

THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Fifth 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

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Deacon Jay Werling

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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 *Walter Nodine and John Spencer Purdue.* 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, LCP1 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.”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 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 – February 7, 2026

4:00 PM – **John Kozzi/** Marjorie Annette
Minugh Family/ Angelo & Lorraine
 Pagano
Irene Michaud/ Martha & Bob
 Michaud

SUNDAY – February 8, 2026

7:30 AM – **Frank Michaels/** Millie & Phil Cross
Sylvester LaBrunda/ Lou & Ginny
 Biely
Thomas Cullen/ Lou & Ginny Biely
Bud Umbaugh/ Tony & Pam
 Camiscioni

9:00 AM – **Helen Zawaski/** Cathleen & Brian
 Murray
Ryan Yannalfo/ Ian & Cheryl Smith
Mary Kean/ Jeff & Grace Green
Tom Cullen/ Sandra & Mike

11:30 AM – **Rose May/** Annette & Bob
Thomas Auer/ Pam & Tony
 Camiscioni
Albert DeSilva/ Mary DeSilva
Bonnie Bagamary/ Mary DeSilva



The Sanctuary Light

In Memory of: Angela Compitello

Requested by: Eileen Wertz



Readings for Next Weekend

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – February 9, 2026

8:00 AM – **Connie Gargone/** Bobbi Jo Crea
Tom Cullen/ Bob & Ruth Tinervan

TUESDAY – February 10, 2026

8:00 AM – **Toby Simone/** Wanda
Connie Gargone/ Dave & Sandi
 Johnson

WEDNESDAY- February 11, 2026

8:00 AM – **William Moran/** Moran Family
Daniel Gutibosa/ Bill & Mary Carey

THURSDAY – February 12, 2026

8:00 AM – **Sylvester LaBrunda/** Joyce May
Margaret DePergola/ Betty & Gerry
 Maguire

FRIDAY – February 13, 2026

8:00 AM – **Carl Salva/** Emma & Pat McGovern
Margaret Diver/ Victoria Simon &
 Daniel Smith

SATURDAY – February 14, 2026

4:00 PM – **Shawn Anthony Pluta/** Adriana Chizan
Valentine Rosiak/ Wife, Susan
Helen Grotzky/ Frank & Joann Aliotta
Gail Ann Simone/ Frank & Joann
 Aliotta

SUNDAY – February 15, 2026

7:30 AM – **Dennis Arculeo/** Phil & Millie Cross
Rose A. May/ Joyce May
John James Martin/ Martin Family
Margaret DePergola/ Frank &
 Barbara Davide

9:00 AM – **Jack Murray/** Wife, Rita
Rose May/ Vince & Jane Poisella
Tom Cullen/ Beverly Holmes
Thomas Auer/ Diane & Michael
 Coccozza

11:30 AM – **Thomas Auer/** Barbara & John Collier
Rachel D'Amato/ Tegano Family
Patty Walker/ Vought Family
Andy Milazzo/ Ziegler &
 Laskowski Families



THIS WEEK

Monday, February 9, 2026

Fundraising Meeting 11:00 AM
Children's Faith Formation 5:30 PM
Al-Anon 7:15 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM
(Faith Formation Center)
Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel)
Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Church)
K of C Officers Meeting 7:00 PM
OCIA 7:00 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

Friday, February 13, 2026

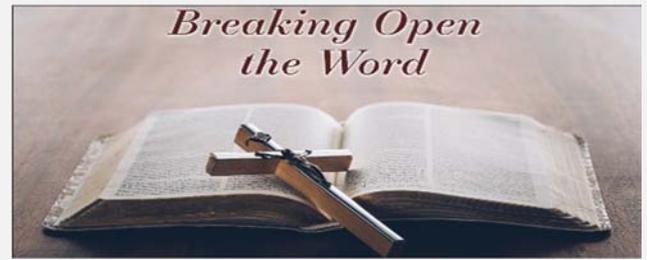
Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Daily Chapel)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 - 4:00 PM
Evening Prayer with Benediction 4:00 PM
(Daily Chapel)

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Knight of Columbus Recruitment Weekend
Monthly 50/50 Tickets on Sale
SUPER EASTER 50/50 on Sale
Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar Sale
(Gathering Space)

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Knight of Columbus Recruitment Weekend
Monthly 50/50 Tickets on Sale
SUPER EASTER 50/50 on Sale
Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar Sale
(Gathering Space)
Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church)
Respect Life Meeting 1:00 PM
(Faith Formation Center)



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “*the salt of the earth.*” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

Consider & Reflect

“I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power... you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world.”

Saint Paul described his mission and mercy, admitting it was the power of God which led and directed him. It is the same Holy Spirit and grace of God directing the church today and which empowers us to be the salt of the earth and light for our world.

Salt, light, two seemingly insignificant elements, so essential in our lives, but essential for vision, healing and fidelity for our lives. That is what we are for the Lord’s church today.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday, February 14, 2026- 4:00 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio

READER: Christine Grabowski

ALTAR SERVERS: Justin McCarthy, Raelyn Lewis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Barbara Ragusa, Carol Owens, Patricia MacCorkle, Janet Pascavitch, Lorraine Schaefer, Eileen Wertz

Sunday, February 15, 2026- 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio

READER: Nancy Newman

ALTAR SERVER: Alex Acquaviva

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Mary Schneider, Jim Newman, Joanne Cosulich, Gail Englert, John Minnella

Sunday, February 15, 2026- 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Gerry Johnson

READER: Todd Lund, Jr.

ALTAR SERVERS: Jillie Aucoin, Zachary Aucoin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Diana Hummel, Todd Lund, Sr. Ann Hummel, Pat Manganello, Justin Peticolas, Diane Coccozza, John Sullivan

Sunday – February 15, 2026- 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Phil Pflieger

READER: Susan McEwan

ALTAR SERVERS: Josh Greene, Xavier Clayton

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Jacqueline Arduini, Mila Daproza, Patricia Claussen, Carol Fine, Rose Wilson, Ann Burg



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.



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!



February 18, 2026

Our Masses and Services for Ash Wednesday are as follows:

Masses - 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Prayer Services - 12:15 PM & 5:00 PM

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses & Services

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%

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We hope you will support this fundraiser!



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Make appointment in person:

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 9AM TO 1PM



Collection for January 31 & February 1, 2026

\$11,741

Contributions Online

(includes other donations)

\$3,883.72

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



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.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Diane Kaminsky**, this month's winner of our 50/50. The prize totaled **\$805.00**

The next drawing will be held **March 3, 2026 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office. ***We hope you will support this fundraiser!***

2nd COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND - February 15, 2026

Catholic Churches in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations of church properties, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.



Respect Life Ministry

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

Sunday, February 15, 2026

1:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center

Prayer, information about our ministry, and upcoming events will be shared. Light refreshments will be served.

***"Life is a Gift from God –
what we do with our Life is our Gift to God"***

We hope you will join us
in this very important ministry.

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GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY BARS



We will be selling Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars next weekend, FEBRUARY 14 & 15, in the Gathering Space.

The price is ONLY \$3.00 each.

Please stop by and purchase some.

All proceeds benefit St. Theresa's Church.

Thank You!



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas Collection totaled **\$45,425.00.**

What a wonderful gift to our Church!

Thank you for your generosity.



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.



Diocese of Trenton

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2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Love that Strengthens/Joy that Sustains

This week, Bishop O'Connell will invite each of us to participate in the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal through a letter to your homes and a video message shown at all Masses. You will have the opportunity to make your pledge at Mass as we kick off the Appeal this weekend.

The Appeal strengthens families, cares for those in need, forms future priests, and educates our youth across the Diocese.

Our Parish goal this year is \$53,000.00

PLUS

50% of the collected funds above the goal comes back to our parish for our needs.

NEW DONORS

If the number of donors increases **10%** from last year, the parish will receive an additional **5%** of the goal

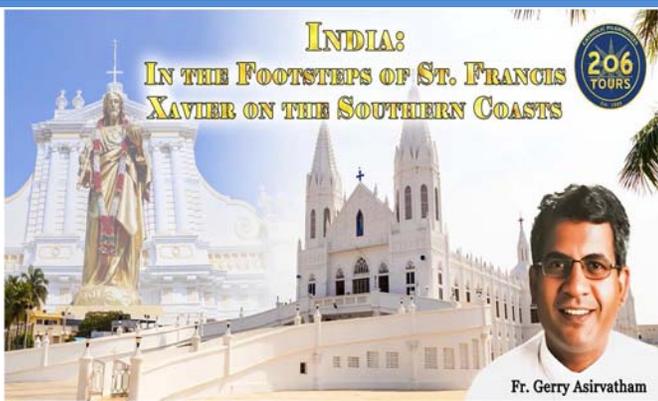
(We do not have to reach goal to be eligible for the additional 5%.)

Please prayerfully consider your gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

Join us to create
Love that Strengthens, and
Joy that Sustains.

More details about the Appeal's impact can be found in the brochure and on our parish website.

Please be as generous as possible!



“Pilgrimages are vital for a Christian’s life of faith” – Pope Leo XIV

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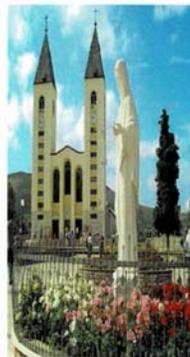
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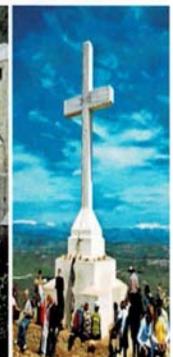
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If you are 18 years of age or older, are a practicing Catholic, interested in helping those in need, growing in your faith and would like to be part of a 135-year-old fraternity of supporting our parish and community, take on challenges and make your family proud, then the Knights of Columbus is right for you.

On **February 14th and 15th** members of St. Theresa Knights of Columbus will be making a presentation at each of the masses and will have a display setup in the Gathering Space. They will be able to answer your questions and provide information.

We hope you will stop by!



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 for more information.



PARKING LOT REPAIR NEWS

PHASE 1 - Drain Repair:
6 Drain Repairs - \$15,916.18

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.

**HERE'S WHAT WE RECEIVED
SO FAR FOR PHASE 1**

RECEIVED: \$3,375.00

COST: \$15,916.18

-\$4,375.00

\$11,541.18

You are the solution to making our parking lot safe for all! We cannot repair the parking lot without your support. We need to raise all the money necessary before we can start this project.

**WE ARE HOPING & PRAYING
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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.

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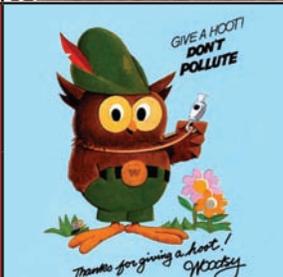
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