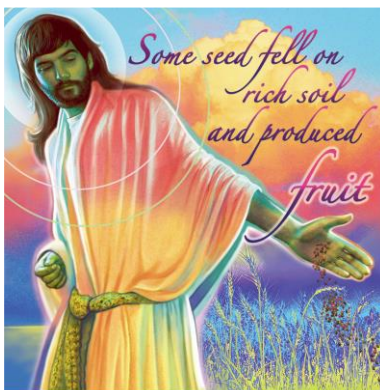


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

FIRST READING: My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

PSALM: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65)

SECOND READING: — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

GOSPEL: Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Beginning on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown was permitted by the local ordinary, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, to resume the practice of offering the fuller sign of Communion, the Body and Blood of the Lord under the species of both bread and wine. The offering of the chalice of the Precious Blood of Christ can continue to be offered on Sundays, as part of special celebrations, and could be on weekdays at the discretion of the pastor. Those who are suffering from a cold, sore throat, cough, or flu symptoms should refrain from receiving the Chalice of the Lord's Blood.

(May 2, 2023, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601)

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	07/16	
MON	07/17	
TUES	07/18	
WED	07/19	
THURS	07/20	
FRI	07/21	5:00PM Tent & Tables set-up
SAT	07/22	3:00PM CONFESSION
		4-9:00PMSummer Burger & Basket Bash
SUN	07/23	11AM -4PMSummer Burger & Basket Bash

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 17th – July 23rd)

MON	7/17. 7:50AM.	+ (WA) Francis Dukery – (Wife, Betty)
TUES	7/18. 7:50AM.	+ Frank Krupa – (Casey & Julia Skala)
WED	7/19. 7:50AM.	+ Frank Karmanocky– (Neo-Catechumenal Community)
THUR	7/20. 7:50AM	+ (B) John Cynar – (Wife & Children)
FRI	7/21. 7:50AM	+ Nancy Schultz – (John & Doris Gritzer)
SAT	7/22 4:00PM	+ (A) Stella David – (Daughter, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	7/23 7:30AM.	+ Rosemary Bunda – (Jerry & Carole)
	. . . 10:30AM.	+ (A) Ryan Lorditch – (Family)



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). You must be either a senior in High School, or planning to attend or attending a 2-4 years program, or trade school.

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

"What does it mean to be a Christian Today"

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis @535-6833. **All entries must be postmarked by August 18th** Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore
115 Stans Lane
Johnstown, Pa 15909

Sunday July 16, 2023

Stewardship Reflections; Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which in turn nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives, making us receptive to God's plans for us and ultimately producing abundant fruit through the way we live each day.

When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 8th & July 9th 2023)

Weekly \$ 2,841.00
Building Fund \$ 209.00

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



Congratulations to Walter Bobar who was the winner of the early bird drawing on Sunday, July 9th of the Cash raffle tickets.

Thanks to all who purchased their ticket early. If you did not get your tickets in yet, it is not too late.

The Grand Prize drawing will be held on Sunday, July 23rd at the Basket & Burger Bash.



Christian Mothers will be taking orders for Rada merchandise until **July 17th**. Catalogs will be available in the back of church.

Please place your order in an envelope with a check made payable to St. Therese Christian Mothers, in the collection jar or drop off at the Office. If you have any questions, please call **Helen Sorchilla 814-535-1141**.



KOC is sponsoring a Blood Drive in honor of **Dan Hutchison on August 11, 2023 from 11:30Am - 5PM in the church Hall**. For an Appointment, Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StThereseor call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Summer Baskets & Burgers is coming FAST!! Please drop off your baskets and Bake Sale items, All day Friday and no later than Sat morning so we can have them all set up. We are going to set up the tents, tables and chairs Friday evening around 5PM if you can lend a hand. We are still in need of volunteers for certain booths if you can please call the rectory this week.

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**. Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children 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 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.

Our 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. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of March 31st, we have collected **\$8,895.00** of our **\$21,083.00 Goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

Families and the Gospel - (MT 13: 1-23)

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

Community News & Events

Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples with Bishop Mark for those living the Sacrament of Marriage at an Outdoor Mass honoring Married Couples on Sunday evening, **July 16 at 7:00 pm** at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair.

Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Wednesday, October 4th at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is **Aug. 4th**. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!

2023 Outdoor Masses: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our **outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies!** Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel



CAR CRUISE/BLOCKPARTY - On Sunday July 30th 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 burgers, hot sausage, beer, soft drinks, and 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 child who recently received a heart transplant.** Any questions can be directed to the parish office at 814-754-5224.



Bishop Mark's Blessing for Young People -- All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at 7PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 6th. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.



**A person's a person,
No matter how small.**
-Dr. Seuss

ABORTION: At eight weeks, the baby is capable of feeling pain; all body systems are present; sucks thumbs, wakes and sleeps. This is the time when most abortions are performed. "The greatest gift of God, I would think, is the gift of life. The greatest sin of humans, it would seem, would be to return the gift ungratefully and unopened."
-John Powell, S.J.

St Therese Church

Summer Basket

&

Burger Bash



July 22nd & July 23rd
4-9PM 11AM-4PM

Live Entertainment

Saturday 5-8PM-Cajun Norm

Sunday 12-3PM - Bo Moore

**Themed Basket Drawing held on
Sunday @ 4PM**



Menu

**Burgers - Fresh cut French Fries -
Funnel cake**

Pizza - Pulled Pork

Water - Soda - Beer

Available for purchase