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AUGUST 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office Business Hours

Monday through Thursday - 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Friday - 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon Closed for lunch 12 Noon - 1:00 PM

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

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

Parochial Vicar Rev. Dean Gaudio

Weekend Assistant Rev. Phillip Pfleger

Deacons

Deacon David O'Connor Deacon Jay Werling

Parish Coordinator / Assistant to the Pastor Cathy Mazanek

Parish Secretary Katrina Barrett

Director of Religious Education Joana Schmidt

Director of Music Joe Dalton

Parish Finance Manager/HR Chris Gile

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Trustees John Kern, Maureen Malsbury

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 - 6:00 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 6:00 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: 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, Kathy Crocker, 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, Justin Marchese, 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, Jeanne Scholz, Johnny Sebecke, Deborah Sheola, Kevin Shinkunas, Thomas Smith, Nancy Snyder, Lois Somodi, Nick Steiger, 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

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



WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Margaret DePergola*. 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: 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., Pvt. Logan Mora, Cpl. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Okoszko, 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.

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.



MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY – August 2, 2025

4:00 PM – George Innocenti/ Jane
Theresa Hayward/ Ray & Irene Wolf
Haydee Chizan/ Angelo & Lorraine
Pagano

Vincent Ziccardi/ Phil & Dottie Paulucci

SUNDAY - August 3, 2025

7:30 AM – Geri Paolino/ Paolino Family Cheryl Isaryk/ Dad, Roman William Lisner/ Rosemarie Hartley William Moran/ Moran Family

9:00 AM – William Lisner/ Peggy Madison Lenore Sullivan/ John Brady Eric Allen Grandas/ Peter & Ann Hummel Cassie Sweeney/ Mom & Dad

11:30 AM – Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah & Joseph
Andrew Lupo/ Deborah & Joseph

Andrew Lupo/ Deborah & Joseph William Lisner/ Wife, Ann Lisner Bob Trapani/ Mary Pizza



Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of: Geri Paolino
Requested by :Family

Sanctuary Light

In Loving Memory of: Geri Paolino Requested by: Family



Readings for Next Weekend August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading 1: Wisdom 18:6-9 Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – *August 4*, 2025

8:00 AM – Donald E. Jones/ Mary Pizza Vincent Konchan/ Family

TUESDAY – August 5, 2025

8:00 AM – Matthew A. Wiesniewski, Sr./ Cathy & Andrew Brys Ann Falcone/ John & Mary Geoghegan

WEDNESDAY – August 6, 2025

8:00 AM – Alice & Joseph Bradley/ Bob & Thom Marion & John Kern/ Vicki & John Kern

THURSDAY – August 7, 2025

8:00 AM – Andrew Ragusa, Jr./ Barbara Ragusa June Condon/ Jim & MJ Piechocki

FRIDAY – August 8, 2025

8:00 AM – Joseph Faiss/ Rose Faiss Robert Piechocki/ Jim & MJ Piechocki

SATURDAY – August 9, 2025

4:00 PM – Carol Ann Sasin/ Mom & Dad Kathy Kolupanowich/ Salway Family Theresa Hayward/ Carol Ischen Haydee Chizan/ Eileen Dolan

SUNDAY – *August 10*, 2025

7:30 AM – Charles Trumbower/ Tun Trumbower
Evelyn Minnella/ Husband
Jeanette & Pat Capuano/ John & Kathy
Capuano
John Lagana, Jr./ John & Cathy
Capuano

9:00 AM – Walter Klimowich/ Peter & Ann Hummel

Lee Sullivan/ Vincent & Jane Poisella

Jennifer Paradiso/ Dennis Frank Anderson/ Alice & Lou Mankowski

11:30 AM – Vincent Samigelli/ Family

Mildred Carlini/ Sister

Timothy Tibus/ Peggy & Bill Murphy John Paul Stretkowiz/ Peggy & Bill Murphy



<u>Next Weekend's</u> Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, August 9, 2025 - 4:00 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Gerry Johnson, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Sue Eggert

<u>ALTAR SERVERS:</u> Jack Krier, Brynn Krier <u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY</u>

<u>COMMUNION:</u> Pat O'Hara, Janet Pascavitch, Barbara Ragusa, Carol Owens, Lorraine Schaefer,

Susan Geldart

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David

O'Connor

READER: Rose Faiss

ALTAR SERVER: Alex Acquaviva

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Gail Englert, John Minnella, Joanne

Cosulich, Ginny Biely

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David

O'Connor

READER: Todd Lund

ALTAR SERVER: Matthew Wurst

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Peggy Madison, Pat Manganello, Justin Peticolas, Joann Spickard, John Sullivan,

Jayne Ziegler

Sunday - August 10, 2025 - 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Gerry Johnson, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Mary Modlin

ALTAR SERVERS: Bart DiFrancia, Sophia DiFrancia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Jaqueline Arduini, Cathy Brys, Ann Burg, Mila Daproza, Desiree Ott, Deborah Norwillo



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of Vanities." Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for someone who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heeds us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist of the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.

Consider & Reflect

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do. I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.' There I shall store all my grain and other goods and say to myself 'Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink and be merry'. But God said to him, 'you fool, this night your life will be demanded of you'. Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

Our highways are dotted with new buildings, extra storage for goods not needed. They replace silos on farms which stored grain for the winter months. What do we find in these new buildings? We can just imagine. The parable of Jesus raises questions for us. It begins with my admission that whatever I have is God's gift to me. What I have in excess and do not use is going to waste and could be helpful to someone else. An unused coat or jacket could be of enormous help to a homeless person, or a thrift shop. A rusting bike could make a poor child happy. A set of dishes can be of great assistance for someone whose home was destroyed by fire. Think of one thing you can afford to give away. That is 'what matters to God.'



Monday, August 4, 2025

Al-Anon 7:15 PM (Faith Formation Center)

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

50-50 Drawing 10:00 AM (Parish Office) Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Church)

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (Church)

Thursday, August 7, 2025

No Events Scheduled

Friday, August 8, 2025

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30-6:00 PM Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Daily Chapel) Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM (Daily Chapel)

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale (Gathering Space)

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale (Gathering Space)



Children in Grades K - 8
Includes preparation for
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Two great options for the Fall 2025/26 year

Classes begin

Oct. 12th (Sunday) and Oct. 13th (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



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

<u>Items needed this month:</u> 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.**



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 **August 5**, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Parish Office. We hope you will support this fundraiser!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Office hours during the summer <u>Memorial Day</u> through <u>Labor Day</u> are

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Closed for lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM) Friday: 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Please make a note of it.



2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Fan the Flame of Hope through the Annual Catholic Appeal!

YAY! WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Our gift summary for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal as of July 25, 2025 is as follows:

Goal: \$48,000.00

Pledged: \$50,540.50 (105% of goal) Paid: \$47,242.83 (98% of goal) Total Donors: 312 Average Gift: \$140.39

PLEASE NOTE: 100% of the collected funds above our goal of \$48,000.00 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.

Please be as generous as possible!



<u>AL-ANON</u>

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



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She can help walk you through the process.

THE HOLY ROSARY

The Altar Rosary Society prays the Holy Rosary on the First Sunday of the month after the 11:30 AM Mass in the Day Chapel.



<u>The Respect Life Ministry</u> prays the Holy Rosary on the Last Sunday of the month after the 11:30 AM Mass in the Church.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are:

Vigil, Thursday, August 14 – 7:00 PM Friday, August 15 - 8:00 AM & 12:15 PM



KNIGHT'S KORNER #21

"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

These words are spoken by every Catholic, at every mass before receiving the Holy Eucharist.

When I was in fifth grade at Our Lady of Mercy grammar school in the Bronx, Sister Lorena said that prayer referred to the host being put on your tongue under the roof of your mouth.

When I was in sixth grade, Sister Marie Joan said the phrase referred to us sinners not being worthy for Christ to enter into our homes.

Sister Lorena would receive an F grade for her interpretation, while Sister Marie Joan was a little closer to the truth, but she also gets an F.

This prayer expresses profound humility and faith, and signifies a recognition of unworthiness to receive the Eucharist while simultaneously acknowledging the power of Christ's word to heal and save. This prayer is a direct reference to the words of the Roman Centurion in the Gospel of Matthew 8:8 who asks Jesus to heal his servant. The centurion, despite being a Gentile, recognized Jesus's authority and believed that just a word from him would be enough.

This prayer prepares our hearts and minds to receive the sacrament, acknowledging our unworthiness while trusting in Christ's grace and mercy.

On a deeper level, this prayer also invites reflection on the mystery of the Incarnation, where Jesus humbled himself to become human and dwell among us. It reminds Catholics that Jesus's presence in the Eucharist is a gift, not a right, and that we should approach it with reverence and awe.

I'll bet Sisters Lorena and Marie Joan knew this but just couldn't find the right words to communicate this to a bunch of 5th and 6th grade boys.



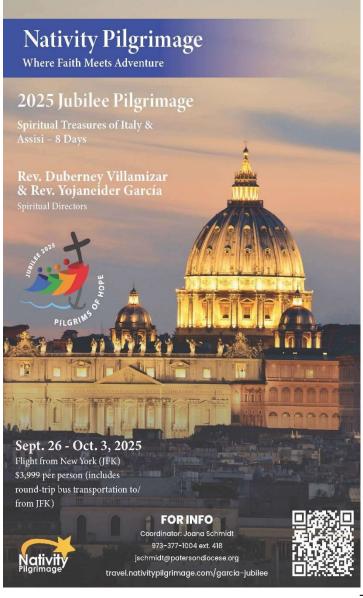
JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Join Joana Schmidt

(the Director of our Children's Faith Formation Program) in Rome for the Jubilee of Catechists!

We will celebrate Mass with the Pope, visit the sites, attend the diaconal ordination of a seminarian from Paterson, and of course eat gelato!

Transportation to JFK will leave from St. Paul Inside the Walls, Catholic Center for Evangelization in Madison on Sept. 25th.



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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 <u>6:00 PM</u>.

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

GOING ON VACATION?



Summer is a wonderful time to get away for rest and rejuvenation, but don't let summer fun draw you away from what is always important, your weekly Mass obligation.

Check out the Mass times in the area you are traveling by visiting www.masstimes.org.

We wish all our parishioners happiness and safety on their trips and excursions this summer.



HEALING SERVICE St. Mary's Church Manahawkin

The St. Padre Pio Prayer Group and the Betania III Prayer Group at St. Mary's invite you to a Healing Service with Fr. Pio Mandato, a relative of St. Padre Pio.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 St. Mary of the Pines Bishop's Lane, Manahawkin

There will be confessions at 6:00 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by the Healing Service with St. Padre Pio's glove. The evening will conclude with Benediction

A free will offering will be taken.



TO: ALL PARISH GROUPS, MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, ETC

ALL articles for the Parish Bulletin must be submitted no later than 10 days prior to publication by EMAIL ONLY to Cathy at:

Cathy.Mazanek@sttheresa450.org

St. Mary's Manahawkin

Vacation Bible School

August 11-15, 9AM - 2 NOON
Contact Mrs. Powers at
donna@stmarybarnegat.com





Bricks of Remembrance

There are still many spaces for additional bricks at our Church. Buy a brick for yourself, your children, or grandchildren or in memory of a loved one and help support St. Theresa Church. Bricks also make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, Baptisms, and those "hard to buy for" relatives and friends.

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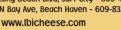




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