Maureen Phillips	\$25
9/14	Jean Paduano	\$25
9/15	Katie Mousaw	\$125
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9/19	Tony Giuseppetti	\$50



**DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
PERMANENT DIACONATE:**

The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate.

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 SEPTEMBER 5

Sunday Collection	\$12,602.00
Maintenance Fund	\$434.00
Attendance	441

FINANCES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday Collection	\$8,688.80
Maintenance Fund	\$770.00
Attendance	396

FINANCES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19

Sunday Collection	\$5,722.00
Maintenance Fund	\$57.00
Attendance	458

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

7:00 PM—Knights of Columbus
7:00 PM—Finance Council



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 A.M. In Honor of S.S. Cosmas & Damian and in memory of Mary Lou Ciaramaglia req. Ann

TUESDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. Idolo Madua req. Gates Amita

WEDNESDAY Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 A.M. Joseph Dambra req. Grandma Janet

THURSDAY St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. Livia DiRienzo req. Family

FRIDAY St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. Civita Bronco req. M/M Santoli

WEEKEND MASSES

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. James R. Paternoster req. Family

4:30 P.M. James Calandra req. Wife, Anne and Children

SUNDAY

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

11:00 A.M. Loreto & Angela DiRienzo req. Family

11:00 A.M. Rose Nardone req. Vince & Joanne Plumeri

Bible readings for next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24;
Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12(140)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Florence Alessi
Kathleen Blom
Constance Cerminara
Diane Costanza
Sam Farace
Gloria Martz
Joseph Verdino
Joseph Villarealle



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

RESPECT *Life* MASS



Sunday October 3, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.
Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park
Rochester, NY 14615

To RSVP please email Shannon.Kilbridge@dor.org



**ExultRochester
2021 Rochester Catholic Men's Conference
St. Joseph - A Man of God**

Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Parish of the Holy Family at St. Jude, 4100 Lyell Rd. Doors open at 7:00. 8:00 AM Mass with The Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore Matano, followed by a talk by Dr. Miravalle. Conference ends at 12:30 PM. Online simulcast available. Prices are: \$15 Livestream; \$25 In-person or \$30 at the door.



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 _____

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Angelo Coccia, Senior Deacon
Laurence Feasel, Senior Deacon
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