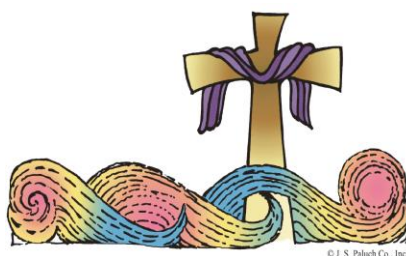


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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

FIRST READING: Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

PSALM: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

SECOND READING Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

GOSPEL: Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION- CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord's Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father).

In Genesis, we see Abraham in conversational prayer, in his creaturely humility before his Creator, seeking mercy and compassion for the innocent. The psalm is a lyrical prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the God who answered the sincere prayers of a people who had called out for help, showing them mercy. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples want to pray like Jesus, with the same intimacy—to experience God as Abba in the depths of their being. Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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| SUN | 7/24 | |
| MON | 7/25 | |
| TUES | 7/26 | |
| WED | 7/27 | |
| THURS | 7/28 | |
| FRI | 7/29 | |
| SAT | 7/30 | 3:00PM Confession |
| SUN | 7/31 | |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 25th – July 31st)

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| MON | 7/25. | 7:50AM. | + Rosemary "Pinky" Loncella – (John & Doris Gritzer) |
| TUES | 7/26. | 7:50AM. | + Deceased Members of Gorchesky Family – (Family) |
| WED | 7/27. | 7:50AM. | + Kevin Gritzer– (Seven Springs Friends) |
| THUR | 7/28. | 7:50AM | + Rebecca Alwine – (Ryan Alwine) |
| FRI | 7/29. | 7:50AM | + Intention Dantis |
| SAT | 7/30. | 4:00PM. | + Matthew Forgas– (Sister, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill) |
| SUN | 7/31. | 7:30AM. | + Charles Dzendzel – (JoAnne Cynar) |
| | | . . . 10:30AM. | + Nichlolas Subich – (Tom & Sue Ellen Dadey) |

Sunday July 24, 2022

Stewardship Reflections - The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. We call upon God intimately, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). We remember that everything is His, and our focus in life should be His priorities. Then we ask Him to supply our needs, forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. We proclaim that we trust completely in His provision for us and mercy towards us and we commit to extending mercy to others who have wounded us.

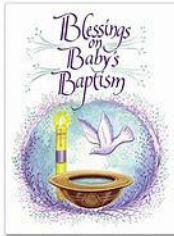
As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father and we are beloved infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the stewardship way of life.

(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 16th & July 17th 2022)

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| Weekly | \$ | 3,877.50 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 50.00 |

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



WELCOME!!

The St Therese's Community would like to welcome, **Harper Mae Nicholson**, daughter of Daniel & Haley Nicholson who was baptized Saturday, July 9th. **Welcome Harper** and may you grow in God's love and grace

Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Theresa Oswalt**, who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Theresa** and peace and consolation to her family.



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Dolores Opacic**, who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Dolores** and peace and consolation to her family.

Our Catholic Ministries Drive -Forward In Faith-
Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of June 30th, we have collected **\$9,385.00** of our **\$20,392.00 Goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2022 to pay your pledge in full.

Correction: from last week's collection, the weekly total **\$3,562.50**

CASH BASH



The Knights of Columbus council #10409 and the St Therese Christian Mothers are teaming up for Our First **CASH BASH** here at St Therese, **Sept 10th** Only 300 tickets will be sold for this event. Money will be given away every 15 minutes. Food and drinks will be supplied. Tickets will be sold for \$25. Qualifiers and 50/50 will be sold throughout the night.

Looking for help with College?

St. Therese's Knights of Columbus council #10409 are here to help by offering again this year a \$500 Fr Bernard Karmanocky Essay Scholarships to the members of St Therese and St. Anne's Parishes (only).

The essay must consist of 500 words and the topic for this year's scholarship is:

"The Eucharist"

Summit and Center of Catholic Life

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis @535-6833. **All entries must be postmarked by Sept 15th**. Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore
115 Stans Lane

Johnstown, Pa 15909

Thank you and Good Luck!!



We are still looking for the Winner of the St Therese Money Raffle # 2942 Check your tickets.

Community News & Events

Tremendous Thanks to everyone that made Vacation Bible School "A Radical Ride on the wings of a Prayer" a success. To: all the children who came daily and participated, and to the parents and guardians who provided transportation. To: Mandy Kurtz, Amanda Oswalt, & Jessica Subich for all your time, talents and all the preparation. Special thanks to the St. Therese Christian Mothers for covering the cost of the snacks & drinks. And last, but certainly not least, a Special Thank you to all the Youth Volunteers: Addison, Camden, Haley M, Haley S., McKenna, and Noah to whom without all of their help we could not have done our program. Hope to see you next year!

Families and the Gospel - (Luke 11: 1-13)

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."

Religious Ed Registration News

Children entering grade 1 will need a registration form completed and must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Any other students entering our program will also need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include all students in the ninth grade - those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children they will need to complete a registration form.

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2nd Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

Registration forms are located in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.

Food Distribution

Food for Veterans Distribution

A Food distribution will be held in the Johnstown area for all Veterans and Military families in need at Hiram G Andrews. Dates are as follow: **July 25th**, August 26th, Sept 26th, Nov 28th, and Dec 29th from 1-3PM. For more information, please call 1-844-VLP VETS

St Anne Triduum - The St. Anne Triduum will be held again this year on July 24, 25, & 26th at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. The Devotion will begin Sunday the 24th with the 5PM Mass. Continue with Mass on Monday the 25th at 6PM and conclude on Tuesday the 26th with 6PM Vespers and Holy Hour followed by a reception at the St. John Activity Center



Spaghetti Dinner

The Church of the Transfiguration

201 Third St, Conemaugh

Spaghetti Drive-By

Sunday, July 31, 2022

10am - 1:30pm

Cost: \$8.00 Includes Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, roll and dessert



Resurrection Parish Golf Outing FUNDAY

18 hole, 4-person Scramble

on Saturday, August 20th 12:30PM shotgun start at the Oakbrook Golf Course in Jennerstown.

Cost is \$60 per person

A luncheon will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners

Deadline to register is August 10th

Call Patricia Barrett @814-532-6567 for more information.

Weather permitting, Fr Karmanocky will have Sunday Mass at 10:30 outside in the breezeway.

Please bring your lawn chair





CAR CRUISE AND BLOCKPARTY -

On Sunday July 31st Queen of
Angels Parish in Central City
will be sponsoring a Classic and

Antique Car Cruise from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM
at their St. John site (164-Wheeler Street -
Central City). Live oldies music will be provided
by Americana from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The
parish will be preparing and serving food, beer,
and soft drinks, as well as other refreshments.

All who have a classic or antique car, or those
who simply take pleasure in music and an evening
out are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars,
food, and camaraderie. All proceeds benefit a
local family who recently experienced a tragic
and unexpected loss. Any questions can be
directed to the parish office at (814)754-5224.

Join Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lily
for its 2nd Annual Mini Raffle Event Saturday,
July 30th form 10am -4pm

Get your chances on a handful of large prizes!
50/50 will be available for sale as well as Sweet
Nellie's Cookies!! Can't wait to see you there!

Out Door Mass

Outdoor Masses every **Sunday evening at 7 PM**
at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the
Alleghenies**. The outdoor Masses will continue
through Labor Day weekend- September 4,
2022. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of
inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated
in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

The Beach

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