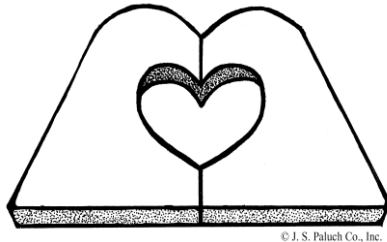


# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt  
 (Exodus 22: 20-26).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**SECOND READING** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers  
 (1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10).

**GOSPEL** -- You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as  
 yourself (Matthew 22: 34-40).

### LITURGICAL

### LIVING JUSTLY

“You give that back right now!” How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a “fair trade agreement.” Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God’s beloved children are not to behave like bullies. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	10/30	7:00PM . . . .	Senior Choir Rehearsal
TUES	10/31		
WED	11/01	7:00PM . . . .	Knights of Columbus Meeting All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation
THURS	11/02	11:30AM . . . .	Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	11/03		
SAT	11/04	3:00PM . . . .	Confession
Next Sun	11/05		



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)

MON	10/30 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Sr. Catherine Paff
TUES	10/31 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Chris & Jeanna Marshall)
	All Saints Vigil . . . .	4:00PM. . . . .	+ Joan Loncar – (Marcy)
WED	11/01 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ James Marshall – (Darren & Cheri Gritzer)
		6:00PM . . . . .	+ (A) William Kolega – (Lynn Berkebile)
THUR	11/02 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ All Soul’s Triduum
		12:00PM . . . . .	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	11/03 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ All Soul’s Triduum
SAT	11/04 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Bill & Dolores Gentile
SUN	11/05 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ All Souls Triduum
		10:30AM. . . . .	+ (B) Dolores Opacic – (Daughter, Elizabeth)





## Sunday Oct 29, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings are all about love - the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing - but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandment.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... The second is like it; you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life - simple enough for a child to understand, yet challenging enough to be the life's work of every 'grown-up'. The "how" of loving God first and neighbor as self is unique to each individual. The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies the two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it's all about love.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Oct 21<sup>st</sup> & Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 2,993.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 110.00

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

**ALL SAINTS DAY** this Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, is the solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses to observe the holy day will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00PM and Masses at 7:50AM and 6:00PM on Wednesday.



**Three Day Triduum for All Souls Masses will be held on Thursday, Nov 2, Friday, Nov 3, & Sunday, Nov 5**

Our faith community will remember all deceased family and friends at each Mass. Envelopes are in your boxes and there are extra slips in the back of the church if you need extra for anyone wishing to have the deceased members of the family and loved ones remembered during the month of November

All the bills have been paid for our Annual Oktoberfest 2023 and the total Net Profit is **\$16,071**. Thanks again to everyone who made all the Beautiful Basket, gave a monetary, and/or Gift Card donations, cooked, volunteered, baked the delicious pies, bartended, cashiered, or helped in any way to make the Oktoberfest a success. **You truly are the BEST!! And we greatly appreciated everything you do.**



**Knights of Columbus** along with the **Holy Name** will host a Remembrance Mass for all deceased Members on **Sunday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 Mass. Refreshment will be served following the Mass in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.



**Piroghi Project** is set for Thursday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule on October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls** - for the Holidays has been set for **Saturday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** just in time for Christmas. There will be a sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule in the upcoming weeks.

We are in need the follow items for these projects to help defray the cost:  
Walnuts, Flour, Sugar, eggs, and plain Crisco.

### Christ is Risen! Come and Listen

Are you Lonely?

Do you know the Meaning Of your Life?

Do you want to have a deeper relationship with Christ Come and Listen!

Catechesis for Adults and Youth (12 and up)

Free Babysitting provided

**Sundays and Tuesdays 7:00PM at St. Anne's Church Basement**

**Families and the Gospel** - (MT 22: 34-40)  
In today's gospel the Pharisee was talking about commandments (Something we are forced to obey by external pressure) and Jesus was talking about love (an internal exhortation to give our heart, soul and mind to another). One demands allegiance, the other requires personal commitment. In our families we daily lay down our lives for each other not because we "gotta" but because love compels us



### Parish Advent Christmas Project is Back

Volunteers will be in the vestibule before and after all masses beginning next Sunday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> to assist you.

1. Take a star from the Christmas tree
2. Give your name and phone # to the person taking the information.
3. Place your star on the outside of your **unwrapped gift**.
4. **Return your unwrapped gift** to us no later than **Sunday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please ask our volunteers if you have any questions concerning this project.

### Community News & Events



#### **STUFFED SHELLS/GNOCCHI DINNER**

St. Anthony of Padua, Windber will have a Stuffed Shells/Gnocchi Dinner on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 PM and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM-2 PM. Dinners are \$12 and include your choice of pasta, meatballs, and a salad. TAKE-OUT ONLY.

#### **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. The doors open at 5:00PM Bash starts at 6:00PM – 9:00PM .Please contact Fran King at (814)536-3667 for tickets!

The **West End Improvement Group** will host the **Annual Basket Party on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

at the Social Hall. Doors will open at 11AM drawing will begin at 1PM.

Tickets are \$8.00 which includes lunch and 25 tickets. Proceeds benefits surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, gardens, and community projects. Any question or to donate a basket, please call 248-8989, or 322-5558.



### **Turkey Bingo**



**Holy Family Parish**, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage will be holding a **Turkey Bingo** on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall at 1 PM. 25 Turkeys and door prizes will be given as prizes.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes a door prize chance. 17 years old and younger are free. Bingo cards are 3 for 50 cents per game. Several Specials will be played at \$1 each, "Winner Taking Half." Qualifiers, 50/50, food and refreshments will be available to purchase.

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY 4TH ANNUAL Turkey Raffle** Please join us at St Benedict School Cafeteria/ DMA East Campus for the 4th Annual Turkey Raffle benefiting the DMCA Athletic Association. The event will be held on **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, with doors opening at 6:00 PM. The event is \$15.00 admission which includes beverages, soda, beer and a full meal. We will have Basket Raffle, Qualifiers, Extra Chances at Money Drawings and Turkeys and Hams. Lots and Lots of Turkeys!!! Please contact the school office at 814-961-3622 for tickets. We would love to see you there!



**Visitation Parish** is having its annual **Turkey Raffle on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1127 McKinley Avenue. Doors open at 6 PM and the raffle starts at 7 PM. The cost is \$5.00 which includes a hot buffet and cold brew. We will have lots of fun & prizes such as a lottery tree, a cash prize of \$300, a Google Chromebook 14 laptop computer and much more! Please come and join the us for a fun evening of food and prizes! We look forward to seeing you!



#### **ST. CLEMENT CHURCH PANCAKE BREAKFAST BAKE SALE & BASKET RAFFLE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 AM-NOON**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES! ADULTS: \$7.00 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$5.00**

# Crusher Hockey Bingo

Saturday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

\$25 Entry, includes games, Drinks & Snacks

Extras: Lotto Tree, Specials, Pull Tabs & Food for purchase.

6PM-9PM Doors open at 5PM

Must be 21 to attend

Bishop McCort HS Student Union

Contact Amy @ 814-242-6355 for tickets.

Hope to see you there!



Those who have gone before have not passed into lethargy or vacancy. They may be nearer to us, as they are nearer to the perfect love. They may guide us towards a holier and ampler freedom, since they do not suffer the limitations of time. The veil is rent. There is with us the presence of the unseen host.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Johnstown will host the Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles of Blessed Carlo Acutis from Thursday, November 9th through Thursday, November 16th at the Activity Center, located at 134 Barron Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15906, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM each day. NO ADMISSION FEE. A donation box will be available. Coffee and refreshments will also be available.

## ABORTION:

Every baby only comes once and it is so important that we treasure each and every one of them. Every child's beginning starts from home, to be more precise, starts from womb. It is so important for our society to support, respect, care for and look after the pregnant women and couples who try to have babies. It is not about us. The future of the world depends on the future of our generations. To make our planet better or worse, we have to make our choice wisely.



"A Person's a person no matter how small"  
-Dr. Seuss

## Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend - Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night!!!

