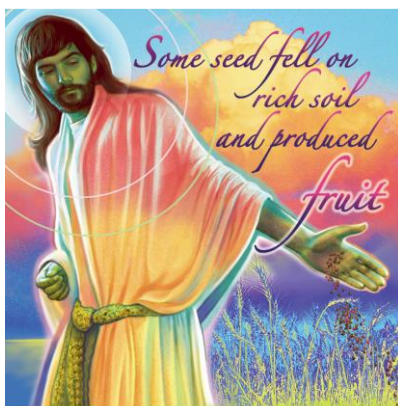


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July 16, 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scripture Readings

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]).

Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: 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)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, June July 22nd	9:00 AM	Sunday, July 23rd
Lector:	Volunteer	Lector:	Pat Wess

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (July 10th - July 16th)

MON	7/17	NO Mass
TUES	7/18	7:00AM.	Sr. Celine of the Eucharist
WED	7/19	NO Mass
THURS	7/20	NO Mass
FRI	7/21	NO Mass
SAT	7/22	5:30PM. . . . +	For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swantey Family - (Barbara Voci)
SUN	7/23	9:00AM. . . . +	(WA) Jerry Chverchko & (B) Krista Chverchko - (Wife & Mom)



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)



The KOC is sponsoring a Blood Drive in honor of **Dan Hutchison on August 11th from 11:30AM – 5PM in the St. Therese Church Hall.** More information will follow in the weeks ahead. Please call Joe Hochstein at 814-536-0455 for more details.



**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
July 8th & 9th, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,293.00
Monthly	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 2.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne’s Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

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

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE – Daily mass during the month of July will only be offered on Tuesdays. There will not be a mass on Friday.



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **next weekend, July 15 & 16** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this

month! **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive – Thank you to the families who have pledged to through **June 30th** a total of **\$2,130** towards our target amount of **\$7,682**.

Through it, 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. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target.

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.

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 7pm** at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bring a lawn chair.

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.

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!

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas & The Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Committee

are hosting

A Night Under the Stars

Dinner-Dance Scholarship Fundraiser

Who: Open to all.

Where: Mount Aloysius College.

When: Saturday, August 12, 2023.

What: Mass at 4:00 PM with Bishop Mark L Bartchak as celebrant and homilist.

Hall doors open at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM

Price: \$30 per person.

Must register in advance – postmarked by July 10.

Find the invitation/registration form and more information at <https://cdapa.com/ajdc-fundraiser.pdf>



Families and the Gospel (Matthew 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.



**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