

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

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It is I; do not be afraid.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 13, 2023

FIRST READING: — The LORD said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by”
(1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85)

SECOND READING — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

GOSPEL -- As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION - THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

TODAY	8/13	10:30AM	Holy Name Mass NO Meeting
MON	8/14	4:00PM	Assumption Vigil
TUES	8/15	6:00PM	Holy Day of Obligation Assumption
WED	8/16		
THURS	8/17		
FRI	8/18		
SAT	8/19	3:00PM	Confession
NEXT SUN	8/20		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 14th – Aug 20th)

MON	8/14	7:50AM	+ (A) James Udouch – (Wife, Anne)
	Assumption Vigil Mass	4:00PM	+ Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey (Darlene Lovas)
TUES	8/15	7:50AM	+ James Marshall – (Mom & Family)
	Assumption	6:00PM	+ William Kolega – (Lynn Berkebile)
WED	8/16	7:50AM	+ Anna Kris – (Family)
THUR	8/17	7:50AM	Health & Wellness of Gary Kirsch Family – (Pam)
FRI	8/18	7:50AM	+ Karl Komara – (Wife, Elaine)
SAT	8/19	4:00PM	+ (B) Don Delich – (Marilyn, Jeanne, Mike & Families)
SUN	8/20	7:30AM	+ Nancy Schultz – (Joe & Lisa Racz)
	 10:30AM	+ (A) Charles Karalfa – (Wife, Donna & Family)





Last Week to Submit

Sunday August 13, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives. When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him. What a grand adventure Peter could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us. (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

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

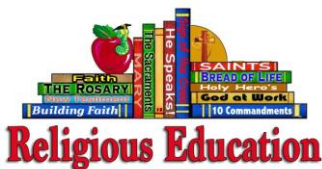
LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Aug 5th Aug 6th 2023)

Weekly \$ 3,787.00
Building Fund \$ 608.00

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - is this Tuesday, Aug 15th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday, Aug 14th at 4PM and Masses on Tuesday at 7:50AM and 6:00PM.



There will be faculty meeting in the Church Hall on **Tuesday, August 29th at 6PM** for all grades. Please be present so we can discuss the up-coming year

Holy Name Mass Today, Sunday, August 13th Mass, No Meeting.



We would like to Thank the Knights of Columbus #10409 for purchasing the paint for the Church basement and Kevin & Cindy Houghton of St Anne's for painting. It looks great!

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.

Electronic Devices- Just a friendly reminder, to please refrain from using all electronic devices during liturgical celebrations. Thank-you





Families and the Gospel - (MT 14: 22-23)

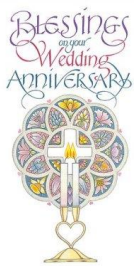
The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

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 July 31st we have collected **\$10,325.00 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.

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



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 10 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 17 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral**. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by **Tuesday, August 29**.

St. John Gualbert Cathedral Activities Center Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, September 10, 2023

110 Adams St. Johnstown, PA - at the corner of Adams and Railroad Streets.

Doors open 11AM - serving till 3PM.

Adult - \$10.00 Children 4 - 12 \$7.00 Ages 3 and under free, take-outs available.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the St. John Gualbert Rectory prior to the event.

Basket Party and 50/50 tickets will be available for an additional charge at the dinner, and you do not need to be present to win.

Hope to see you there!

August 15, 2023 The Assumption "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" can be said of all mothers, because every child is "blessed" and a child of God upon whom God "looks with favor." This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God's love is a free gift to each of us.

St Patrick Church Fall Fundraiser:

Basement & Bake Sale - September 8th & 9th

Come one, come all, search for treasures!

Sale hours: **8am to 4pm** in the basement.

Carry out food & bake sale - 10am to 4pm.

St. Patrick's famous gobs will be available.

Fr. John Slovickovski, Pastor of Visitation parish, as part of the celebration of the Jubilee 2025, is promoting and coordinating a **pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Orvieto, Italy**, which is open to the entire diocese in the month of June 2025. This pilgrimage will include visitations to the 4 Major Basilicas of Rome (The Vatican {with an audience with the Pope}, Saint Mary Major, Saint John Lateran, and Saint Paul outside the Walls.) We will also visit the Spanish Steps, the Catacombs, Trevi Fountain, and the Coliseum as well as the basilicas of St. Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi. All of our tour will be guided by a native who is fluent in Italian. If you are considering joining our group, you are asked to contact the Visitation Parish office @ 814-536-6110. **THERE IS NO OBLIGATION** (financial or otherwise) **BEFORE WE MAKE OUR COMMITMENT WITH THE PILGIMMAGE TOUR COMPANY IN EARLY, 2024** when we will meet with our Pilgrimage tour company. 2025 is an exceptional time to be in Rome since it will be during a Jubilee Year which is a very special time for a Jubilee occurs only once every 25 years