

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

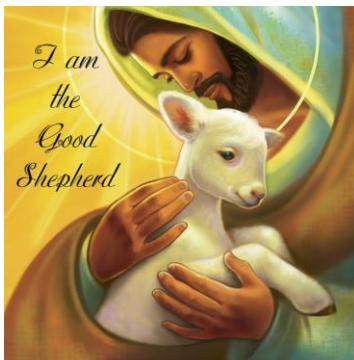
THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
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## CHURCH/RECTORY

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

### Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

PSALM: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

GOSPEL: The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION. . . . The Gospel image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, described by Jesus himself in the Gospel reading on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, attracted the first Christians. In fact, one of the earliest artistic depictions of Jesus is a third-century fresco discovered in the Roman Catacomb of Priscila that portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

He is shown as a simple, yet robust shepherd who carries one lost sheep on his shoulders, while other sheep stand close to their master. For the first Christians, the Gospel image of Jesus the Good Shepherd summed up faith in Jesus as the Son of God who rescues from the power of sin and restores humanity to friendship with God.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	4/21	
MON	4/22	
TUES	4/23	
WED	4/24	
THURS	4/25	
FRI	4/26	
SAT	4/27	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
Next Sun	4/28	6:00PM . . . . . Summer Burger & Basket Meeting Church Hall

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 22<sup>nd</sup>– April 28<sup>th</sup>)

MON	4/22	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Mom & Dad)
TUES	4/23	7:50AM	+ Nancy Schultz - (Mary Battaline)
WED	4/24	7:50AM	+ Joan Loncar – (Christine & Rebecca Bambernick)
THUR	4/25	7:50AM	+ Intention Dantis
FRI	4/26	7:50AM	+ (B) Regis Bender – (Janet Turjan)
SAT	4/27	4:00PM	+ (WA) Charles Karalfa – (Wife & Family)
SUN	4/28	7:30AM	+ John Polenik – (Family)
		10:30AM	+ Frank Karmanocky – (Tom Dadey)



Sunday, April 21, 2024

**Stewardship Reflections:** On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. In Jesus' time, a shepherd was someone who protected and guided his sheep. Jesus does this for us and so much more. He is the Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. This message calls us to reflect inward – do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us, brought us forth into the world, and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary so that we might be saved. He is our Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. Whether we accept His care, protection, and guidance or not, He is our Good Shepherd.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected and ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again. Remember that we are His and He is ready for us to come home, as He says, "I know mine, and mine know me."

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**  
(April 13<sup>th</sup> & April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,577.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 120.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 150.00

**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 **Ronald Nesmith** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Ron** and peace and consolation to his family.



**The St Therese Mothers Spring**

**Christian Flea Market.**

The times to drop off flea market items are 9AM - 12PM, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Social Hall. Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition. Thank you!

**Flea Market Days:**

**Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-12**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9-12**



**Raffle Tickets** - Once again we are asking that each family please consider purchasing or selling at least 10 raffle tickets. Please stop in the vestibule to pick up your tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 apiece. Drawing will be held at the Summer Basket & Burger Bash July 21<sup>st</sup>.

# Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a **Church Fundraiser**; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to **Get Involved!**

**REGINA CAELI** - The Regina Caelis is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

**Let us Pray:** O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

## Catholic Ministries Drive

**Encountering Christ.** Thank you to all the families who have pledged to date a total of **\$7,485.00** towards our target amount of **\$24,902.00**. Through it, 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. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 to pay your pledge in full. All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese Parish.



*Strengthening the Church at Home*

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.



Mass For Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4PM is schedule for **Mario A. Stumpo** requested by Bob & Kathy Woloschuk, sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Families and the Gospel** - (John 10:11-18)  
Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

### Community News & Events



St. Anthony of Padua, Windber, will have a Take-out Italian Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, April 20th, from 3:00-6:00 PM** and **Sunday, April 21st, from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**. Meals are **\$12** and include Italian Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, and Salad.



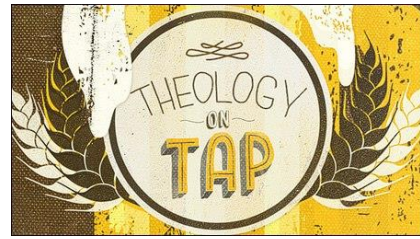
### Military Share Food Distributions

In partnership with Veterans Leadership Program and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

All veterans in need of food are welcome  
Johnstown Military Share 12PM  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 24<sup>th</sup>  
727 Goucher St. Johnstown



The **Knights of Columbus #2275** will host an Oldies Dance Fundraiser on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the St Michael's Church in St Michael** from 5:30-9:00PM. Reservations are required to attend and can be made by contacting Dave Brown at 814-487-5525 Admission is \$5. Food will be available for purchase



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** March was our one-year anniversary. We have grown to almost 100 members averaging 40+/- per meeting including special needs young adults and members from as far as Cumberland, Md. Mid-April we hosted our first Benediction and Board Games which was a success. Upcoming events include Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on **April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** with Fr. Alan Thomas VG speaking on Vatican II; Bonfire and Rosary at Maura's house on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm; Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R. speaking on Moral Theology; and Benediction and Board Games at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



### **Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Dept.**

Bingo 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Doors open at 5:30PM a first game called at 6:30 No entrance packets will be sold after the 1<sup>st</sup> number is called.

The \$20 entrance fee includes a 6face 20 paper packet. Extra entrance packets and daubers will be available for purchase. We run 4 -special games throughout. Each Special is a single card for \$1. Hope to see you there!



**May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, Annual West End Pickers, Trash to Treasure** indoor yard sale, here st St Therese Social Hall **8AM-1PM** Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects- surveillance cameras, garden/ flower boxes, and community events.