

# THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA

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NOVEMBER 16, 2025

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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#### **Parish Office Business Hours**

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

#### **PARISH STAFF**

##### **Pastor**

Rev. Selvam J. Asirvatham  
(Rev. Gerry Johnson)

##### **Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Dean Gaudio

##### **Weekend Assistant**

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##### **Deacons**

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday - Friday: 8:00 am (Main Church)**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm & Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am**

##### **Holy Days of Obligation**

**Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm & Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am & 12:15 pm**

#### **RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm & By appointment**

#### **DAILY PRAYER & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are opened for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration (in the Daily Chapel) Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass and concludes with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 4:00 pm.

#### **PARISH LIFE**

"The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*." (St. John Paul - *On the Eucharist & Its Relationship to the Church*). At the parish of St. Theresa, we strive to embody these words that describe the centrality of the Eucharist for the life and mission of the Church.

We welcome you to join us as we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, or race, you are a Child of God and you are welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Church of St. Theresa.

**REGISTRATION:** We invite you to officially register as a member of our parish community. By registering you declare your desire to be part of our Catholic community and you are able to stay closely connected with the life of the parish. In order to register, please call or stop by the Parish Office.



### 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: **Kevin Brady, Kim Coyle, Maureen Dwyer, Johnny Favro, Chuck Griffin, Peter Hummel, Joe Jaworski, Justin Marchese, Ken McLaughlin, Ro McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rev. William Modlin, Rita Murray, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Samantha Saraceno, Valerie Schaffer, Nick Steiger.**



### WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Maria Figueiredo**. May she 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: **Sr. Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, LCPI Christopher Hansen, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Airmen Tech Sgt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Pvt. Logan Mora, Cpl. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., Nicholas Roesch, Capt. Amanda Southard, LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN.** May the Lord protect them as they protect us.



### WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Heavenly Father, your harvest needs good and faithful men to tend to its many needs. Open their minds and hearts to respond to your call to be priests of and for the Diocese of Trenton, in imitation of your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of your flock. Amen.** Follow us on Instagram: **TrentonMakesPriests**



### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least two months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least one 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.



Anointing the sick

### 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."*<sup>130</sup> We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or under any emotional distress to avail themselves 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 15, 2025

**4:00 PM** – Charles Annette/ Marjorie Annette  
 Victor Signorelli/ Family  
 Joseph Scherer/ Rose Faiss  
 Ken Bahrs/ O'Hara Family

#### SUNDAY – November 16, 2025

**7:30 AM** – Joseph T. Grant/ Millie & Phil Cross  
 Joseph Cosulich/ Wife  
 James & Josephine Chokran/  
 Daughter  
 William Moran/ Moran Family

**9:00 AM** – Bruce & Marion Paulsen/ Family  
 Francis M. Geoghegan/ Maureen &  
 John Geoghegan  
 Maria Capperelli/ Peggy Madison  
 Charlotte Sweeney/ Fran & Victor  
 Vitiello

**11:30 AM** – Anthony Carlini/ Nancy Frodelly  
 Joseph Carlini/ Daughter  
 Charles Stadtmuller/ Nora & Mary  
 Diane Huie/ Arnold & Maureen  
 Malsbury



### Bread & Wine

*In Loving Memory of: Kyle Beamer  
 Requested by: Mandie & Debbie*

### Readings for Next Weekend

**November 23, 2025**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 King of the Universe*

*Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3*

*Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20*

*Gospel: Luke 23:35-43*



### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

#### MONDAY – November 17, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Louise Correa/ Kathleen Lynch  
 Anne Paslowski/ Denton Family

#### TUESDAY – November 18, 2025

**8:00 AM** – William Wright/ Family  
 Debra L. Daleo/ Flo & Stu Palmeri

#### WEDNESDAY – November 19, 2025

**8:00 AM** – David L. Goldbeck/ Linda & Vic  
 Adamec  
 Susan Hartman/ The Coffeys

#### THURSDAY – November 20, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Bertha Di Pasquale/ Kathy & Bernie  
 Shaffer  
 Margaret Halfacre/ Moran Family

#### FRIDAY – November 21, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Joseph L. Ghigna/ Cathy & Andrew  
 Brys  
 Daniel Malone/ Leslie, Kevin &  
 Michael

#### SATURDAY – November 22, 2025

**4:00 PM** – Elaine, Al & Rich Vogel/ Barbara Ragusa  
 Suzanne Janco/ Butterfield & Papp  
 Families  
 John & Josephine Butterfield/ Daughter  
 Edward Banach/ Ann Marie & Bob  
 Rehrmann

#### SUNDAY – November 23, 2025

**7:30 AM** – Anna Riccardelli/ Nancy Frodelly  
 Geri Paolino/ Family  
 Patrick Waldron/ Barbara O'Brien  
 Minnie Cusano/ Joann & Bob  
 Szewczyk

**9:00 AM** – (L) Patricia Dieckman/ Pat & Barbara  
 Barone

John McWeeney/ Maureen & John  
 Geoghegan

Margaret Kopelock/ Mel & Don

Timothy Collins, Sr./ Fitzgerald Family

**11:30 AM** – Dolores Annunziata/ Carleen McCaffrey  
 Raffaella Mariano/ Carleen McCaffrey  
 Milagros Delapena/ Erlinda Gavina  
 Vincent Konchan/ Family





## **This week at our Church**

### **Monday, November 17, 2025**

*Children's Faith Formation 5:30 PM*

*Al-Anon 7:15 PM*

*(Faith Formation Center)*

### **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

*Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM*

*(Faith Formation Center)*

*Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel)*

*Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Church)*

*Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM*

*OCIA 7:00 PM (Faith Formation Center)*

### **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

*Scripture Study 9:15 AM (Daily Chapel)*

*Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (Church)*

### **Thursday, November 20, 2025**

*Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM*

*(Faith Formation Center)*

### **Friday, November 21, 2025**

*Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Daily Chapel)*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*8:30 - 4:00 PM*

*Evening Prayer with Benediction 4:00 PM*

*(Daily Chapel)*

### **Saturday, November 22, 2025**

*Christmas Toy Drive Tags*

*Yearly Box of Donation Envelopes*

*Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale*

*(Gathering Space)*

### **Sunday, November 23, 2025**

*Christmas Toy Drive Tags*

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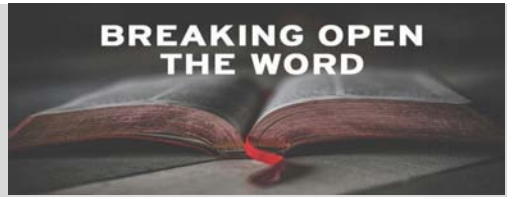
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*(Gathering Space)*

*Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM*

*(Church & Faith Formation Center)*

## **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**



## **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a**

The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of *"the sun of justice, with its healing rays,"* believed by most to mean Jesus.

### **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

### **Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of Him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet He says they will not be harmed because *"by patient endurance you will save your lives."* If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end.

### **Consider & Reflect**

*"You know how one must imitate us...on the contrary, in toil and drudgery night and day, we worked, so as not to burden any of you...we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat."*

St. Paul told it like it is. He taught by his written words, but also by his deeds, not afraid to say, *'follow my example.'* His many letters and his missionary journeys are an example of his dedication and commitment. How can I imitate him?

I ask myself if I am doing my part or merely going along with the flow? That is not imitating the model. Anyone who claims discipleship has to do his or her part. My final destiny depends upon it. One confined to his or her home, an elderly person, can offer prayer for the mission of the church. One can spend time in prayerful adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, reading the scriptures, serving the needs of someone who is ill, hospitalized. The list goes on and on. Where does the church, my parish need me?

How often we think or hear someone say *'the church should do this'* but it remains undone, as I forget

***'I am the church.'***



**Next Weekend's**  
**Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

**Saturday, November 22, 2025 - 4:00 PM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David O'Connor

**READER:** Bernice Philhower

**ALTAR SERVER:** Kim Werling

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Gloria Barnet, Sue Eggert, Pat O'Hara, Eileen Wertz, Susan Geldart, Lorraine Schaefer

**Sunday, November 23, 2025 - 7:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Gerry Johnson, Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** CeCe Scheckler

**ALTAR SERVER:** Justin McCarthy

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Joanne Cosulich, Gail Englert, Jim Newman, Arlene Murray

**Sunday, November 23, 2025 - 9:00 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Gerry Johnson

**READER:** Todd Lund, Sr.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Matthew Wurst, Jacob Schaffer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** David Laskowski, Diana Hummel, Ann Hummel, Joann Spickard, John Sullivan, Jayne Ziegler

**Sunday – November 23, 2025 - 11:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Carl Klotzbach

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Josh Greene, Kim Werling

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Maureen Klotzbach, Ann Wilton, Carol Fine, Cora Fernandez, Patricia Claussen, Deborah Norwillo

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

**WE'RE MOVING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025**  
**DAILY MASS**  
*will now take place in the*  
**DAILY CHAPEL!**

**WHY?**

*Our Main Church seats 1,000 people  
and is too large for the under 100 people who  
attend Daily Mass.*

**Here are some other reasons:**

**Focus on Worship**

*Proximity to the altar enhances focus on the  
liturgy and the Eucharist.*

**Participation**

*Being closer allows for more active  
participation in responses and singing.*

**Encouragement of Fellowship**

*Encourages interaction and fellowship with  
fellow worshippers before and after Mass.*

**Spiritual Intimacy**

*Closer seating can create a more intimate  
atmosphere for personal reflection and prayer.*

***If you are not feeling well,  
please do not attend Mass.***

*Those with underlying health conditions or  
those in a high-risk category are welcome to sit  
further away from others and/or wear a mask.*

***Thanks for your support and understanding!***

**Let's get fundraising!**

**HELP!**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

***Just a willingness to help your Parish***

We are in the process of forming a Fundraising Committee for our Parish. If you think you might be interested, please call Laura at 908-553-5595.  
Thank you!



Thanksgiving Day Mass will take place on Thanksgiving Day,  
**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.**  
All are welcome to celebrate the *Eucharist* which is the true meaning of **Thanksgiving**.

**\*Please note: There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.**

**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 2, 2025 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.

***We hope you will support this fundraiser!***



**Food Pantry Volunteers Wanted**

St. Theresa's Food Pantry is looking for one or two volunteers who would be interested in performing the following tasks regularly, i.e., one day or more per week, depending on the tasks required:

- 1) Stock the shelves one day a week (Thursday).
- 2) Order food items as needed from local stores or online sources to ensure a variety of food is available for the clients. This includes: placing the order, arranging delivery to the pantry, and stocking the shelves when product(s) are delivered.
- 3) Provide backup as needed for making the scheduled donation pickups at local stores. Donation pickups are made: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The ability to drive the food pantry van is required.
- 4) Assist, along with other volunteers to transfer the monthly parish donations from the gathering space to the pantry and put away the monthly food delivery from Fulfill.
- 5) Other duties as required.

***Please contact Frank Davide at 914-391-4955 if you are interested or would like further information.***



**St. Theresa's Church**

**609-296-1345**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Items needed this month:**

**CANNED SOUPS & CANNED PASTAS**

*Hamburger Helper type packaged products, ravioli, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, pancake mix, apple juice, pasta, and toilet paper. Thank you!*





## **LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM Mass**

***Meets every other Sunday or when the Children's Faith Formation Students are not attending Mass***

Children between kindergarten and fourth grade are invited to share the Liturgy of the Word (readings, profession of faith, prayers of the faithful) on their own level. The children proceed to the Daily Chapel after the opening prayer and return before the Offertory during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Hope you will bring the kids.



## **COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

We will again be distributing a complete box set of envelopes for the entire year on the weekends of

**November 22/23, November 29/30,  
December 6/7**

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 December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.*



**Children in Grades K - 8**

**Includes preparation for**

**First Communion and Confirmation**

For more information call Joana Schmidt at  
609-296-2504 Ext. 224

or email

[Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org](mailto:Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org)



### **Respect Life Ministry**

An open invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us on

**This Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**1:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center**

Information about our ministry and Upcoming Events will be shared.

Light refreshments will be served.

**SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Party!**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025 1:00 PM**

**at the Grapevine**

We hope you will consider joining this very important ministry.



Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

### **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](http://www.al-anon.org)



### Glass Table Tops for our Altars, Credence and Gift Tables

*Thank you to those who purchased the following for our Church:*

**Main Altar:** \$375.00

*Purchased by Barbara Ragusa in memory of her husband Andrew.*

**Gifts Table:** \$135.00

*Purchased by Martha Mischaud.*

**Credence Table:** \$120.00

*Purchased by Dr. Edward & Patricia O'Hara.*

**Reservation Chapel Window:** \$750.00

*Purchased by John Sullivan in memory of his wife Lenore.*

**The Chapel Altar:** \$240.00 *Purchased by Robert & Ann Marie Rehrmann in memory of James & Maryann Spring.*

***Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation!***

***May God Bless you!***



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on **Fridays** in the Daily Chapel following the 8:00 AM Mass and closing with Evening Prayer and Benediction at **4:00 PM.**

*Please prayerfully consider spending an hour or so in the presence of our Lord each week.*

YOU ARE INVITED  
Marian Devotion of Gratitude


## *Feast of Our Lady of Kibeho*

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**Friday, November 28**  
**9:00 AM Mass**  
**St. Joseph's Church, Toms River**  
**8:45 AM: Flower Procession**

- Honoring Our Lady who gave us the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows
- Message of Hope: Mary calls us to repentance and conversion
- Guest concelebrant & Speaker: Fr. Dean Gaudio, St. Theresa's Church, Little Egg Harbor
- At the conclusion of the Mass, we will pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary for grace, "to know our lives and the life Jesus calls us to live."

*"There are many things that can only be seen through the eyes that have cried."*  
— ST. OSCAR ROMERO





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### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**



The Knights of Columbus will be selling ***"Keep Christ in Christmas"*** magnets (\$5.00) and lawn Signs (\$15.00) on the weekend of **NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.** in the Gathering Space of the Church.  
***Please stop by and purchase some!***



# Toy Drive

## Giving Children Hope

### 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 to make sure that no child goes without a toy at Christmas.

Gift tags with the age and gender of a child will be placed in baskets at the doors of the Church beginning the weekend of:

***November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>***

*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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>***

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  
AND**

**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.

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



Annual Christmas

### Cookie Walk

Homemade cookies and treats to be sold  
at all Masses the weekend of

**December 20/21**

Minimum 3 dozen cookies recommended

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out this form and return to the parish office or email [Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org](mailto:Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org).

Cookies must be dropped off to the  
parish office on  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025**

between  
8:30 am and 12 noon  
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1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

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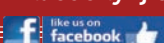


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