



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, *King of the Universe*





WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally and/or spiritually and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers: **Rose Asrican, Frank Barinski, Tom Baumann, Cathy Bentivenga, John Blotnik, Cindy Bowser, Kim Carroll, Rachel Carroll, Adriana Chizan, Irma Chagnon, Charles Constantino, Kim Coyle, Connor Egan, Johnny Favro, Sandra Fourman, Cecilia Garbaravage, Barbara Gardner, Joe Ghigzone, Gregory Gioe III, Makenna Granquist, Mark Hansen, John & Jeanette Herman, Thomas Huie, Debbie Innocenti, Marilyn Kent, Marie Konchan, Margaret Kurczewski, Bill Lisner, Rose & Frank Litwin, Rocca Macchiaverna, Pat MacCorkle, Catherine Marra, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Bill Mitchell, Rev. William Modlin, John Moore, James Montefusco, Rita Murray, Leona O'Grady, Rita O'Neill, Jim P., Crystal Paci, Josephine Paci, Thomas Punzo, John Quinn, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Joe Rella, Debbie Rotio, Samantha Saraceno, Cathy Schaffer, Michelle Scott, Kevin Shinkunas, Thomas Smith, Lois Somodi, Amanda Super, Nathan Super, Dino & Ashley Tobia, Elliot Truex, Larry Weimer, Sean William, John Williamson, and Sharon Williamson.**

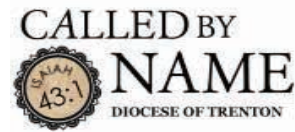
WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Maureen Dickson, Richard Muggelberg and Lorraine Wells.** May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father.



WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who are currently **deployed** especially: **Master Sgt. Jordan Bieda, Sr. Airman Steven Brown, Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Lt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Pvt. Logan Mora, Lance Cpl. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Nicholas Roesch, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Okoszko, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN.** May the Lord protect them as they protect us.



WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few, and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization. We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead in the Church in the future. Lord, you told your Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least 2 months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made at least 1 year in advance. Preparations include sessions with a member of the clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A careful judgment about the serious nature of an illness is sufficient. *"Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."*¹³⁰

We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or under any emotional distress to avail them of this beautiful Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the Sacrament with a priest. Please do not wait until the very last minute to call.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY – November 25, 2023

4:00 PM – Anna Riccardelli/ Nancy & Tony Frodella
 Raymond Salgueiro/ Family
 Kathleen Gallagher/ John & Margaret
 Nowak
 Carolyn H. Bukosky/ Lorraine & Lorraine

SUNDAY – November 26, 2023

7:30 AM – Lucia Minnella/ Brother
 George Binder/ Audrey & Joe Scarpa
 Theresa Mancini/ Beverly Foley
 Michelle Costagliola/ Bill & Elena

9:00 AM – Richard N. Locavara, Sr./ Wife, Mary Sue
 Ann Cottrell/ Family
 Samantha & Lillian Grace Flannery/
 Judith Ruffo
 Kenneth O'Connell/ Rita Murray

11:30AM – Vincent Konchan/ Family
 Alice Weimer/ Husband, Larry
 Simblicito Reyes/ Mila Daproza
 Judith Piech/ Doris Piech, Mike,
 Tanya & Max

The Bread & Wine:

In Loving Memory of:
Richard N. Lacovara, Sr.
Requested by: Wife, Mary Sue



The Sanctuary Light:

In Loving Memory: Ana Lyn Daproza
Requested By: Carol Owens



Readings for Next Weekend

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

THE CHURCH & DAILY CHAPEL ARE OPEN
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday to Friday
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – November 27, 2023

8:00AM – Galen Nantes/ Peggy Madison
 Kenneth O'Connell/ Diane Cregan

TUESDAY – November 28, 2023

8:00AM – Joseph Scherer/ Rose Faiss
 Expedido & Ester Santillian/ Family

WEDNESDAY – November 29, 2023

8:00AM – Josephine Ucci/ Barbara O'Brien
 Kenneth O'Connell/ Vicki & John
 Kern

THURSDAY – November 30, 2023

8:00AM – Mayble DeVito/ Mary Roberts
 Michael Browne/ Keenan Family

FRIDAY – December 1, 2023

8:00AM – Anna Morey/ Sue Eggert
 Peter D. Prata/ John & Margaret
 Nowak

SATURDAY – December 2, 2023

4:00 PM – Raymond Sakgueiro/ Family
 Capt. Morgan Taylor/ Ray & Mazie
 Wood
 Dawn Wheaton Lafetra/ Sue Eggert
 Grace R. Clerico/ Joseph Lutz

SUNDAY – December 3, 2023

7:30 AM – Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah
 & Joseph
 Josephine Panza/ Phil & Mille Cross
 George & Ralph Frigenti/ Phil &
 Mille Cross
 Justus & Mary Minnella/ Son

9:00 AM – (L) Patrick Flaherty/ Grandmom
 Esther Berdini/ Sue Eggert
 Samantha & Lillian Grace Flannery/
 Marlene & Steve Rogala
 Paul Robertshaw/ Mary Dymerski

11:30 AM – Helen & Edward Hurley/ Diane Cregan
 Emma Fernandez-Regan/ Altar
 Rosary Society
 Mary Bean/ Altar Rosary Society
 Kenneth O'Connell/ Altar Rosary
 Society

**BREAKING
OPEN
THE WORD**
Take a deeper look at
Sunday's Gospel



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE**

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and “pasture” all.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ’s resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ’s rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and “God will be all in all.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to “one of my least brothers” they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his “least,” they fail to do to him.

Consider & Reflect

“I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.... ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

We bring the church year to a close with the appropriate gospel judgement scene. We will all, each and every one, meet our just judge, where our every deed will be exposed and evaluated. A recently published book told the story of a priest who met a person, who said that he felt quite comfortable, as he kept the Ten Commandments. The priest then asked about his concern for Matthew 25, the judgement statement ‘I was hungry, thirsty, naked, an immigrant or foreigner, sick...’ the corporal works of mercy. As we live them we are going to be judged, not just the Ten Commandments or the great commandment of Jesus to love God and neighbor. The man replied that he hadn't thought about that. Do I?

**LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES**



Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 4:00 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Sue Eggert

ALTAR SERVERS: Jack Krier, Rory Krier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Gloria Barnet, Pat Mugan, Jane Innocenti, Barbara Ragusa, Cathy Mills, Eileen Wertz, Jane Pascavitch, John Kern, Patricia O’Hara, Lorraine Schaefer

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David O’Connor

READER: Frank Davide

ALTAR SERVER: Jack Wurth

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Barbara Davide, Pat Carabellese, Ginny Biely

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David O’Connor

READER: Vincent Poisella

ALTAR SERVERS: Christian AuCoin, Jillie AuCoin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Jane Ziegler, Kathy Barneman, Gail Buffi, Diane Coccozza, Diane Ellwood, Frank Ellwood, David Laskowski

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Jack Cashman

ALTAR SERVER: Kim Werling

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Ann Marie Rehrmann, Diane Cregan, Cora Fernandez, Nelida Kuhlmann, Rose Wilson, Patricia McDowell, Terry Walsh

UPCOMING EVENTS



This Week at our Church:

Monday, November 27, 2023

Children's Faith Formation 5:30 - 6:45 PM
Nar-Anon & Al-Anon 7:15 PM
 (Faith Formation Center)
Choir Practice 4:00 PM (Church)

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

GIVING TUESDAY

Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel)
High School Youth Group 6:30-8:30 PM
 (Faith Formation Center)

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Scripture Study 9:30 AM (Faith Formation Center)

Thursday, November 30, 2023

No Events Scheduled

Friday, December 1, 2023

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM
 (Daily Chapel)
Middle School Youth Group 6:00-9:00 PM
 (Faith Formation Center)

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Christmas Sharing Tags available
2024 Calendars available
2024 box set of yearly collection envelopes
Food Collection
Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale
 (Gathering Space)

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Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM
Youth Group 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Altar Rosary Society Rosary after 11:30 AM Mass
 (Chapel)



**The Legacy of
Father Mick**
Mortgage Fund



One Year Fundraising Campaign

To make a donation, please visit our website or online <http://givebutter.com/Ck4UXH>, or scan the QR code:



PLEASE NOTE: Names of those donating \$1,000.00 or more will be recorded in our *"In Memory Book"*

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Skip Black Friday and Cyber Monday!
 Instead, join the international generosity movement to support non-profit organizations on

#GivingTuesday
November 28th

Ways to Give

- Scan the QR code



- Visit <https://givebutter.com/Ck4UXH>
- Stop by the Parish Office
- Mail a check
- Grab a Legacy flyer from the kiosk
- Ask your employer about donation matching programs

The Legacy of Father Mick Mortgage Fund
has reached 25% of its goal!

Help us push the thermometer up!



St. Theresa's MONTHLY 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are on sale after all the Masses in the Gathering Space and at the Parish Office during office hours.

The next drawing will be held **December 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office



Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers for the
9:00 AM Mass on Sundays.

No experience necessary. We will train you.
If you can help, please call Dave at 609-335-2245.
Any help you could give would be appreciated.



COLLECTION ENVELOPES

We will again be
distributing a complete box
set of envelopes for the

entire year on the weekends of
Nov. 25th and Nov. 26th and Dec. 2nd and 3rd.
Each box will include a year of weekly, Holy Day
and special collections. *(Those of you who have
signed up for online giving will not receive a box of
envelopes unless you have specifically requested
one. Thank You for helping the Parish budget more
efficiently.)*

If you are unable to pick up your envelopes from
the Gathering Space on the above dates, you may
pick them up at the Parish Office **AFTER Dec. 6,
2023.**

If you are going away this winter, please let us
know and we will hold your envelopes until you
return.

*If you have any questions, please call Katrina at
the Parish Office at Ext. 232.*



ST. THERESA FOOD PANTRY The Food Pantry Needs Some Volunteers

St. Theresa's Food Pantry needs a
few volunteers to make the
donation pick-ups at local
supermarkets. (Acme - LEH, Manahawkin,
Walmart, ALDI)

The amount of clients who are coming to the pantry
during this difficult time has grown considerably.
In October, the pantry provided food to **491
families** which consisted of **1,124 Adults** and **357
children**. The pantry was open 13 days in October.

The donations, which are picked up from the local
stores on a regular schedule, provide food items that
we would otherwise have to purchase.

FYI: *This activity requires that you are able to
drive an extended van (CDL not required), lift and
put away the donations. The pickups are made on
a regular schedule.*

So, if you have some extra time and can meet the
requirements, we could use your help.

Please contact Frank Davide at 609-296-3385
(home). Thank you, as always, for your continuous
support!



For St. Theresa's Food Pantry
609-296-2504

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

*You may drop off donations at the Food Pantry
during the operating hours listed above.*

Items needed: **PANCAKE MIX, TOILET PAPER,**
Hamburger Helper type packaged products, rice
side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, children's
cereal, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup,
mustard, tuna fish, peanut butter, grape jelly,
pancake syrup, apple juice and pasta. Thank you.



CHOIR NEWS:

The Adult Choir

Practice: **MONDAYS at 4:00 PM.**

All choir rehearsals are in the Church.

*The Adult Choir sings each Sunday at the
11:30 AM Mass.*

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



For more information contact Gerard Mirandilla,
Music Director, after any Mass, call 609-296-2504
ext. 228 or email

Gerard.mirandilla@sttheresa450.org



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

June 11, 2022 – Pentecost 2025

Reflections on the Eucharist

**From the Catechism of the Catholic Church
1362, 1365**

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church which is His Body....Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: "This is my Body which is given for you" and "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my Blood" (Luke 22:19-20). In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the very Body which He gave up for us on the cross, the very Blood which He "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". (Matt: 26:28). ***Please watch the bulletin for reflections on the Eucharist each week.***

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES



*Help decorate our outdoor Parish
Campus this Christmas and honor the
memory of your loved ones.*

Purchase a Christmas tree for \$125.00

Includes lights and memorial sign.

Feel free to decorate your tree

***Please note: The Parish is not responsible
for damaged, lost or stolen ornaments
or decorations.***

**Join us for
Our Tree Lighting Ceremony
Saturday, December 16, 2023
*after the 4:00 PM Mass***

On sale at the Parish Office

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE

*All proceeds will benefit The Legacy
of Fr. Mick Mortgage Fund*



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Our Parish's Annual Christmas Sharing Program provides toys for needy children (*Ages 1-13 years old*) in our community. We work with the churches and the schools in Tuckerton, Little Egg Harbor, New Gretna and West Creek as well as Toys for Tots to make sure that no child goes without a toy at Christmas.

Gift tags with the age and gender of a child are in baskets at the doors of the Church.

*Please take a tag or two and purchase a **TOY** or gift card for a child in our community.*



Please bring the toy or gift card with the tag attached to Church on:

December 9th and 10th

Some Suggestions:

Please buy only **1 toy for 1 tag**. We will gladly take any extra toys (no tag necessary) you would like to donate. They are always welcomed and appreciated.

**TOYS MUST BE BRAND NEW
& UNWRAPPED! (No gift bags please!)**

Please consider purchasing gift cards for those who are age 11 and older.

Monetary donations are also accepted. If you do not wish to purchase a toy, we will purchase one for you. We also use the money to purchase coats, shoes, clothes, and/or other needs of the children that we become aware of.

***Thank you for your continued support
of our program.***

HELP WANTED

We are looking for some teenagers who can help us sort toys for our Christmas Sharing Program on:

Sunday, December 10th

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

If you can help, please call Cathy, at 609-296-2504 Ext. 222 or email:

cathy.mazanek@sttheresa450.org

If you need any service hours for Confirmation, the Honor Society or other organizations, this may help!

St. Theresa's Christmas Cookie Walk December 16th & 17th!



Help support our Parish Youth Ministry by donating your specialty Christmas Cookies to be sold at our bake sale on December 16th & 17th after all Masses.

Please get as creative as you'd like with homemade treats!

To donate, fill out the form below and bring it to the office, or fill out the form online at www.sttheresa450.org/cookie-walk

Name: _____

Email or Phone Number: _____

Type of
Cookies: _____

(3-4 dozen suggested - more always welcome!) Please drop off to the Parish Office in an air-tight bag or container (no plastic wrap, tin foil or cellophane) on December 14th (8:30am-4:00pm) or December 15th (8:30am-4:00pm). Please include a copy of the recipe that we can share!

Monthly Health Tip

Managing Holiday Stress

Holidays are not meant to be an ordeal, but an opportunity to share our love and have fun together. A certain amount of holiday stress is unavoidable but there are actions you can take to manage your stress.

Be realistic. Take all commitments into account before you commit to extra things.

Plan. Schedule your activities over a period of weeks rather than one or two weekends.

Simplify. Do you really need to bake eight different kinds of cookies or will two or three do?

Let others help. Take family and friends up on their offers to help with the children or bring something to a holiday meal.

Maintain your sense of humor. Stay in touch with your spiritual side and focus on your core values.

Enjoy a Blessed Holiday Season

YEAR LONG SUPER 50/50!!

June 4, 2023 -May 20, 2024



Benefits *The Legacy of
Fr. Mick Lambeth Mortgage Fund*

Book of 4 tickets - \$100.00

(No individual tickets will be sold)

Drawing will take place at the closing of the Campaign at the Golf Outing and Banquet on **May 20, 2024.**

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATEK)



Oplatek is a rectangular shaped wafer like our communion hosts. It is a custom that began a millennium ago in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania on Christmas Eve. When the first Star appears, the *oplatek* is broken and shared with those who are present for Christmas Eve Dinner, which traditionally is a meatless meal.

Oplatek is available for purchase (*donation \$5.00*) at the parish office.



AL-ANON

AL-Anon is a mutual support group of peers who share their experience in applying the AL-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker in their lives. Al-Anon meets **every Monday at 7:15 PM** in the Faith Formation Center. Please visit www.al-anon.org for more information.



NAR-ANON

Monday, November 27th at 7:15 PM

in the Faith Formation Center

Nar-Anon, is a [twelve-step program](#) for friends and family members of those who are affected by someone else's addiction. Everything is confidential. There are no dues or fees to join. Just come to a meeting.



11-Day
Pilgrimage to Ireland
April 8 – 18, 2024



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:
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