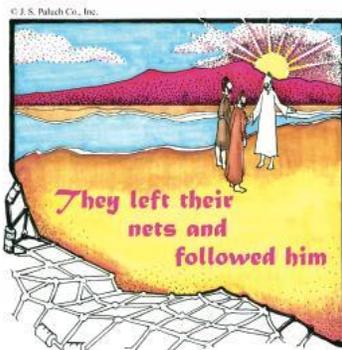


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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 22, 2023

FIRST READING: The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished
(Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

PSALM: The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

SECOND READING Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

GOSPEL: After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD'S LOVING CARE

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: "the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali." Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don't want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God's care with "abundant joy and great rejoicing," Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	01/22	
MON	01/23	
TUES	01/24	
WED	01/25	
THURS	01/26	6:00PM. . . . Meeting with Bishop Mark Bartchak
FRI	01/27	
SAT	01/28	3:00PM CONFESSION
		... . . . . Blessing of the Throat after Mass
SUN	01/29	. . . . . Blessing of the Throat after all Masses



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 23rd– Jan 29th)

MON	1/23. 7:50AM.	+ James Marshall – (Dennis & Marilyn Alberter)
TUES	1/24. 7:50AM.	+ (B) Peter Albert – (Son, Joe)
WED	1/25. 7:50AM.	+ (B) Betty Quinn – (Kathy Quinn)
THUR	1/26. 7:50AM	+ (B) Angeline Hamryzsak – (Son, Bob)
FRI	1/27. 7:50AM	+ Helen Babik – (Family)
SAT	1/28 4:00PM	+ (B) Stella David – (Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	1/29. 7:30AM.	+ (A) Emil Bunda – (Jerry & Carole)
	. . . . . 10:30AM.	+ JoAnn & Walter Szczur – (Son, Ken & Family)

Sunday Jan 22, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: We are reminded through the Gospel of Matthew that by virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet; in other words, to live as His good stewards. There is a certain urgency that comes with this call. The very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." This is the essence of a stewardship way of life. We must always be ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do, it's who we are. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 14th & Jan 15th 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 2,907.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 71.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 20.00

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

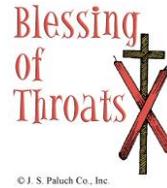
Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Michael Mikolaj, who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to Michael and peace and consolation to his family. Michael was the brother of Anne Figart



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Bishop Mark Bartchak and Fr. Alan Thomas the vicar general, will be at St Therese to speak with the staff and any concerned parishioners regarding Fr Bernard's Sabbatical on **Thursday Jan 26 at 6PM**, in the Social Hall.

We will have Blessing of the Throat in honor of St. Blasé before and after all Masses next weekend, Jan 28th & 29th



2023 Envelopes & Calendars- Adult and children's envelopes & calendars are available in the rectory office, please call to make arrangements for pick-up.

Your 2022 yearly contribution statements are in the back of the church. Please stop by and pick them up. Thank you!

Please Note Date Change due to Sewer line work.



On February 11th & 12th 2023 the Holy Name and Knights of Columbus #10409 will host a coffee and Donuts Social for the purpose of **recruiting new members**, in the Church Hall after all masses. This is a time for the men of Church to stop by and see what the Holy Name and or the Knights of Columbus is all about.

Families and the Gospel - (Matthew: 4: 12-17)

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

ABORTION: It's easy to love life when it's beautiful and perfect. But the real test of our love is to love, respect, and defend ALL human life from beginning to end; young and old, born and unborn.

"Every Child is someone's whole World"



Support Pro-Life

Community News & Events



Choosing Catholic Education...Why?

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29 - February 5, you may be asking yourself, why. Why choose a Catholic Education for my children? There are many reasons ... choosing to educate in a faith-based environment where daily prayer is embraced, small class sizes in a welcoming atmosphere with dedicated instructors who go beyond the norm for their students are just a few. Give your child the opportunity that will last a lifetime, schedule a tour today by calling Bishop McCort Catholic High School (814) 248-3869. Divine Mercy Catholic Academy (814) 961-3622 or St. Peter Catholic School (814) 445-6662.

Open House dates and times:

**Bishop McCort Catholic High School -
February 1, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Divine Mercy East and West - January 31,
2023 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**St. Peter Catholic School Somerset - January
30, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

For something to believe in, choose Catholic education! Please support our Catholic Schools by donating today.

Class on Southern Italian Folk Customs - All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will offer a one session class on southern Italian folk customs on Monday February 6th at 7:00 PM in their parish hall. The presenter will be Melissa Marinaro, curator of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The presentation will cover topics such as crafts, food, and agricultural practices and will showcase many objects from the history center that speak to the customs and traditions of southern Italians in Western Pennsylvania. The class is free but those interested are asked to please register by calling the parish office at 814-629-5551. All are welcome.

CASH BASH - FEBRUARY 11th at St. Francis Activity Center! Tickets are \$25 and includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. \$200 given away every half hour, \$500 at 7:30 and 9:00. We will also have qualifiers, 50/50, baskets, door prizes and much more! For tickets, please contact Fran King at (814)536-3667.

CASH BASH



Cash Bash has been set for the **Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Department** for **Saturday, February 18th at St Therese Social Hall.** Doors open at 4PM and raffle starts at 5PM. **Tickets are only \$15** each which includes a spaghetti dinner, adult beverages (21 years or older), soda and water. Prizes given away EVERY 15 minutes. For questions, please call 814-961-4148. Come out and show your support for the Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Dept.

Monday, January 23, 2023 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection Of Unborn Children

O Blessed Mother,
you received the good news of the
incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith
and trust.
Grant your protection to all pregnant
mothers facing difficulties.
Guide us as we strive to make our parish
communities places of welcome and
assistance for mothers in need.
Help us become instruments of God's love
and compassion. Mary, Mother of the
Church, graciously help us build a culture of
life and a civilization of love, together with
all people of good will, to the praise and
glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.
Amen.

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