

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
BERNARD KARMANOCKY, OFM, PASTOR  
*FR. FRANCIS BALESTINO, IN RESIDENCE*

## CHURCH/RECTORY

536 Decker Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15906

## OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

Monday – Friday  
9:00AM---2:00PM  
RECTORY: 539-7633



## CONVENT

702 Saybrook Place  
Johnstown, PA 15906

SOCIAL HALL: 535-8805  
CHURCH HALL: 536-2287  
CONVENT: 536-2287

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

**SECOND READING** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

**GOSPEL** -- The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46])

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION: A SHARE IN GOD’S KINGDOM** -- Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today’s first reading: “Ask something of me and I will give it to you” (1 Kings 3:5). Today’s parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, “A share in your kingdom, O God!” Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God’s kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

TODAY	7/30		
MON	7/31		
TUES	8/01	7:00Pm	.... Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	8/02		
THURS	8/03	11:30AM	.... Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	8/04		
SAT	8/05	3:00PM	.... Confession
NEXT SUN	8/06		

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 6<sup>th</sup>)

MON	7/31	7:50AM	.... For Good Health for Felicia Marquez – (Sister)
TUES	8/01	7:50AM	.... + (WA) Bill & Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
WED	8/02	7:50AM	.... + Kevin Gritzer – (Kevin & Lori Kenavey)
THUR	8/03	7:50AM	.... + Fr. Robert Washko – (Anne Figart)
		12:00PM	.... + Christian Mothers
FRI	8/04	7:50AM	.... + Joseph & Mary Turturica – (Daughter)
SAT	8/05	4:00PM	.... + (A) Zach Bretz – (Family)
SUN	8/06	7:30AM	.... Sr Miriam Elsie of the Visitation O.C.D.
		10:30AM	.... + (B) Bob Hubbard – (Wife & Children)



## Sunday July 30, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections** Our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" worth it even if it seems "hidden." We must intentionally search for it even in the noise of the world. We need wisdom to recognize it. The Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose. (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 22<sup>nd</sup> July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 2,891.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 24.00

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



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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter **StThereseor** call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>** Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore  
115 Stans Lane  
Johnstown, Pa 15909

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

### Families and the Gospel - (MT 13: 44-52)

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

### ABORTION: ; "Intercessions for Life

We earnestly hope that all who sincerely wish society to retain its humanity while solving human problems will join us in the fight defending the sanctity of human rights to life.

**\*\*\*We Pray to the Lord\*\*\***

## Community News & Events



### **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/](http://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



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### **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.

"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."  
—Mister Rogers

**PARISH FESTIVAL** - at Saint Benedict Church in Carrolltown, on **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 28, 29, and 30**. We will have a Chicken Dinner with homemade chicken noodle soup, Sunday July 30, 11 am to 2 pm. There will be entertainment provided everyday - with live bands, beer tent, bingo, large basket auction, games, bake sale, ethnic foods, refreshments, petting zoo, and fireworks. \$10,000 in cash prizes to be awarded July 31 thru August 4.



**BASKET PARTY** - The Trojan Rec Cheer is holding a **Basket Party on August 6<sup>th</sup>** at the St. Therese Social Hall from 1-4PM. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2.35PM. Donation is \$10 and includes a light lunch. For tickets or info call Georgia at 814-242-2083.

### **DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Spiritual nourishment, uplifting messages, fellowship, and fun are in store at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown **STRENGTH IN CHRIST** women's conference on September 16 at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Internationally recognized speakers Kitty Cleveland and Mary Castner will be the keynote presenters. Cleveland, a singer/songwriter, began her professional career as a lawyer and then as a college professor, but in an adoration chapel in 1998, as she searched for God during a devastating family crisis, she clearly heard the Lord Jesus call her to become a music missionary. Castner's life changed when she discovered praise and worship music at age 14 and went on to earn degrees in Theology and Catechetics from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She serves as a youth minister at an Arizona parish and is the founder of the ministry *The Father's Heart* and co-founder of the *Don't Shove the Dove* Catholic podcast. The conference will include Mass with Bishop Mark, Confessions, and lunch. The conference runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with check-in beginning at 7:30 a.m. Ladies are invited to stay and pray the Rosary from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 for adults; \$10 for high school and college students. Register by September 1 online at [dioceseaj.org](http://dioceseaj.org) or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish.



# Summer Baskets & Burgers



1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000 - Robert Torok

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize -- \$ 500 - Helen Sorchilla

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize -- \$ 300 - Tawnya Hess

4<sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$ 100 - Karen Revesz

5<sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$100 - Dan Delic

We would like to thank everyone for making this Raffle drawing a Success!!!

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We would like to give a **BIG** shout out to those involved in the Summer Basket & Burger Bash on another successful event! All your hard work paid off in the end. Special Thanks to Amy McIntosh and Mandy Kurtz for organizing and soliciting for the Basket Raffle. Let us not forget all the **GREAT** people who donated those beautiful Baskets or gave monetary donations to have their baskets made for them, large and small, they were all so nice.

Don Mcintosh & his crew for the delicious burgers & Pulled pork and those hand cut French fries were a great addition!

Doris Pasternak for ordering, and the Nanni Family & friends for the **FUNNEL CAKE**, they were Delicious!!

To all the ladies who helped make the bake sale a success, you ladies out did yourself again, what a variety of tasty items.

To the pizza workers, you guys are awesome! Thank you for all your help, it was a lot more fun this year almost knowing what to expect this time. "Oh, if that old Girl would just stay lite," but we made it through. We even had the old pizza bell courtesy of Carol Manganello, which was ringing on Sunday. Thanks for passing on your knowledge Jerry and the bell. Know it is in good hands. Also, we would like to give a shout to **The Johnstown Inn** who provided the sauce for the pizza booth. It was very much appreciated.

Thanks to the boys in the Beer Booth the nice weather kept you busy, all the ticket sellers, instant bingo workers, basket runners, the kids' games workers, special thanks to the Whartons/Coshuns, who provided the games and prizes for most of the kid's games and the KOC for running the Chuck o Luck.

A special thank s to Marilyn, Helen & Bill "Our Bankers" for all the long hours & keeping everyone straight. We cannot forget the crew that help set up and take down all the tents, tables, and chairs. There is a lot of behind the scenes that no one ever sees and know that we appreciate all that you do for St Therese Church. Last but certainly not least A Big Thank you goes out to all the people who donated many of the food items, soda, and water that helps to defray some of the costs. This fundraiser would not have been a success without all your help. You are all **SIMPLY THE BEST!!**

**Wrap meeting Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6PM in the Social Hall**