



St. Theodore's Church

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

Pastoral Perspectives

I think the adage about not appreciating something until you lose it is most obvious and difficult when it is the power --- electrical power --- that you lose. Even if for a small amount of time, it seems like the world comes to an end. Have you had the experience of knowing that there is no electricity in the house, but still, by habit, turn on the room switch in a dark room, expecting the overhead ceiling light to go on? Then find yourself saying, "Why did I do that? The power is off!"

I always discover when the power finally returns, how dependent I am on the refrigerator, electric oven, computer and TV screens, electric can openers, computer printers, radios, ---- but most especially, for the electric lights!

For without the ceiling light, the kitchen light, the hallway light, the living room lights, the bedroom lights --- and especially the bathroom light --- how difficult would it be living in darkness!

Have we accepted the light of Jesus? Have we allowed the "power to go on?" or do we prefer to stay in the land of gloom, to sit in the darkness?

Have we allowed obsession with our work, our relationships, our routines to keep us in the dark? Are we sucked into our social networking, the gadgetry of iPads and cell phones that we cannot hear the voice of Jesus calling us through our spouses, children, prayer, or others beyond our familiar circle?

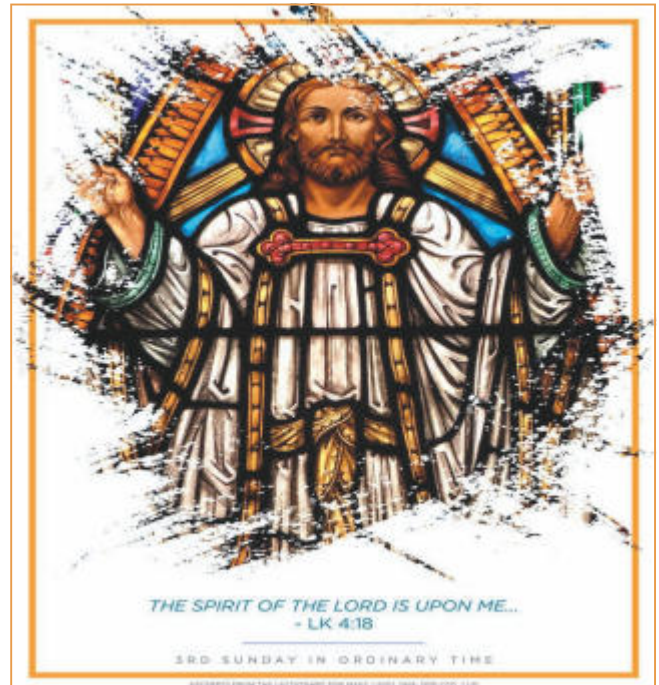
Viktor Frankel, the author of *Mans's Search for Meaning*, was a Jew who spent three years at Auschwitz, Dachau, and other concentration camps during World War II. He survived the atrocities of Auschwitz by giving meaning to focusing on a light in a farmhouse he could see in the distance from the concentration camp. Could opening up our own darkness to let the light of Jesus in, be also for each of us, a way of walking in the light of hope and peace?

Some today speak gloomily of the future, concerned as we should be, about diseases, discrimination, oppression, injustice, and war. But the Second Vatican Council reminded us years ago that the Church must be a leaven, a kind of soul for human society as it is renewed in Christ and transformed into God's family ... the Church not only communicates divine life to men [and women], but in some way casts the reflected light of that life over the entire earth (GS, 40).

A writer once said: "There's so much [light] to be squeezed into the cracks of one little day. You can make someone laugh, smile, hope, sing, think. The most important day of the year isn't ... your anniversary or your birthday. It's the day you are in, so live the (heck) out of that day alone. "The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light."

- *Thought for the week:* "It is only by forgetting yourself that you draw near to God" (Henry David Thoreau).
- *Smile for the week:* "Don't make the wrong mistakes." – Yogi Berra

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



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Parish office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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Special Blessing For Sr. Cathy

As Sr. Cathy starts her retirement, we will have a special blessing for her at all Masses next weekend, January 29 and 30. We hope that you will be able to attend Mass to show her love and support.



Lois Fouquet

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

FOOD CUPBOARD

This January has been very cold, and many of the clients coming to our food cupboard for food have been asking if we have any Hot Chocolate Mix. We have very little, so we would appreciate any help you can give.

If you can't get to the store to help us out, there is a donation box in the back of church for monetary donations.

NEEDED ITEM OF THE WEEK:

Hot Chocolate Mix



HOW IMPORTANT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is the "doorway" through which we enter the Church community. It is in this sacrament that Christ claims us for his own; that parents commit to raising their child as a Christian; and that the Christian community welcomes the child as a member. What an awesome gift parents give their child when they come to the Church to ask for this sacrament of Baptism for their child!

It is a serious responsibility of the faith community to help parents in every way possible. Here at St. Theodore's we offer an individual meeting with parents to talk together about the privileges and responsibilities of Baptism and a group session that further explores how both parents and Church can help form this child in our Catholic faith.

If you are expecting, we encourage you to attend this class during your pregnancy, so you have as much of a "head start" as possible in forming your child in faith. If you have a newborn, we urge you to participate in this group session in the early months of your child's life. Arrange an appointment by calling the parish office at 429-6811. Please let us know your name, phone number, email and whether this is your first child. Our next group session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.



SYNOD 2021-23

At the Vatican's October 10, 2021 opening mass for the launching of the Synod 2021-23, Pope Francis urged the global Catholic Church to master the "art of encounter." "Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with [Jesus] and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are... Every encounter, as we know, calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others"... Let us ask in church, are we good at listening? How good is the hearing of our heart?"... Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected or judged?" To learn more about this important invitation and how you can participate, visit the diocesan webpage www.dor.org/synod and/or contact St. Theodore's Church.



Watch for tickets in the February 6 bulletin for our next Basket Raffle. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We hope that you will support this fundraiser.



*Eucharistic Chapel
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MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM First Reconciliation Retreat

THURSDAY

1:30 PM Bible Study

SATURDAY

After 4:30 Mass—Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—Saturdays from 3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.



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Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year for students entering Pre-K through Grade 5 opens on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 9:30 AM. For a modest \$150.00 registration fee per family, secure a spot for the beginning of a lifelong call to faith, knowledge, and service. Please contact the School Office at 585-247-5650 with any questions or to schedule a tour. Registration packets will also be posted on the school website at spxdcs@dor.org.

Come see what sets us apart from the rest!



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01/15	Nancy & Bart Barattini	\$125
01/16	Mary Maier	\$50



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 in the parish life center 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 parish life center during parish office hours.

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- Leigh Ann Lester, Business Manager*
- Maureen Piehler, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry*
- Rita Manners, Music Director*
- Food Cupboard: 429-5360*



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY St. Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. For the recently deceased parishioners of St. Theodore's

TUESDAY Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30 A.M. For the deceased priests of the Diocese of Rochester

WEDNESDAY Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:30 A.M. For the Small businesses in our community

THURSDAY Weekday

8:30 A.M. For our faith filled young people

FRIDAY St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church

8:30 A.M. Filippo Colaprete req. Wife & Kids

WEEKEND MASSES

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY

4:30 P.M. Joao & Maria Martins Luis req. Daughter, Maria Belmira Gouveia

4:30 P.M. Martha Echeverri-Zajja req. Carmen Nasca

SUNDAY

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

11:00 A.M. Gino & Rosa Pulizzi req. Tom & Patty

Bible readings for next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30



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 JANUARY 16

Sunday Collection	\$9,214.00
Maintenance Fund	\$140.00
Attendance	355



In accordance with the Governor of New York State and the Diocese of Rochester, masks are to be worn at all times while in any building of St. Theodore's regardless of vaccination status.

Please join us for a Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph next Saturday following the 4:30 Mass at St. Theodores.

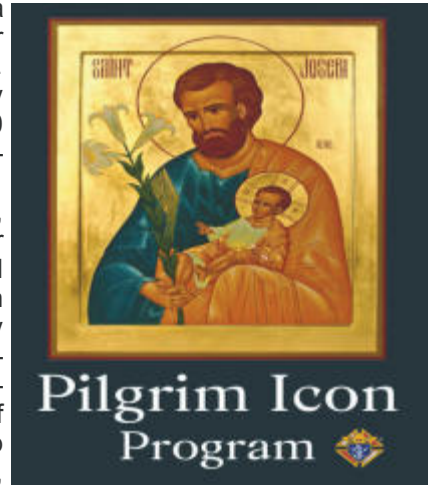
The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Council to honor St.

Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly chose to entrust his service as Supreme Knight to St. Joseph and through this Pilgrim Icon Program, encourage Knights and their communities to "turn in prayer to St. Joseph, give thanks to God for the gift of fatherly example, and ask St. Joseph to be a father to us" as we seek to "grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity."

In the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis received the Order's Board of Directors in a private audience, during which the Holy Father said, "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations.

All members of the community are encouraged to attend.



In honor of St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus have purchased copies of the book, "Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelly. Members of the Knights will be handing them out after Masses next weekend.

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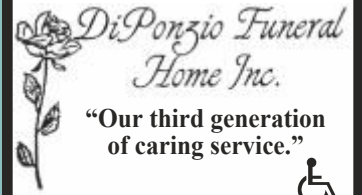
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