

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 25, 2022

FIRST READING: Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

SECOND READING - Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

GOSPEL: The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION- CARE FOR EACH OTHER

Don't delude yourselves, Jesus says through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. We really are supposed to care for others. It is not enough to go to Mass and occasionally serve at a parish or outreach function. We cannot remain complacent and consider ourselves followers of Jesus. No matter how much or how little material wealth we have, we always have something to give—our time and attention, care, and, when possible, our money. The way we treat and care for others, especially the poor and vulnerable, is the manner in which we show our love of God. As disciples, we must “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” Jesus calls us to see and respond to the least among us, because, as God's children, we are all part of one another. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	9/26	
TUES	9/27	8:00AM Peel Potatoes
WED	9/28	
THURS	9/29	7:30AM Piroghi Project
FRI	9/30	9-12PM Piroghi Pick-up Social Hall
SAT	10/1	3:00PM Confession
SUN	10/2	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 26th – Oct 1)

MON	9/26	7:50AM No Mass
		. . . . . 9:00AM + Thomas Friedman – (Rich & Janet Bowser)
		. . . . . 7:00PM + Peggy Murray – (Jim Kuharyk & Family)
TUES	9/27	7:50AM + No Mass
		. . . . . 9:00AM + (A) Henry Gorczcki – (Wife & children)
		. . . . . 7:00PMHealing Prayers for Sonya Glrghos – (Shank Family)
WED	9/28	7:50AM No Mass
		. . . . . 9:00AM + Josh Shank – (Family)
		. . . . . 7:00PM + Thomas Friedman – (Joyce Myers)
THUR	9/29	7:50AM + No Mass
		. . . . . 9:00AM + (WA) Michael Macy – (Wife)
		. . . . . 7:00PM + (A) Tony Delich – (Wife, and Family)
FRI	9/30	7:50AM + No Mass
		. . . . . 9:00AM + Ted Figart – (Shank Family)
		. . . . . 7:00PM + William Mikesic – (Jim KuharyK & Family)
SAT	10/1	9:00AM + Kevin Gritzer – (Ron & Linda Maurer)
		. . . . . 4:00PM + (A) Phillip Petrore – (Shank Family)
		. . . . . 7:00PM + Rebecca Alwine – (Son, Ryan)
SUN	10/2	7:30AM + (B) Jean Baeder – (Nephew, Dennis & Karen Pingatore)
		. . . . . 10:30AM + (B) Charles Karalfa – (Family)

Sunday Sept 25, 2022

Stewardship Reflections. Our culture makes it easy to be like the rich man. It is easy to “walk by” those asking for a handout. On our electronic devices, it is easy to watch the basest human tendencies play out as entertainment. The tendency towards complacency is perhaps an even greater danger in this modern age with so many conveniences. Some of us don’t have to look at or remain aware, that there are families and elderly in need of basic food items as we now get our groceries delivered right to our doors or placed in our cars in a parking lot!

The Lord’s message could not be any clearer, we must get off the couch and put our powers (the many gifts He has given us) to work! We are called to live as stewards in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our community. Our gifts are needed by those around us.

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

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS (Sept 17th & Sept 18th 2022)

Weekly \$	4106.25
Fuel \$	195.00
Building Fund \$	90.00

(Sept 10th & 11th)

Building Fund \$	746.00
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Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus continues this week with daily masses at 9AM and 7PM. The Novena will close at the 7PM Mass on Saturday, Oct 1st

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.

Fr. Joe Sedley, C. P., from St Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh, he will conduct our Novena.

St. Therese's Mass of Anointing of the Sick -

This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **TODAY, Sept 25th** at 2PM at St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.

The St Therese Christian Mothers will be serving cake & coffee after Masses on Sunday, Oct 2nd, in celebration of the feast day of the parish.

CONGRATULATIONS



Special congratulations to **Phil & Laura Kniss** who are celebrating their **5th wedding anniversary** at the Anniversary Liturgies at St. Johns Gualbert Cathedral today
Sunday
September 25th
May God Bless you with many more years together!!

Mark Your Calendars: We will be making piroghis for the Novena on this **Thursday, Sept 29th.**

- 1) Tuesdays- grate cheese, peel onions & potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, onions and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

Two ways to order:

- 1) **Sign-up sheets:** Place your order after Mass **this weekend, Saturday & Sunday, Sept 24th & 25th** on the sheets in vestibule.
- 2) **Call in orders:** to 539-7633 Monday, September 26th from 9AM-11AM.

Pick up orders: Friday September 30th, 9-12PM

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OKTOBERFEST MEETING Monday Sept 26th at 6PM at the Social Hall. There is only 4 weeks to prepare, so please try to attend. We are in need of volunteers for this event, so please show your support.



TODAY, Sunday Sept 25th at 9AM CCD students should report to their respected classrooms.
1st Grade - Chapel
2nd Grade - Rectory Office
3rd & 4th Grade - Convent
5th & 6th Grade - Classroom above Chapel
7th & 8th Grade - Convent
9th & 10th Grade - Church Basement
11th Grade - Rectory Lounge

Dear Parishioners,
May the Lord give you His peace

For many years the Franciscan Sisters of Millville labored in our parish, working with our children in the CCD program and helping out in many ministries such as visiting the sick and shut-ins, counseling adults and troubled children, working in the sacristy, cleaning the linens and maintaining the altar and sanctuary and a host of other activities. To commemorate their years of service we are considering replacing the wooden doors leading into the chapel and sacristy with glass etched door, similar to the ones we have at the entrance of the church. In the future we will enclose special envelope in the bulletin for donations to help pay for these doors. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

In Christ,



Oktoberfest 2022

Our annual Oktoberfest has been set for **Saturday, Oct 22nd** and **Sunday, Oct 23rd** in the Social Hall.

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation we will make it for you!

\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle (Saturday Night)



Bakers of the Parish-we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies.



Community News & Events

Families and the Gospel - (Luke 16:19-31)

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?



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.

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! 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. 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.

Please join us for our **Saturday Vigil Mass on October 8, 2022 at 4 PM at St John Vianney Parish**. The intention for this Blue Mass is to remember the contributions of those who have served in law enforcement and public safety agencies and to ask for continued protection for them and the communities they serve in the future. We welcome all who are serving and have served to join us in prayer as we work towards a bright future.

Saint Benedict Church, Carrolltown, Altar Rosary Society is having a pie and soup sale on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Hall. Apple, peach, pumpkin, cherry and raisin pies, apple dumplings, and homemade chicken noodle soup available: large pies \$9; small pies \$7; apple dumplings \$3; chicken noodle soup \$7 per quart. Soup and sandwich bar available.



The annual **Marian Celebration** will occur on **Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown**. The gathering will include the praying of the Rosary and Mass with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist. This year's theme is "Mary and the Holy Eucharist." All are welcome to attend.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is going to be going on an upcoming Bus Trip to **American Music Theatre - Christmas Show on November 10th**. Please call Fran for more info at (814)536-3667.

ABORTION; "Respect Life!
 "Children are a sign. Today children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a 'diagnostic sign, a marker indication the health of families, society, and the entire world. Whenever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, the family is health, society is healthier, and the world is more human."
 ****Pope Francis****



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"



If you would like to work in an environment that supports Catholic values and allows you to speak freely about and share your faith, please consider working for our diocese. There are many full and part time positions available in the maintenance, administrative assistant, and teaching fields along with openings at our homeless shelter and an Accountant position within Catholic Charities. For more information and to apply online, go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment> or email lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Basket Party
 St Michael Sportsman Club 270 Main St.
 St Michael.

November 6th, 2022

Doors open at 12:30Pm

Drawing at 3:30PM

Tickets are \$10 includes tickets and a meal. Basket party benefits Anthony "Cheed" Bonk, who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. "Cheed" is a member of St Andrews Church and is also a Knight of Columbus member. Anyone interested in making a donation or a basket, please leave a message for Kath 814-242-6558 or Jenna 814-792-5925. All proceeds will go toward his expenses.



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: Sept 26th, Oct 28th, Nov 28th, and Dec 29th from 1-3PM. For more information, please call 1-844-VLP VETS



Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of Animals...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday morning, **Oct 8th at 10:00AM** in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!