

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
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## CHURCH/RECTORY

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## OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

**FIRST READING:** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**SECOND READING** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**GOSPEL** -- Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

## LITURGICAL REFLECTION PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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## WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	1/08		
TUES	1/09	7:00PM	.... Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	1/10		
THURS	1/11		
FRI	1/12		
SAT	1/13	3:00PM	.... Confession
Next Sun	1/14	10:30AM	.... Holy Name Mass & Meeting to follow

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 8<sup>th</sup> - Jan 14<sup>th</sup>)

MON	1/08	7:30AM	.... + Frank Karmanocky – (Patricia Marshall)
TUES	1/09	7:50AM	.... + Special Intention– (Ben Policchio )
WED	1/10	7:50AM	.... + M/M Joseph Cisz - (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
THUR	1/11	7:50AM	.... + (WA) John & Teresa Lill – (Sister, Patricia Henley)
FRI	1/12	7:50AM	.... + (B) Peter Albert – (Son, Joe)
SAT	1/13	4:00PM	.... + Joan Loncar – (Carlotta Bonfanti)
SUN	1/14	7:30AM	.... + (A) Bernie Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick)
		10:30AM	.... + Holy Name



## Sunday Jan 7, 2024

**Stewardship Reflections:** Our Christmas season concludes with the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because He needed to repent - rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do. By submitting to the baptism of John, He affirmed His humanity, revealed His divinity as the Son of God, and signaled His mission to save man from sin.

Although Jesus' baptism was just the beginning of His ministry, it revealed all that He came to accomplish. And it is from His mission that we can receive the Sacrament of Baptism - the moment we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ - we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live and act should reveal Whose we are. Our readings today call us to reflect on what it means to be a Christian steward - to belong to Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, let us reflect on what it means to be a son or daughter of God. Let us resolve with conviction to make God the King of our hearts, live by His commands, and share with Him our time and gifts. Let us pray that our lives might be a reflection of our relationship with Christ.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Dec 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 2,884.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 175.00
Christmas	.....	\$ 385.00

### (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2024)

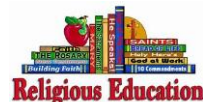
Weekly	.....	\$ 606.00
Initial Offering	.....	\$ 282.00
Solemnity	.....	\$ 1,721.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 140.00

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

**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Robert Wiegand** who died this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Robert** and peace and consolation to his family. Robert was the brother of  
Doris Pasternak

### January 7, 2024 Epiphany

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



Classes will resume TODAY Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### St Therese Ground Hog's Day ticket

We will be selling tickets starting this weekend in the vestibule, for our Ground Hog Day Ticket.

**Tickets are \$20. for 5 numbers.**

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **February 2, 2024.**

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00 \$250 for the number above & below.**

You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours  
Mon -Fri 9-2

**2024 Envelopes & Calendars-** Adult & Children's envelopes & calendars are available in the back of the church. Please stop in the vestibule and pick up your envelopes. IF you have a friend or neighbor unable to pick them up, please drop it off for them.

**Families and the Gospel** - (Mark 1: 7-11)  
Even Jesus needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My beloved") and AFFIRMATION ("I am pleased.") It is too easy to focus on irritating behaviors in our family and take for granted all the positives. In this New Year take a lesson from Our Father and be an AFFIRMER, not a BLAMER.

### Community News & Events

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI YOUTH EVENT** - St. Francis of Assisi Parish is hosting a Youth Event for High School students in grades 9 - 12. The Youth Event will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center at 134 Barron Ave, Johnstown, PA 15906. The event features a six-piece band, a variety of games, snack and beverages! Admission is \$2.00 per person!!

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