

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
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## CHURCH/RECTORY

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## Second Sunday of Easter

### Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

FIRST READING: With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING: The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

GOSPEL: — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION** Divine Mercy Sunday Year B focuses on the concept of belief in the unseen, inspired by John 20:19-31, where Jesus helps Thomas overcome his doubts. The Scripture reading recounts how Jesus appeared to his disciples, offered peace, and showed his wounds to Thomas, who doubted until he saw Jesus himself. This story emphasizes that faith can be challenging but is rewarding and vital for understanding and experiencing God's mercy and love. Through Jesus' interaction with Thomas, we learn that doubt can lead to deeper faith and that belief without seeing is blessed. As Christians, we must “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).

## WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	4/08	
TUES	4/09	
WED	4/10	
THURS	4/11	
FRI	4/12	
SAT	4/13	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
Next Sun	4/14	10:30AM . . . Holy Name Mass
		10:30AM . . . . . Rite of Sending
		11:00AM . . . . . St Anne's Christian Mothers Basket Party



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

MON	4/08	7:50AM	Sr Isabel of St Dominic OCD
TUES	4/09	7:50AM	+ Ronald Gumbar - (Gritzer Family)
WED	4/10	7:50AM	+ James Marshall – (Gritzer Family)
THUR	4/11	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
FRI	4/12	7:50AM	+ Anna Seminsky – (David Radnotti)
SAT	4/13	4:00PM	+ Larry & Dee Forgas – (Sister, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	4/14	7:30AM	+ Pro Populo
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



# Sunday, April 7, 2024

**Stewardship Reflections:** On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout the day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouses or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Let us continue to celebrate today, as we are in the midst of our glorious Easter season! As we celebrate, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son - Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive. And may we never withhold merciful love from anyone we meet.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 30<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024)

Weekly	\$ 3,897.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 102.00
Easter	\$ 7408.00
Christian Mothers Easter Donation	.\$ 500.00

**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 **Genevieve Krupa** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Jean** and peace and consolation to her family.



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Mary Jane Hajnik** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Mary Jane** and peace and consolation to her family.



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

## Thanks to All for a Beautiful Easter Celebration -



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We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our Easter celebration a beautiful experience! Thank you to those who cleaned, decorated, and arranged the flowers in the church. Special thanks the Lectors and Eucharist Ministers. We would also like to thank Barb Bartkovich, the Choir & Organists for providing us with the beautiful music. God Blessings to All!



**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>.

**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

## 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!**

## Catholic Ministries Drive

### Encountering Christ.

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! Our target goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2024 for St Therese is \$24,902.00.

### **Families and the Gospel** - (John 20:19-31)

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

## Community News & Events



### 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

**ABORTION: ABORTION:** At eight weeks, the baby is capable of feeling pain; all body systems are present; sucks thumbs, wakes and sleeps. This is the time when most abortions are performed. "The greatest gift of God, I would think, is the gift of life. The greatest sin of humans, it would seem, would be to return the gift ungratefully and unopened."  
-John Powell, S.J.



"Some of the littlest things take up the most room in your heart"

## PUBLIC ROSARY

In this Easter Season, let us gather to Pray for Peace in our Country and our World.



Thursday, April 11th

6:30 PM ST. CLEMENT CHURCH †

Saturday, April 20th

NOON CENTRAL PARK, Downtown Johnstown



### **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!



On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the West End Improvement Group will be doing our Annual Clean up. We are looking for volunteers to help. We will meet in the Save A Lot parking lot at 9AM. We will provide gloves and garbage bags. Individuals, Families, students consider giving some time to this event.



Johntown Steelworks Travel Baseball Team are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner. Eat In or Take out Today Sunday april 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:30PM at the St Therese Social Hall. Dinner are \$12 and children under 5 are Free



## St Anne Christian Mothers Basket Party

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Held at St. Therese Social Hall -

Admission \$10 -- includes a lite lunch +25 chances on over 100 baskets!  
Addition basket tickets -- \$5/for 25 chances Tickets on Large Prizes also  
available to purchase

Doors open at 11:00AM - Drawing will begin at 2:30PM

Tickets also available Sunday at the door

If you would like to pre-purchase a ticket for Sunday Email Janet at

[ruby731@atlanticbb.net](mailto:ruby731@atlanticbb.net)

Soft Walk Through - Saturday evening,

April 13 From 4:30PM - 7:00 PM

25 basket chances for only \$5 --- No meal

Chances on Large Prizes also available.

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## St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale

Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

from 9 to 12:00PM in the Social Hall.



Gathering Dates April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 1<sup>st</sup>

Once again, we ask that ALL items be clean and in good repair. We will not take anything that is dirty, torn, or damaged. Thank you so much for your cooperation. Start your spring cleaning!

**Please omit clothing, shoes, TVs, computers, car seats, and outdoor grills as we are unable to sell these items.**

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