WELL DONE, GOOD AND *faithful* 

Servant.

**()** Matthew 25:23

# THANK YOU, YOUR HOLINESS grazie santità



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THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA LITTLE EGG HARBOR, NEW JERSEY



The Parish of St. Theresa 450 Radio Road Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

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

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. *Closed for Lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM* 

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#### **DAILY PRAYER**

The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are open for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

#### 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**

<u>Vigil Mass</u>: 7:00 pm <u>Holy Day Mass</u>: 8:00 am & 12:15 pm

#### **RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays:** 3:00 - 3:45 pm And by appointment

**WELCOME** 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.



#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday of Divine Mercy

#### First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

#### Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lampstands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

#### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive peoples sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

#### **Consider & Reflect**

"Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said: 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. And bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.' Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ... 'Blessed are those who have not seen but believed.'"

Is there a Thomas in me? Does my faith allow me to celebrate the most important fact that Jesus died, arose and lives? By His passion, death and resurrection, we too share in the newness of life. We reach out to Jesus as did Thomas. We unlock the doors of our unbelief and allow Him to touch us with His saving grace in a special way on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Touched by the Lord, we bring that gift to others. 'Jesus I trust in you.'



#### 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: Ray Amato, Rose Asrican, Frank Barinski, Nancy Barnum, Tara Barrett, Nancy Baumann, Tom Baumann, Cathy Bentivenga, John Blotnik, Elizabeth Brodzik, Peter Carlisi, Kim Carroll, Rachel Carroll, Domenico Chicherico, Brittany Conclin, Charles Constantino, Kim Coyle, Vincent DeToma, Helen Driscoll, Mark Dunn, Connor Egan, Johnny Favro, Sandra Fourman, Maureen Fraszczak, Barbara Gardner, Joe Ghigzone, Gregory Gioe III, Makenna Granquist, Gregory Holmes, Thomas Huie, Debbie Innocenti, Marilyn Kent, Margaret Kurczewski, Linda, Rose Litwin, Rachel Lucas, Rocca Macchiaverna, Anya Malsbury, Catherine Marra, Ken McLaughlin, Ro McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rev. William Modlin, John Moore, James Montefusco, Carly Murray, Rita Murray, Rita O'Neill, Jim P., Joseph Paci, Josephine Paci, Patsy, Lucas Princiotti, Thomas Punzo, John Quinn, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Matthew Raupp, Joe Rella, Marilynne Roche, Al Roth, Ashraf Sabra, Samantha Saraceno, Gerry Scalavino, Cathy Schaffer, Johnny Sebecke, Kevin Shinkunas, Thomas Smith, Nancy Snyder, Lois Somodi, Amanda Super, Nathan Super, Dino & Ashley Tobia, Christine Trapini, Elliot Truex, Sean William, John Williamson, Sharon Williamson, Mark Wurst, Ron Wurth, Mary Zurawski and Joseph Zurawski



# <u>WE PRAY FOR</u> <u>VOCATIONS</u>

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



#### WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *our recently deceased*. 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 <u>deployed</u> especially: Master Sgt. Jordan Bieda, Sr., Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, LCP1 Christopher Hansen, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Lt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Staff Sgt. Robert McAllister, Pvt. Logan Mora, Cpl. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Okoszko, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., Nicholas Roesch, Ensign Sarah Schenk, 1st Lt. Amanda Southard, LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN. May the Lord protect them as they protect us.

<u>**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:</u>** Baptisms are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.</u>

#### 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."<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 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.



#### MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

#### SATURDAY- April 26, 2025

4:00 PM – Susan Coniglio/ Mom Helen Zawaski/ Cathleen & Brian Murray Rob Albuquerque/ Alice & Albert Roth William Armitage/ Dottie & Phil Paulucci

#### <u>SUNDAY – April 27, 2025</u>

- 7:30 AM Adele Gorski/ Mike & Karen Sikora Cheryl Isaryk/ Dad, Roman Bob Piechocki/ AFF Team (L) Russ & Laura Albert & Family
- 9:00 AM Gabriel Petrecca, Sr./ Carol Griffith Stephen Allocco/ The Ziegler Family Josephine & Joseph Richard/ Marianne & Michael Hoover Lenore Sullivan/ Marianne & Michael Hoover
- 11:30 AM Cirilo Fernandez/ Rose Wilson Joseph Moran/ Family Daniel & Rose Madonna/ Family Michael Murphy/ Barbara O'Brien



#### **Readings for Next Weekend**

May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14 Gospel: John 21:1-19



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on <u>Fridays</u> in the Daily Chapel following the 8:00 AM Mass and closing with Evening Prayer and Benediction at <u>6:00 PM</u>. Please prayerfully consider spending an hour or so in the presence of our Lord each week.



#### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

<u>MONDAY – April 28, 2025</u>

8:00 AM – Donna Marie Salvatore/ Mom Richard Melesky/ Debbie Manimon & Kevin Burdwood

#### <u> TUESDAY – April 29, 2025</u>

8:00 AM – Joseph Morella/ John Brady Andrew Manganello/ Maria Rivelli

#### <u>WEDNESDAY – April 30, 2025</u>

8:00 AM – Cindy Bowser/ Jack & Lorraine Haydee Chizan/ Ann & Dave Wilton

THURSDAY – May 1, 2025

8:00 AM – Anthony Santos Garcia/ Garcia Family Haydee Chizan/ Cathy & Andrew Brys

FRIDAY – May 2, 2025

8:00 AM – Andrew Manganello/ Eleanor Tedesco Haydee Chizan/ Judy & Rick Karlton

#### SATURDAY- May 3, 2025

4:00 PM – Joseph & Dorothy Klein/ Barbara Ragusa & Family William Lisner/ Denise Farrelly Michael Farmer/ Lorraine Pagano Lena Chromowsky/ Maureen Wolfe

#### <u>SUNDAY – May 4, 2025</u>

- 7:30 AM Cheryl Isaryk/ Dad, Roman Cheryl Buendia/ Lou & Ginny Biely Barbara Mazulb/ Rick & Judy Karlton Joseph Lutz/ Alan & Patricia Miller
- 9:00 AM Helen Vancil/ Joanne Stevely William Lisner/ Long Valley K of C Timothy Tibus/ Respect Life Group Joseph Morrella/ Karen Piche
- 11:30 AM Michael Salvatore/ Wife, Charlotte Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah & Joseph James & Barbara Madonna/ Family Warren & Barbara Lewis/ Family



<u>Monday, April 28, 2025</u> Children's Faith Formation 5:30 PM Al Anon 7:15 PM (Faith Formation Center)

# Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel) Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Church) Bereavement Support Group 3:00 PM (Faith Formation Center)

## Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Scripture Study 9:15 AM (Daily Chapel) Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (Church)

> Thursday, May 1, 2025 No Events Scheduled

#### Friday, May 2, 2025

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30-6:00 PM Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM (Daily Chapel) First Communion Practice 6:00 PM (Church)

## Saturday, May 3, 2025

First Holy Communion 9:00 AM (Church) Food Collection for Pantry Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale (Gathering Space)

#### Sunday, May 4, 2025

Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00 AM Youth Group Sunday Service 11:00 AM (Church & Faith Formation Center) Altar Rosary recitation of the Rosary after the 11:30 AM Mass (Daily Chapel) Food Collection for Pantry Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale (Gathering Space)



Children in Grades K - 8 Includes preparation for First Communion and Confirmation

> Two great options for the Fall 2025/26 year

<u>Classes begin</u> Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) and Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

**Option 1**: Sundays include Mass! Students will attend Mass and class 9:00am-11:15am. The extended time means only 2 Sundays per month. If your family regularly attends another Mass you are not required to change. **Parents are to attend Mass with their student**.

<u>Option 2</u>: Monday evenings 5:30-6:45 pm. These will be combined grade classes, K/1, 2/3, 4/6, 7/8.

Please Note: This option is not available for students in the Sacrament prep catch—up class.

Volunteers are needed for both days.

Registration is available online at www.sttheresa450.org/registration or scan the QR code



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

or email Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org



#### **JUBILEE 2025**

Each month, Jubilee 2025 calls us to focus on a given theme of hope ("signs of the times") as well as various Ministries and Groups.

#### **The Holy See**

#### Jubilee of Workers May 1-4, 2025

The Jubilee of Workers reminds us that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers and have a responsibility to ensure that the dignity of all workers across all sectors is upheld.

Pope Francis says that in our society today, the relationship between humanity and work has been turned upside down from how God intended; we have come to believe that humankind was made for work, instead of work for humankind. Work, at its best, allows us to meaningfully contribute to the wider society, while also providing sufficiently for our individual and family needs. Work has dignity because we have dignity as creatures made in God's divine image. Through our work both in and outside of the home, we enter into God's creative enterprise. Living out our vocation gives glory to God. However, when our humanity and dignity is disrespected, or even exploited in the workplace, God grieves with us. This occurs when wages are withheld, workers are mistreated or underpaid and safety is threatened.

In this Jubilee Year, we find an opportunity to remember the appropriate place of work in our lives and recommit to working together for dignified work for all our sisters and brothers

Think about how the changing landscape of work has affected you or your family and friends or where the dignity of work or the rights of workers are violated or protected in your place of work, your community and around the world. Can our personal choices (e.g. where/how we shop or eat) impact whether others' rights are violated or protected?

Read about St. Joseph, the worker, whose Feast Day is May  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}.$ 

For more information visit The Catholic Labor Network at https://catholiclabor.org/.



#### **Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanguished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth, to you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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St. Theresa's Church 609-296-1345 Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Items needed this month: JELLY

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Beefaroni, Hamburger Helper type packaged products, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, pancake syrup, pancake mix, apple juice, pasta, and canned soup. **Thank you.** 



# Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

## <u>Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 4:00 PM</u>

<u>CELEBRANT:</u> Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon Jay Werling <u>READER:</u> Bernice Philhower <u>ALTAR SERVER:</u> Kim Werling <u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY</u>

**<u>COMMUNION</u>**: Barbara Ragusa, Lorraine Schaefer, Eileen Wertz, Janet Pascavitch, Sue Eggert, Pat O'Hara

# <u>Sunday, May 4, 2025 - 7:30 AM</u>

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon David O'Connor READER: CeCe Scheckler ALTAR SERVER: Jack Wurth EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Mary Schneider, Ginny Biely, Gail Englert, Arlene Murray

## <u>Sunday, May 4, 2025 - 9:00 AM</u>

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon David O'Connor READER: Todd Lund, Sr. ALTAR SERVERS: Jack Krier, Rory Krier EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Suzanne Hughes, Terry Walsh, Diane Ellwood, Frank Ellwood, Ann Hummel, Diana

# <u> Sunday – May 4, 2025 - 11:30 AM</u>

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon Jay Werling READER: Carl Klotzbach ALTAR SERVER: Justin McCarthy EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Ann Marie Rehrmann, Rose Wilson, Ann Wilton, Nelida Kuhlmann, Maureen Klotzbach,

Cora Fernandez

Hummel

# MAY CROWNING CEREMONY



# 8AM MASS THURSDAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker



# St. Theresa's MONTHLY 50/50 Raffle

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

The next drawing will be held **May 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.

We hope you will support this fundraiser!



# **Family Promise**

Hello All, My name is Sandi Johnson, the coordinator for St. Theresa's parish for our Family Promise of the Jersey Shore mission. We have

been hosting families by providing shelter and meals for several years, before and after Covid. The parish will be hosting once again this year for the weeks of May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1st. We have simplified the process of providing breakfast, lunch and dinner to suit their needs, while providing a safe shelter for the families to sleep. In order to meet this challenge, we are asking for donations of gift cards to Walmart, Acme and Dollar Tree and to any of our local restaurants. The gift cards will be used to purchase the items needed while they are with us and the restaurant gift cards can allow the families to enjoy having a meal out at a restaurant or get take out while we are hosting them. If you would like to donate, you can drop them off in an envelope marked Family Promise, to the parish office, any time prior to May 25th. In the past, many of our parishioners have prepared dinner for the families. As we get closer to the dates of our host weeks, we will be contacting those that have prepared dinner for our families and those who have contacted me recently. If you are interested in preparing a meal, please let me know.

Members of our wonderful parish have stayed overnight (in their own room) with the families in our Faith Formation Center. A few more people are needed to stay overnight. It is required by the church, to ensure that the children are safe while they stay with us, that they take an online course called VIRTUS and be finger printed prior to hosting. This will be arranged through St. Theresa Church. For those that have stayed overnight before, please check your card to verify the expiration date, you may have to be recertified. Thank you to the many people who have helped in the past. If you wish to help again this year, join us in any way or have any questions, you can contact me is via email, <u>sandij49@msn.com</u>. If you would rather call me, my number is 609 432-5064.

You can read about Family Promise of the Jersey Shore online. It is a great organization that we are so happy to be working with. Thank You.



#### 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Fan the Flame of Hope through the Annual Catholic Appeal!

#### Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Our gift summary for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal as of April 18, 2025 is as follows:

Goal: \$48,000.00 Pledged: \$39,592.50 (82% of goal) Paid: \$36,046.50 (75% of goal) Total Donors: 240 Average Gift: \$152.28

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> 100% of the collected funds above our goal of <u>\$48,000.00</u> goes back to our parish for our needs.

#### Please be sure to honor your pledge. If you haven't sent in your pledge card yet, please send it as soon as possible

Together, let us Fan the Flame by supporting those in ministry with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please be as generous as possible!



#### MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day Cards, in memory of living and deceased mothers, are available in the kiosk in the gathering space and on the

bulletin board in the Daily Chapel Vestibule. Your intentions will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day.

Please return the envelope no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank You



## 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN INFORMATIONAL EXPO Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

At the Edward Thornton Community Center 319 West Calabreeze Way, Little Egg Harbor

Refreshments are compliments of our generous donors.

In addition to many vendors, the Little Egg Harbor Police Department Portable Rx Medication Drop Box will be available. Sponsored by: Little Egg Harbor Senior Citizen Advisory Board, Little Egg Harbor Township Committee

#### HAVE YOU RECENTLY CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?



If you have changed your phone number, **PLEASE** let the Parish Office know. Many people have gotten rid of their landline phone number and only use a cell number but neglected to let us know. Please call or email the Parish Office with your phone number. Thank You!



The Mass Book for 2026 is now open. Stop in to schedule your masses during office hours between 9:00 AM-3:00 PM



#### 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 <u>every Monday</u> at <u>7:15 PM</u> in the Faith Formation Center.

Please visit <u>www.al-anon.org</u> for more information.



# **PHONES & COMPUTERS**

Below are the extensions for our parish staff. Once connected, it is not necessary to listen to the entire announcement - you may dial the extension at any time. Also listed are the email addresses for the staff.

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