

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 11, 2022

FIRST READING: Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

PSALM: I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

SECOND READING: Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

GOSPEL: There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION- RELYING ON GOD'S LOVE

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace?

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	9/11	10:30AM Holy Name – KOC Remembrance Mass
MON	9/12	
TUES	9/13	
WED	9/14	
THURS	9/15	
FRI	9/16	10:00AM Liturgy Committee Meeting Rectory
SAT	9/17	3:00PM Confession
SUN	9/18	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 12th – Sept 18th)

MON	9/12. 7:50AM. + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
TUES	9/13. 7:50AM. + Thomas Friedman – (Doris & John Gritzer)
WED	9/14. 7:50AM. + (A) Marge Gomola – (Sister, Anne Figart)
THUR	9/15. 7:50AM+ (A) Kevin Gritzer – (Mom& Dad)
FRI	9/16. 7:50AM + Thomas Friedman – (Patty Marshall)
SAT	9/17. 4:00PM. + Genevive Trotz – (Daughter, Carol Audi)
SUN	9/18. 7:30AM. + Sam Manganella – (Bob Hamryszak) . . . 10:30AM. + Nicholas Subich – (Mike & Jeannie Mond)

Sunday Sept 11, 2022



Stewardship Reflections. God grants mercy towards the ungrateful Israelite brats! Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. But rather it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship. How can we demonstrate our gratitude to such a God? By living as good stewards. We thank Him by offering back to Him the very best of our selves.

A life of Stewardship is a continual process of conversion and growth. As we embrace Stewardship, we are freed to view life in a new way: a precious gift from a loving God. (Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 3rd & Sept 4th 2022)

Weekly	\$ 4,201.32
Building Fund	\$ 320.00
Fuel	\$ 1,200.00

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



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 August 31st, we have collected **\$9,760.00** 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.



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

Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Opens on **Thursday, Sept 23rd** and will end on **Saturday, Oct 1st**, the Feast of St. Therese.

Mass Schedule -

Weekday Masses at 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM;
Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.

Sunday, Sept 25th at 2PM Anointing of the sick

We will be welcoming Fr. Joe Sedley, C. P., from St Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh will conduct our Novena. Fr Joe Sedley, entered Holy Cross Seminary, Dunkirk NY in 1962 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1969. Serving at parishes in West Virginia and Georgia in the US to Jamaica, and in the West Indies. His talents have included public speaking, but most of all spiritual direction. He obtained certification as a Spiritual Director for the Jesuit Center in Cambridge MA. He celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination in 2019. We are happy to have him join us in our Novena.

There will be a **Liturgy Committee Meeting** on **Friday, Sept 16th at 10AM** at the Rectory Lounge.

Families and the Gospel - (Luke 15:1-31)

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.



Congratulations to the following winners of the St Anne Christian Mothers Ticket. Winning #'s
WINNER - # 738 Kathy Siefert
Number Below - # 737 Kathy Mock -
Number Above - #739 Karen Cruse
Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.



This weekend, the Diocese will be taking up the **National Collection for The Catholic University of America**. Catholic University is a national research university with per 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. 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 and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Visit: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org to learn more.

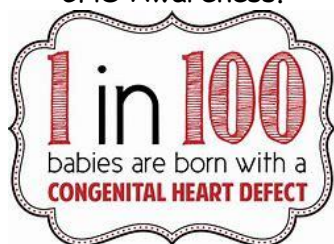
Calendar Correction

Piroghi's will be made on **Thursday, Sept 29th** not Sept 22nd. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Community News & Events

1st Inaugural Riley's Memorial Run Sunday, Sept 18, 2022

Registration: St Clair Tremont Club 10:30AM
Kick stands up at 12PM. \$15 run to benefit Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The run includes cash prizes, food, and music mash up!
CHS Awareness.



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA: The Three Windber Catholic Parishes invites you to venerate a First Class Relic of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Thursday, Sept. 15th 9:00am - 7:00pm. Noon Mass and 6:00pm Mass. Anointing of Sick after Masses. The church will be open the entire day for veneration. Confessions: 9:00am - 11:30am and 1:00pm - 5:30pm. Quoting St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do...but much love we put in that action."

St. Matthew's Anglican Church will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Party Sept. 23 and 24 at St Therese's church hall.

On Friday, guests are invited to walk through from 4-7 p.m. There is no admittance fee and basket tickets will be available for purchase. On Saturday, doors open at 12:30 p.m. A spaghetti dinner will be served beginning at 1p.m. The dinner, prepared by Chef Mike Labarko, includes salad, bread, beverages and delicious desserts. Saturday's tickets are \$10 and include the dinner and a sheet of tickets. More than 120 baskets and prizes will be awarded. You need not be present to win. For additional information or to purchase a ticket, call (814) 244-3863.



Birthright Basket Party

Support pro-life in our Diocese by attending Birthright of Johnstown's basket Party fundraiser. Join us Sunday, Oct 9th at Richland Firehall beginning at 11AM. Winners will be drawn starting @1PM. Tickets are \$10 and include a lite lunch and 25 chances. Please call Mary Kay @ 814-535-8231 for tickets.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates Eucharistic Adoration for one hour every Wednesday following the 5:30 PM Mass which during ordinary time honors St. Joseph, Patron of the universal Church. Please consider joining us for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, or both. All are welcome.

Steeler Ticket Lottery: The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is currently selling tickets for the Steelers vs. Tampa Bay Game at 1:00 PM on October 16, 2022. Tickets cost \$10 and include seating for 4 persons at the game on the 40-yard line, ten seats up, transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus, and \$200 of mad money. The winners are determined by the PA Lottery evening 3-digit drawing on October 7th. Those who have either the number below or the number above the winning number will receive \$100 each. **What an amazing deal!** Tickets are going fast, so if you would like to purchase some tickets, please call the parish rectory @ 814-536-6110. Thank you for your support.

Annual Rosary Devotion with Mary in Loretto - Hosted by the Basilica of St. Michael Legion of Mary, in service to the Altoona-Johnstown Legion of Mary Curia, we will offer the annual Rosary Devotion on **Sunday September 25 at 2 PM** in the Basilica. The theme this year is "The Holy Family" in the Eucharistic Revival. Families from the Basilica of St. Michael parish will lead each decade. Our Children's Choir will lead the music! Fr. John Byrnes will offer a homily on the Holy Family, with Consecration Prayers, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. All are invited to attend.



Save your Soles for Other Souls-

St Francis of Assisi shoe drive officially starts September 6th. Please place your new, or gently worn shoes in the box located in the back of the church. Please, no moldy, ripped or worn out shoes. There is also a drop off box located at the activities center of St. Francis on Barron Avenue. All types of shoes are needed. Collect shoes from family, friends and co-workers. We are having a tremendous start and Thank You to those of you who have already contributed. Call Carol at 814-536-0152 if any questions.

Celebrate Recovery

A Christ - centered 12 step recovery programs where God heals those with Hurts, habits, and Hang-ups. CR can help with any life issues, not just drugs or alcohol.

Morrellville Church of the Brethren
408 Chandler Ave
Friday nights

Free meals @ 5:30PM, Large groups @ 6:30PM
and Open share support groups @7:15PM.
Fellowship And refreshments after groups.
Family and friends welcome to learn about CR.
Any questions please call Brian @ 814-279-7868



Grandparents Day - Sept 11th -- Whether they go by Grammy & Pappy, Grandma & Grandpa, Nana & Pop Pop, Meemaw & Peepaw- there's no question that Grandparents are the Greatest. Make sure you take a moment out of your day today to let them know how special they are.



Thursday Sept 29th

Piroghi Project

Sept 23rd - Oct 1st -

St Therese Novena

Sept 25th

First Day of CCD Classes 9AM

Sunday, Oct 9th -

Penny Pie Social St Anne's Church Hall

Sunday, Oct 16th -

Knights of Columbus Gun Bash -

St Andrews Church Hall

Sat & Sun Oct 22nd & Oct 23rd

St Therese Oktoberfest - Social Hall

