

**You will eat the fruit of your labor;  
blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

PSALM 128:2



**The Parish of St. Theresa  
Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey**



### 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, Kathy Crocker, Johnny Favro, Chuck Griffin, Peter Hummel, 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 **Eleanor Murray and Anna Hickman**. 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., Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, LCPI 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.



### 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 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.

### 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.



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 – August 30, 2025

**4:00 PM** – Ed & Edna Allee/ Lorraine Allee  
**Bill Hellawell, Jr./** Peter Hellawell  
**Patrick Waldron/** Maureen Wolfe  
**Kathleen Silvestri/** Linda & Bob

#### SUNDAY – August 31, 2025

**7:30 AM** – Robert William Smith/ Ginny & Lou Biely  
**Anthony Santowasso/** Linda & Lynne Lutz  
**Frank Blundetto/** Bill & Sandy VanOrden  
**Alicia DeFulio/** Jan & Mary Krai

**9:00 AM** – Rose & Ray Sutter/ Susan & Joe Camuto  
**Lee Sullivan/** Ray & Mazie Wood  
**Eileen Malle/** Cathy Murray  
**Frank “Doc” Panzironi/** Angelo & Lorraine Pagano

**11:30 AM** – Thomas Anthony Pizza/ Mary Pizza  
**Cindy Bowser/** Cathy Brys  
**Patrick Waldron/** Nancy & Francis Murphy  
**Andrew Hutnikoff/** Peggy & Bill Murphy



### Bread and Wine

*Special Intentions of: Ollie Cisyk*

*Requested by: Wife, Amy*

### Sanctuary Light

*In Loving Memory of: Richard & Carolyn*

*Requested by: Family*



### Readings for Next Weekend

**September 7, 2025**

*Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

*Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b*

*Reading II: Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

*Gospel: Luke 14:25-33*

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

#### MONDAY – September 1, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Randy Hagar/ Rose Faiss  
**Jacqueline Lenzmi/** William McKeon

#### TUESDAY – September 2, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Rose McKee/ Daughter, Peggy  
**Madison & Family**  
**Dolores Lerro/** Kathy Fearn

#### WEDNESDAY – September 3, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Franco Tilli/ Joe & Mary Doherty  
**Martin Truex/** Ronald & Patricia  
**Semprevivo**

#### THURSDAY – September 4, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Emma Tyson/ Jim Hughes  
**James Heggarty/** Ann & Dave Wilton

#### FRIDAY – September 5, 2025

**8:00 AM** – Dolores Tracy O’Hagan/ David & Debbie Fisher  
**Danny Santiago/** Eileen Wertz

#### SATURDAY – September 6, 2025

**4:00 PM** – Carol & Louis Ragusa/ Barbara Ragusa & Family  
**Martin Murray/** Family  
**Michael Moszczynski/** Family  
**Corazon Budihna/** Rudy & Pat

#### SUNDAY – September 7, 2025

**7:30 AM** – Marge & Robert Douglass/ Bob & Thom  
**Anthony Santowasso/** Allen & Patricia Miller  
**David Zanes/** Pat Miller  
**O’Connor & Bransky Families/** Claudia & Michael  
**Salazar & Renteria Families/** Claudia & Michael

**9:00 AM** – Cindy Bowser/ Susan Camuto  
**Lee Sullivan/** Ken & Roe McLaughlin  
**James Quinn/** Denise, Sharon & Donna  
**Gerard Caporino/** Brian & Cathy Murray

**11:30 AM** – David & Josephine O’Keefe/ Family  
**Helene & Vincent Morano/** Deborah & Joseph  
**Frank Hughes/** Wife, Suzanne  
**William Lisner/** Wife, Ann





**Next Weekend's  
Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

**Saturday, September 6, 2025 - 4:00 PM**

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

**READER:** Gloria Barnet

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Rory Krier, Jack Krier

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Barbara Ragusa, Eileen Wertz, Susan Geldart, Sue Eggert, Cathy Mills, Patricia Musto

**Sunday, September 7, 2025 - 7:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Gerry Johnson

**READER:** Peg Chrobocinski

**ALTAR SERVER:** Justin McCarthy

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Ginny Biely, Joanne Cosulich, Marie Adderly, Gail Englert

**Sunday, September 7, 2025 - 9:00 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Gerry Johnson

**READER:** Steven Schaffer

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jillie Aucoin, Zachary Aucoin

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Ann Hummel, Diana Hummel, David Laskowski, Todd Lund, Diane Ellwood, Frank Ellwood

**Sunday – September 7, 2025 - 11:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Phil Pfleger, Deacon David O'Connor

**READER:** Royal Dwyer

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Bart DiFrancia, Sophia DiFrancia

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Ann Marie Rehrmann, Mila Daproza, Cathy Brys, Deborah Norwillo, Desiree Ott, Patricia Claussen



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a**

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Consider & Reflect**

*"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

The familiar prayer, 'Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine' is a worthy goal. It echoes the words from Sirach above or the teaching He gave at the leading Pharisees' house. We are advised not to be a social climber, getting ahead of others, but are told to reach out to the vulnerable who are not far away from us. It is easy to forget where we came from. Our needs are easily satisfied, and what I don't need, in the words of Saint Augustine, I am just a caretaker, which means I am to care for those listed by Jesus - the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind etc.



### **This week at our Church**

#### **Monday, September 1, 2025**

##### **Parish Office Closed**

*Al-Anon 7:15 PM*

*(Faith Formation Center)*

#### **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

*50/50 Drawing 10:00 AM*

*(Parish Office)*

*Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM*

*(Daily Chapel)*

*Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM*

*(Church)*

#### **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

*Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM*

*(Church)*

#### **Thursday, September 4, 2025**

*No Events Scheduled*

#### **Friday, September 5, 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, September 6, 2025**

*Food Collection*

*Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale*

*(Gathering Space)*

#### **Sunday, September 7, 2025**

*Food Collection*

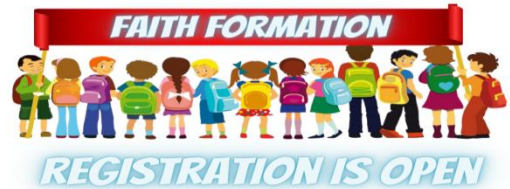
*Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale*

*(Gathering Space)*

*Recitation of the Rosary*

*following the 11:30 AM Mass*

*(Daily Chapel)*



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**Fall 2025/26 year**

**Classes begin**

*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.***

**Option 2:** 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

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609-296-2504 Ext. 224

or email

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

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## TIME CHANGES

### **Beginning**

**Monday, September 1, 2025, Labor Day**  
*for safety and energy conservation reasons*

*The Church & Daily Chapel  
will remain open for Private Prayer  
Monday through Friday  
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM*



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will  
take place following the 8:00 AM Mass  
on Fridays and close with Evening Prayer  
and Benediction at 4:00 PM.*

*Thanks for your understanding!*



**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!***



## **6 Things Catholics Should Stop Doing During Holy Mass**

The Holy Mass is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church. Yet, many Catholics unknowingly fall into habits that can distract from the sacredness of the celebration. Here are six things every Catholic should stop doing during Mass:

### **1. Arriving Late or Leaving Early**

*While emergencies happen, consistently walking in after the Mass has begun, or worse, leaving right after Communion, shows a lack of reverence for the full sacrifice of the Mass. Aim to arrive early and stay for the final blessing.*

### **2. Using Phones for Non-Spiritual Purposes**

*Unless you're following readings on a Mass app or using it for prayer, phones should be silenced and stowed away. Browsing social media or texting during Mass not only distracts you but also those around you.*

### **3. Casual Attire with No Reverence**

*Wearing immodest or overly casual clothing can downplay the sacredness of the Mass. Dress with dignity as if you're entering the presence of the King — because you are.*

### **4. Chewing Gum or Eating**

*The Church calls for a one-hour Eucharistic fast before receiving Communion. Chewing gum in church is both disrespectful and breaks this fast. Save snacks for after Mass unless you have a medical need.*

### **5. Talking and Whispering Unnecessarily**

*The church is a house of prayer. Chatting, even in whispers, takes away from the silence and sacred atmosphere meant for reflection, prayer, and awe.*

### **6. Rushing Through Responses and Prayers**

*Mass isn't a race. Reciting prayers mindlessly or rushing through responses reduces their meaning. Pray each word with attention and devotion as a true offering to God.*

### **Conclusion**

*Mass is not just another religious service, it's the re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. Let's strive to participate fully, consciously, and reverently, giving God the attention and love He deserves.*





## **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

### ***ARE YOU AN ADULT INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?***

... Married to a Catholic and interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

... A baptized Catholic who received little or no education in the Faith and/or never received First Communion or Confirmation?

... Someone who was never baptized or baptized in another faith and now wants to be part of the Catholic Tradition.

*If the answer is YES to any of the above and you would like more information, email Robin at [robin.lebednik@gmail.com](mailto:robin.lebednik@gmail.com)*



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

*We hope you will support this fundraiser!*



### **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) for more information.



*We're looking to form a Decorating Committee to help decorate the Church for the changing seasons throughout the year.*

*If you think you might be interested, please call Cathy at the Parish Office 609-296-2504 Ext. 222.*



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend**

*September 6 & 7, 2025*

Next weekend, the diocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Support of the National Collection not only provides critical support to students; it also helps the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as the master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. For more information or to learn more, visit: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu)



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**

## **OUTDOOR MASS**

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

**Recitation of the Seven Sorrows Rosary**

**5:15 PM**

**Mass: 6:00 PM**

Please join us in praying the rosary and celebrating Mass for the

***Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.***

Mass will be celebrated by Father Dean on the Lawn next to the Faith Formation Center. Light refreshments to follow.

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# **Mass for Life**

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,  
Archdiocese of Newark



HOMILIST  
Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.,  
Diocese of Paterson



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\*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral



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## **TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM The Mass/March for Life**

Bus will leave

**St. Mary's of the Pines, Manahawkin**

at 8:00 AM.

Cost: \$10.00 – Bring Bag Lunch

Bishop's Mass @ Cathedral – 9:30 Am

Rally @ State House – 11:00 AM

March – 12 Noon

Return Bus Boarding – 1:30 PM

### **Seats Are Limited**

To reserve a seat on the bus or for any questions, call Georgeann 609-276-7234.





The Altar Rosary Society  
Presents  
a Bus trip to  
**The National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
in Doylestown, PA

**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

Departing St. Theresa parking lot at  
**8:30 am** leaving shrine **2:30 pm**

Father Dean will concelebrate mass  
at the shrine.

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**August 30 and August 31**  
after all masses in the Gathering Space.  
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**2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
**DIOCESE OF TRENTON**

**YAY! WE REACHED OUR GOAL!**

Our gift summary for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal  
as of August 22, 2025 is as follows:

**Goal: \$48,000.00**

**Pledged: \$61,571.00 (128% of goal)**

**Paid: \$58,617.66 (122% of goal)**

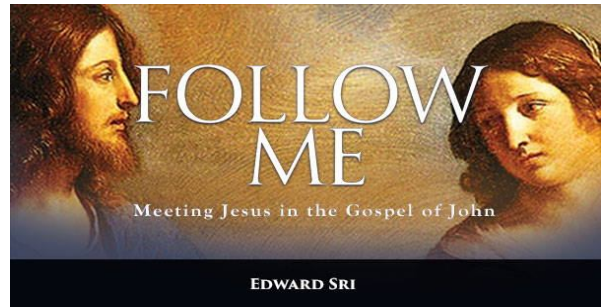
**Total Donors: 321**

**Average Gift: \$163.32**

**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.**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**



The Adult Faith Formation Team will offer an  
eight-week study on the **Gospel of John**.

**An Additional Session will be held on  
Tuesday Mornings - 9:30 AM**

The study will begin  
**Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - 9:30 am**  
**OR**  
**Thursday, October 2, 2025**  
**9:30 am OR 7:00 pm**

Following Christ takes more than simply believing  
in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you  
to be more than just a believer. Jesus wants you to  
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***Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*** is  
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to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves  
to his merciful love, and to love others as he has  
loved us. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the  
joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. In this  
study you will learn what it takes to follow Christ  
and discover the joy of divine friendship. You will  
see how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest  
desires of your heart.

The cost is \$30.00

Registration will be held on the weekend of  
September 13 & 14 after all Masses.  
Please call MJ Piechocki at 304-268-4816 with  
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