

# THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA

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JANUARY 25, 2026

*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

Rev. Phillip Pflieger

##### Deacons

Deacon David O'Connor  
Deacon Jay Werling

##### Parish Coordinator / Assistant to the Pastor

Cathy Mazanek

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Katrina Barrett

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##### Parish Finance Manager/HR

Chris Gile

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##### Trustees

John Kern, Maureen Malsbury

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am (*Daily Chapel*)

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, Amy Cisyk, Kim Coyle, Maureen Dwyer, Johnny Favro, Mary Ann Geoghegan, Chuck Griffin, Peter Hummel, Justin Marchese, Ro McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rev. William Modlin, Rita Murray, Rota O'Neill, 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 *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 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, Sgt. 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.



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 – January 24, 2026

4:00 PM – Catherine Howard/ The Lorraines  
Shawn Anthony Pluta/ The Lorraines  
David Davis/ Wanda Soehngen  
Rose Ann May/ Wanda Soehngen

### SUNDAY – January 25, 2026

7:30 AM – Susan Mawdsley/ Millie & Phil Cross  
Michael Catrambone/ Maureen  
Geraldine Paolino/ Veneida  
Berardocco  
Rose May/ Arlene Murray

9:00 AM – Frank Mellana/ Pat & Nancy  
Manganello  
Antoinette Raia/ Fran & Victor Vitello  
Josephine & Joseph Richard/  
Marianne & Michael Hoover  
Glenn Codner/ Jeff & Grace Green

11:30 AM – Marlene Kiefer/ Dowd Family  
Joseph Wood/ Joe & Pat Clarey  
David Davis/ Peggy & Bill Murphy  
Paul Ewing/ Deborah Tetra & Joseph  
Zagaro



**The Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Light**  
*In Memory of: Rev. Mick Lambeth*  
Requested by: Cathy



## Readings for Next Weekend

February 1, 2026

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*

*Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

*Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a*

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY – January 26, 2026

8:00 AM – Augusta Scherer/ Rose Faiss  
Alfred Petit/ Donna Quattrocchi

### TUESDAY – January 27, 2026

8:00 AM – Cirilo, Emma, & Judy Fernandez/  
Family  
Joe Rosiak/ Wife, Susan

### WEDNESDAY- January 28, 2026

8:00 AM – Nicholas Lepore/ Wife & Daughters  
Xiomara Fernandez/ Maria

### THURSDAY – January 29, 2026

8:00 AM – Joseph Giannini/ Dona Quattrocchi  
Raymondo Velasco/ Jim & Susan  
Racko

### FRIDAY – January 30, 2026

8:00 AM – Elizabeth Long-Furia/ Maureen Doyle  
Tom Cullen/ Vince & Jane Poisella

### SATURDAY – January 31, 2026

4:00 PM – Mary Ann Burghold/ The Lorraines  
David Davis/ Maureen Wolfe  
Steven Allocco/ William McKeon  
Irene Michaud/ Martha & Bob Michaud

### SUNDAY – February 1, 2026

7:30 AM – Sabastian Panza/ Millie & Phil Cross  
Edward Soehngen/ Wife, Wanda  
Rose May/ Ginny & Lou Biely  
Edward Mergenthaler/ Frank &  
Barbara Davide

9:00 AM – Joan Rech/ Eileen Tevnan  
Donel Cashman/ Louise M. O'Brien  
Thomas Cullen/ John Brady  
Sonny LaBrunda/ Eileen Tevnan

11:30 AM – Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah  
& Joseph  
Ed Daproza & Ana Lyn Daproza/  
Mila  
Sheryl Worth-Farfalla/ Cathy &  
Andrew Brys  
Bernard “Bud” Umbaugh/ John  
Brady



### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, January 26, 2026**

*Children's Faith Formation 5:30 PM*

*Al-Anon 7:15 PM*

(Faith Formation Center)

#### **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

##### **JERSEY MIKE'S DAY**

*Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM*

(Faith Formation Center)

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

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

*OCIA 7:00 PM*

*Knights of Columbus Council Meeting 7:00 PM*

(Faith Formation Center)

#### **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

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

*Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Church)*

#### **Thursday, January 29, 2026**

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

(Faith Formation Center)

#### **Friday, January 30, 2026**

*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, January 31, 2026**

*Annual Blessing of the Throats after Mass*

##### **PASCHAL CANDLE SALE**

*Food Collection for the food pantry*

*Monthly 50/50 Tickets on Sale*

***SUPER EASTER 50/50 on Sale***

(Gathering Space)

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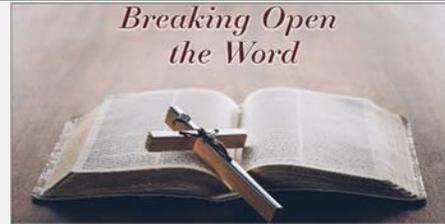
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*Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00 AM*

(Church)



### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “*day of Midian.*”

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Jesus begins His mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as His disciples, inviting them to be “*fishers of men.*”

#### **Consider & Reflect**

*“From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ As he was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’... ‘For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel.’”*

Jesus initiated His public ministry calling all to repentance and recognize the presence of the kingdom. He sought others, the brothers, to walk and work with Him, and then another pair of fishermen brothers. He desired to build His kingdom. We know how they responded.

He continues to walk among us, and the need to preach repentance and the presence of the kingdom is just as real.

***What if those four did not respond?***

***How do I respond? How do I respond today?***



**Litururgical Ministers Schedule**

**Saturday, January 31, 2026- 4:00 PM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Cyril Johnson

**READER:** Sue Eggert

**ALTAR SERVER:** Kim Werling

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Pat O’Hara, John Kern, Jack Stewart, Eileen Wertz, Cathy Mills, Barbara Ragusa

**Sunday, February 1, 2026- 7:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Dean Gaudio

**READER:** Frank Davide

**ALTAR SERVER:** Kim Werling

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Mary Schneider, Arlene Murray, John Minnella, Ginny Biely

**Sunday, February 1, 2026- 9:00 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Dean Gaudio

**READER:** Jack Cashman

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jack Krier, Brynn Krier

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Kathy Barneman, Terry Walsh, Gail Buffi, Suzzanne Hughes, Peggy Madison, Diane Cocozza

**Sunday – February 1, 2026- 11:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Msgr. Walter Nolan, Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Royal Dwyer

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

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Ann Marie Rehrmann, Desiree Ott, Cathy Brys, Jacqueline Arduini, Nelida Kuhlmann, Rose Wilson



**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING**

There will be a Mandatory Altar Server Training for all current and new Altar Servers on

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 10:00 AM in the Church**

***We invite all the Young People who may be interested to please come and see what we do and become Altar Servers.***

There are no age restrictions as long as the person has received First Holy Communion.

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**  
**WE WILL TRAIN YOU!**

***Parents: We hope you would encourage your son or daughter to come forward as an Altar Server. They join so many other groups and activities; wouldn't it be great to have them join one of God's groups!***



If you would like to purchase Altar Flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or for a special occasion, please see Katrina at the Parish Office. The cost is \$50.00 for the week.



**COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

If you were unable to pick up your envelopes from the Church, you may pick them up at the Parish Office during office hours.

**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.***



**SUPERBOWL WING SALE**

*The Knights of Columbus  
will be selling wings for Super Bowl Sunday!*

Preorder your wings this weekend:

**January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

after all the Masses in the Gathering Space

**Cost: \$15.00 a dozen with  
Discounts for multiple dozens purchased**

The wings will be a deep-fried dry rub with a choice of three sauces: BBQ, Ranch and/or Blue Cheese.

**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 **February 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.

*We hope you will support this fundraiser!*



**Collection for January 24 & 25, 2026**

**\$10,900.00**

**Contributions Online**

*(includes other donations)*

**\$2,142.10.92**

*Thank you to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries!*

# 50/50

**A NEW EASTER SUPER 50/50**

**Drawing to be held  
after the Easter Vigil**

*Book of 4 tickets - \$100.00*

**3 CHANCES TO WIN**

**25% - 15% - 10%**

**On sale after all the Masses every weekend  
in the Gathering Space.**

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



**FOOD PANTRY**

**609-296-1345**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Items needed this month:**

**TOILET PAPER**

*Hamburger Helper type packaged products, ravioli, canned soups, canned pastas, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, pancake mix, apple juice, and pasta.*

***Thank you!***



**PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEER**

**Needed!**

We are looking for volunteer receptionists for our Parish Office. Hours are 8:30 AM - 12 Noon or 1:00 – 4:00 PM. If you could help, please contact Katrina in the parish office at 609-296-2504 ext. 232



**FUNDRAISER**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**ALL DAY**

Visit the store at 418 Rt. 9 South  
Little Egg Harbor  
and **50%** of your sale  
will be donated to St. Theresa Church.

**Just mention that you are from  
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***If ordering on the app, use promo code  
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Enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's  
support *St. Theresa's Parish!*

***We hope you will participate!***



**FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION**  
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**YOU must have an appointment.**

**Make appointment in person:**  
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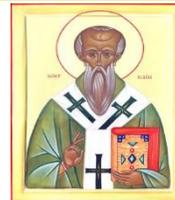
at ST. THERESA'S 9am to 1pm.

**NO WALK INS - NO PHONE CALLS**

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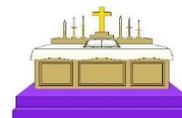
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**Make appointment in person:**  
**FEB.5<sup>th</sup> or FEB 6<sup>th</sup> at ST. MARY'S**  
**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS,**  
**9AM TO 1PM**



**ST. BLAISE, Bishop and Martyr**  
***(February 3)***

In honor of the Feast St. Blaise, the Blessing of  
Throats will take place after all the Masses the  
weekend of **January 31 & February 1.**



**MASS FOR THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE**  
**AND FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER THEIR LOSS**

A son, a daughter, a sibling, a spouse, a relative, a  
friend...losing someone who died by suicide leaves  
the ones who loved them in a state of pain, not  
understood by others. The Catholic Church  
recognizes the acute and complicated grief  
associated with the loss of a loved one through  
death by suicide.

**Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM,**  
**St. Mary's Church, Barnegat,**

all affected by suicide and all who support them  
are invited to a simple Mass, both to pray for their  
loved ones who died in this manner, and to pray  
for themselves. Those wanting to bring a small  
picture of their loved one can do so to be placed on  
the altar or our blue wall during the Mass.



**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.

**BRING THE PASCHAL LIGHT  
INTO YOUR HOME**



Each year, the Church purchases a new Paschal candle for Easter. These candles are lit for baptisms, funerals, and certain liturgies throughout the year. At the end of the year, we are usually left with about half of the Paschal Candle. We had about 4 candles left in our liturgical closet.

***So, what do we do with them?***

A really talented Parishioner in candle making melted down these blessed holy candles and created about 200 smaller candles. The remnants of these candles were melted into 4 colored tins: black, white, gold & silver.

**We are selling these candles for \$5.00 each  
the Weekend of  
January 31 and February 1  
in the Gathering Space**

All proceeds benefit the Parish of St. Theresa.

***We hope you will purchase some and bring the light of Christ into your home this Lenten Season!***



**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT  
DIOCESE OF TRENTON**

*Office of Child and Youth Protection*

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.



**Join Fr. Dean Gaudio on a Special Pilgrimage  
to the Shrines of  
Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina  
October 14 - 23, 2026**



St. James Church, Medjugorje



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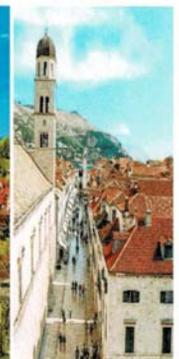
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## PARKING LOT REPAIR

You may have noticed that our Parking lot is in disrepair. Over time, wear from traffic and environmental conditions have **caused uneven surfaces, cracks and potholes**. These problems stem from weather conditions, heavy traffic, inadequate drainage, or subpar construction. Beyond being eyesores, they **present dangers to pedestrians and damages to vehicles**. We really cannot postpone the repairs any longer.

Although costly, with **your support and partnership**, we can repair the parking lot in 4 phases. Here are the first two and the cost of each.

### PHASE 1 - Drain Repair: 6 Drain Repairs

**\$15,916.18**

- Saw cut around drain and cut curbs off.
- Remove and dispose of asphalt and concrete inside cut.
- Remove drain grate.
- Completely remove steel frame from the foundation.
- Repair all broken brick and mortar.
- Mortar steel frame back to foundation.
- Fix broken inlet pipe inside one drain.
- Frame and pour new concrete curbs around drains.
- Install 2 inches of fresh hot asphalt base.
- Roll to compaction.
- Install 2 inches of fresh hot asphalt top.
- Roll to compaction.

### PHASE 2 - Asphalt Repair: Approximately 1,138 sq ft

**\$12,411.62**

- Saw cut proposed areas to be repaired.
- Remove and dispose of old asphalt.
- Install crushed concrete base as needed.
- Roll to compaction.
- Install 2 inches asphalt top.
- Roll to compaction.
- Hot crack fill saw cut joints, for water proofing.
- Remove and dispose of sunken handicap ramp causing water to pool.
- Pour new handicap ramp to correct grade height for water drainage.



### Here's where we need your help!

We are asking all our parishioners to please join us in helping achieve this goal by financially contributing to the cost of this project.

**You are the solution to making our parking lot safe for all!**

**To contribute, mail or drop off checks payable to St. Theresa's to the Parish Office or place in the collection, designating "Parking Lot" in the memo section.**

**For credit cards, electronic payments, please call Chris at 609-296-2504 Ext. 223**

**Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.**

**"Together, we can do great things"**  
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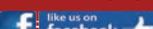


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