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July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture Readings

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

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 31st – Aug 6th)

MON 07/31 NO MASS
TUES 08/01 7:00AM. .+ Michael J. Beblar – (Bob Christian)
WED 08/02 NO MASS
THURS 08/03 NO MASS
FRI 08/04 7:00AM. .+ Theresa Ryba – (Stephanie, Kathy & Donna Kowalczyk)
SAT 08/05 5:30PM. .+ Matthew Schlosser – (Parents, Bob & Phyllis)
SUN 08/06 9:00AM. . .Christian Mothers



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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 22nd & 23rd, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,306.00
Monthly	\$ 40.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

*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!*

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE – Daily mass during the month of August will only be offered on Tuesdays with the exceptions below.

Aug 4th – First Friday – Mass at 7AM

Information on Masses for Assumption will be listed in next weeks bulletin. Watch this space!!!



Sincere Condolences – The St. Anne’s Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Kathleen Charney**, who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Kathleen** and peace and consolation to her family.

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.



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.

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 @814-535-6833. **All entries must be postmarked by August 18th** 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 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.



St. Therese Cash Raffle Grand Prize Drawing

- 1st Prize – \$1,000 - **Robert Torok**
- 2nd Prize -- \$ 500 - **Helen Sorchilla**
- 3rd Prize -- \$ 300 - **Tawnya Hess**
- 4th Prize -- \$ 100 - **Karen Revesz**
- 5th Prize -- \$100 - **Dan Delic**

Community News & Events

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

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 or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish.



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.



Basket Party – The Trojan Rec Cheer is holding a Basket Party on Aug 6th 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.

SAVE THE DATE -- A Women's Day of Reflection

St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Inspirational Speaker, Ximena DeBroeck, STL, Ph.D for A Women's Day of Reflection, "Called and Anointed for Mission" This one day event will be held from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM September 30, 2023. The day will start off with a walk with the Women of the Old and New Testament as you discover the meaning of being called. The day will include Mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession and fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This event is Free and open to all, A Lunch and Refreshments will be served so an RSVP is required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at (814) 266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.



Families and the Gospel (Matthew 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*****

