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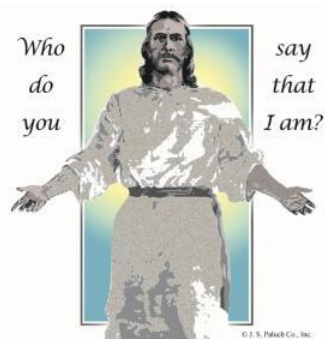
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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 27, 2023

FIRST READING: — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

SECOND READING — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

GOSPEL — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:13-20).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION - TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

TODAY	8/27	6:00PM CCD Faculty Meeting Church Hall
MON	8/28		
TUES	8/29		
WED	8/30		
THURS	8/31		
FRI	9/01		
SAT	9/02	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	9/03		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 28th – Sept 3rd)

MON	8/28	7:50AM + James Rudel – (Dennis & Karen Pingature)
TUES	8/29	7:50AM + Paul Risban – (Yvonne & Ed)
WED	8/30	7:50AM + Marcia Lewis – (Anna Udouch)
THUR	8/31	7:50AM + Teresa Lill – (Sister, Patricia Henley)
FRI	9/01	7:50AM + Thomas Friedman – (Bob Grove & Nancy Kuzimak)
SAT	9/02	4:00PM + (B) Agens Labuda Mash – (Tom Nikonow)
SUN	9/03	7:30AM + Nancy Schultz – (Kim & Tom Nagy)
		10:30AM Dennis & Marilyn Alberter – (Jeanne & Mike)



Sunday August 27, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Jesus poses the same personal question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. But do our lives truly reflect Peter's answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to heaven, then we must say so, not just with words, but with our actions. We must love Him with our whole being and make our very lives a grateful gift of love to Him. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life. (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Aug 19th Aug 20th 2023)

Weekly \$ 3,149.00
Building Fund \$ 30.00

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



Are you a people person? Are you someone who likes to lend a hand? I might have the "job" for you! We are looking for a few ushers- greeters. Someone to greet parishioners and guests, pass out bulletins and help collect at the offertory. Please stop by the vestibule and fill out a slip, and drop in in the collection basket.

Families and the Gospel - (MT 16: 13-20)

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

Community News & Events



Swiss Steak Dinner

Come to the **Church of the Transfiguration** on **TODAY Sunday, August 27** and enjoy a delicious Sunday Dinner. We open our doors at the parish hall at 10AM to 1:30PM. Come into our parking lot at 219 Third St Conemaugh. It is #13 a meal that includes hot Swiss Steak, in its own gravy, green beans, bun, salad and dessert. You will enjoy your dinner and relax and have fun.

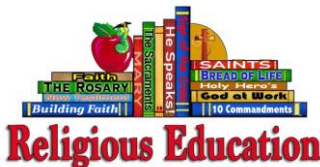
2023 Outdoor Masses: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. of St. Michael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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -

Father John D. Byrnes and the Basilica of St. Michael parish family invite all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the final outdoor Mass of the summer, in Loretto. Adoration will be on September 3rd in the Basilica of St. Michael from 3:00-6:30PM prior to outdoor Mass.



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Regis Bender**, who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Regis** and peace and consolation to Carol and family.



There will be faculty meeting in the Church Hall on **TODAY Sunday, August 27th at 6PM** for all grades. Please be present so we can discuss the upcoming year
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

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.



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. ROCHUS SOCIETY CROATION HALL LODGE 5 will offer traditional Kolo dance lessons beginning Aug. 30 at Croatian Hall, 612 Broad St. in the Cambria City section of Johnstown. Classes on the traditional Croatian, Serbian, and other ethnic dances will be offered from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Aug. 30-31. and Sept. 6, 7, & 13 Classes are being offered in anticipation of Johnstown Slavic Fest, which will be taking place Sept. 15 and 16 at the Heritage Discovery Center on Broad Street. There is no fee to attend classes. Enter via alley door. For more information or to register for a class, call Jim 814-421-4958.

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

St Matthew's Anglican Church
Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party
Saturday, Sept 9th
1-3PM

St Therese Social Hall
 Includes Spaghetti Dinner
 and 25 Basket Tickets



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!

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 the St. Benedict Rectory at (814) 266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814288-3036 or email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group cordially invites EVERYONE to a 1 Hour Anniversary Celebration.

Adoration ***Benediction *** Recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on Wed, Sept 13th at 3PM in St. Andrew Church

Light Refreshments to follow in the School Hall

