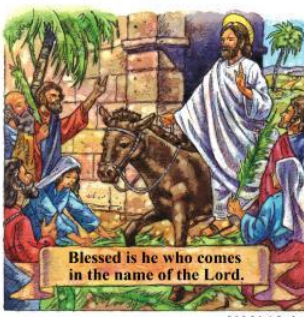


# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**April 2, 2023**

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

FIRST READING: In spite of my sufferings, I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

PSALM: O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22)

SECOND READING: Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

GOSPEL: The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: ENCOUNTER WITH THE CROSS

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	04/03	
TUES	04/04	
WED	04/05	5:00PM . . . . . Confessions
THURS	04/06	6:30PM . . . . . Mass of the Lord's last Supper . . . . . Adoration until 10PM
FRI	04/07	1:30PM . . . . . Passion of the Lord
SAT	04/08	1:00PM . . . . . Blessing of Easter Food/ Baskets 8:00PM . . . . . EASTER VIGIL
SUN	04/09	. . . . . EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 7:30 AM & 10:30AM



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>)

MON	4/03 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . . + Thomas Friedman – (Doris & John Gritzer)
TUES	4/04 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . . + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
WED	4/05 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . . + (B) Olga LaBuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
THUR	4/06 . . . . . 6:30PM . Holy Thursday NO Morning Mass + Laverne Bobby – (Darby & Emilie Sprucz)
FRI	4/07 . . . . . Good Friday No Mass . . . . . 1:30PM . . . . . Passion of the Lord
SAT	4/08 . . . . . 8:00PM . . . . . + Mary Findley – (Daughter & Family)
SUN	4/09 . . . . . 7:30AM . . . . . + Agnes Mash – (Jan McAuliff) . . . . . 10:30AM . . . . . + Holy Name

Sunday April 2, 2023



Stewardship Reflections:

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

God has entrusted us with many gifts and talents, but we are not to use them in a powerful way to control others who have limited income or resources. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the Kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong by serving those in need; to change the world. How are you changing the little corner of your world?"

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
(March 25<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023)**

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,657.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 25.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$ 55.00

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 **Francis Karmanocky** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Frank** and peace and consolation to his family. Frank was the brother of Fr Bernard.



**Holy Thursday**

- 6:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 7:30PM Christian Mothers Pray Hour
- 8:30PM Holy Name Prayer Hour

**Good Friday**

- 1:30PM The Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday**

- 1PM -Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 8:00PM Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday**

- 7:30 & 10:30 Masses



**Thank You to Our Volunteers!!!** - A Big Thank you to everyone who worked, either by peeling, and cooking the potatoes, or making the piroghis and let's not forget about the clean -up crew, to those who made the delicious baked goods every week, or prepared the lunches, made donations to help defray the costs, and to those who purchased piroghis. This project would not be possible without your continued support, so Thank you to all of you, it is very much appreciated.



**We have a few tickets left for the April Showers Lottery Scratch Off Tickets plus \$1000.00**

Winning number determined by the Pick 3 drawing at 7PM Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

One complete Roll of each \$20, \$10 and \$5 PA lottery Scratch off Tickets, plus \$1,000.00. **Cost is \$10.**

Tickets can be purchased before Mass or stop by the rectory office during business hours 9-2PM.



**The St Anne's Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party** will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$5 for 25 basket chances and includes cake & coffee. Additional tickets and food will also be available for purchase.



**Happy Birthday Wishes to Mark Petak who will be celebrating his Birthday April 26<sup>th</sup>**



**Sending special Happy Birthday Wishes to Julia Boltz who is turning 102 years old on April 7<sup>th</sup> May God continue to Bless you with good health.**



"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"

**ABORTION - Intercession for Life:**

"For all mothers, especially those who are young or alone, beaten or addicted, that God might heal their broken hearts and seal them with His love.

We Pray to the Lord.

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## Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to **Get Involved!**

**Families and the Gospel** -: Passion (Palm) Sunday (MT 26:14—27:66)

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon US!

### Community News & Events



**Westmont Presbyterian Church  
Friday April 7, 7:30**

Come join us for a very moving and inspirational Tenebrae experience

Conducted by Composer

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Reception follows

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### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services.

**Monday, April 3 5:00 PM - St. Benedict Church, Johnstown**

**Wednesday, April 5 5:00PM - St Therese Johnstown**

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### **THE 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE, Catholic Ministries Drive - TOGETHER WE SERVE.**

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.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties- and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. We are challenged to open our eyes and see those in our midst that bring hope to life through their time and talent in serving community through the 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive.

If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend, or you can send it in the mail or make an online gift at [www.dioceseaj.org/giving](http://www.dioceseaj.org/giving)

**Our target amount for St Therese for 2023 is \$21,083.**



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**PUBLIC ROSARY To Pray for The Healing of our Nation  
Thursday, April 13th 6:30 PM ST. CLEMENT CHURCH  
Saturday, April 15th NOON CENTRAL PARK,  
Downtown Johnstown**