

# 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  
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## OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

Monday – Friday  
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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 17, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**SECOND READING** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**GOSPEL** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

### LITURGICAL FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?” Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	9/18	
TUES	9/19	8:00AM . . . . . Peel Potatoes for piroghis
WED	9/20	
THURS	9/21	7:30AM . . . . . Piroghi Project
FRI	9/22	10-12PM . . . . . Piroghi Pick-up
SAT	9/23	9:00AM . . . . . St Therese Novena begins 3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	9/24	2:00PM . . . . . Anointing of the Sick Mass



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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Sept 24<sup>th</sup>)

MON	9/18	7:50AM	+ Cathy Popovich – (Cass Kasper)
TUES	9/19	7:50AM	+ Theresa Conway – (Patricia Gritzer)
WED	9/20	7:50AM	+ James Marshall – (Daughter, Allison)
THUR	9/21	7:50AM	+ Teresa Lill – (Jim & Kim Murray)
FRI	9/22	7:50AM	+ (B) Catherine Schultz – (Bob & Mary Jo Gardill)
SAT	9/23	9:00AM	+ Thomas Friedman – (Joseph Kresefsky)
		4:00PM	+ Mary Findley – (Matt & Tony Utnik)
		7:00PM	+ Betty Quinn – (Lobb Family)
SUN	9/24	7:30AM	+ Thomas Friedman – (Paul & Marie Friedman)
		10:30AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Patty & Family)
		2:00PM	+ Henry Gorezyki – (Wife, Kay)
		7:00PM	+ Joesph Gorka – (Tim & Dianne Gorka)



## Sunday Sept 17, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** We live our lives in a grateful response to the extravagant love of God. Christian stewards live a continuous call for conversion of heart, thoughts and emotions. We must recall all the gifts our good God has given us. The Father sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. Like the servant in the parable, it is impossible to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves and by treating our fellow debtors with the same compassion and forgiveness He has shown to us. What joy and freedom of heart we find in the stewardship way of life (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 2,842.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 201.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 162.00

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

And the Winner is...

**Marilyn Alberter** was the Big Winner of the Holy Name ticket for Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Pick 3 number was **548**. Congratulations Marilyn and thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.



### Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Opens this coming **Saturday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will end on **Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Feast of St. Therese.

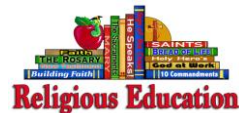
#### Mass Schedule -

Weekday Masses at **7:50AM**, 9AM and 7PM;  
Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;  
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.  
**Fr. Lee Havey, C.P. from St Ann's Passionist Monastery Scranton Pa,** will conduct our Novena.



### St. Therese's Mass of Anointing of the Sick -

This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **Sept 24<sup>th</sup>** at 2PM at St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.



A **Parent Meeting** is scheduled for **TODAY Sunday Sept 17 at 9:45AM** in the Church Hall.

We would appreciate at least one Parent attend.  
**First CCD Class** will be held on **Sept.24 at 9AM**

Mark Your Calendars: We will be making piroghis for the Novena on **Thursday, Sept 21<sup>ST</sup>**.

- 1) Tuesdays- peel potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

To Order: Sign-up sheets: will be in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend, **Sept 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Piroghi Pick up will be on Friday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00-12:00PM

### Ushers & Greeters



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 18:21-35)**

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We are not condoning the injustice. We just do not let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup>, we have collected **\$15,525.00 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.

### **Community News & Events**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH will have a Fish Fry on Friday, September 22 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Ave. Phone orders will be accepted on Friday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM by calling 814-5393518. Dine in or take out while supplies last. Gobs will be available.



**Steeler Ticket Lottery:** The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is currently selling tickets for the Steelers vs. the Baltimore Ravens Game at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 8th, 2023. **Tickets cost \$10 and include seating for 4 persons at the game on the 40-yard line, ten seats up, transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus, and \$200 of mad money.** The winners are determined by the **PA Lottery evening 3-digit drawing on September 29th**. Those who have either the number below or the number above the winning number will receive \$100 each. **What an amazing deal!** Tickets are going fast, so if you would like to purchase some tickets, please call the parish rectory @ 814-536-6110. Thank you for your support.

### **Holy Family Parish, Portage, Basket Party**

to be held on **Sun., Oct. 1 at 2 PM**. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances on baskets and 1 Door prize chance. Chances on larger value prizes will be Available. Complimentary cake and coffee. Other food and soft drinks will be available to purchase the day of the Party. **Pre Ticket Sales** will be available in the Parish Hall before and after all weekend Masses, **Beginning September 16** to the day of the party and on Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 19 from 6 to 8 PM.

**POLISH CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS** - All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a presentation on Polish Christmas customs on **Tuesday, October 17th at their Parish Hall (505 Center Street) at 6:30 PM**. The customs, food, and decorations peculiar to the Polish expression of Christmas are unique and developed over many centuries. The presenter will be Fr. Czeslaw Krysa, an author and noted authority and Polish folk culture. The event will include refreshments, is free of charge, and open to all, however, participants are asked to register either by phoning the Parish Office at (814)-629-5551 or by emailing the Parish Secretary, Emily Marsh at [emarsh@dioceseaj.org](mailto:emarsh@dioceseaj.org).

### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - CASH BASH - NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets are \$25 and includes Roast Beef sandwich, Italian sausage, pasta salad, baked beans, & cake. Coffee, tea & water. Beer bracelets will be available for \$7.00. Cash bar for Mixed Drinks. \$2,000 will be given away throughout the evening. Also qualifiers, door prizes and baskets will also be chanced off. Doors open at 5:00PM give away starts from 6-9PM. Please contact Fran King at (814) 536-3667 for tickets!

### **ABORTION: "Respect Life!**

"Children are a sign. Today children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a 'diagnostic sign, a marker indication the health of families, society, and the entire world. Whenever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, the family is health, society is healthier, and the world is more human."

\*\*\*\*Pope Francis\*\*\*\*



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"

# OKTOBERFEST 2023

OCT 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>

We are looking for Volunteers for the following:

## Piroghi Project

Tuesday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> peeling potatoes  
Thursday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> making piroghi's

## Making Pigs in the Blanket

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

Apple Strudel will be made on Friday  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

We are asking for and really do appreciate the  
following:

Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value) for the basket  
raffle. If Basket making is not your specialty you can  
make a monetary donation, we will make it for you!



\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle  
(Saturday Night)

**Bakers of the Parish**-we are asking once again for  
your delicious homemade pigs.

