

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

FIRST READING: Matthias was added to the eleven apostles (Acts 1: 15–17, 20a, 20c-26).

PSALM: The Lord has set his throne in heaven (Psalm 103).

SECOND READING: If God so loved us, we also must love one another (1 John 4: 11-16).

GOSPEL: Holy Father, keep them in your name, so that they may be one just as we are one (John 17: 11b-19).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION. . . . Today’s Gospel is a loving and tender passage. Jesus is praying for all the people (including us) whom God has entrusted to his care. Jesus realizes that his time on earth is short. He is concerned about the people whom he soon will be leaving. Jesus prays and asks his Father to keep them “in his name.” Jesus longs for his “flock” to be protected and safe when he is no longer with them. What a caring and loving shepherd we have! Take a moment and remember a time when you experienced a sense of closeness or oneness with God or Jesus. Do you remember the time or place? What were the emotions you experienced? Joy? Peace? Love? Awe? Jesus longs to share his peace, his joy and his truth with us today. Are we open to receiving these gifts? If so, I invite you to sit quietly in Jesus’ presence with an open mind, heart and hands. . . .and wait! Jesus will come and gift you! Be patient!

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	5/12	10:30AM Holy Name Mass No Meeting
MON	5/13	
TUES	5/14	
WED	5/15	
THURS	5/16	
FRI	5/17	
SAT	5/18	3:00PM Confession
Next Sun	5/19	9:00AM Last Day of Religious Education - Have a Great Summer!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 13th– May 19th)

MON	5/13	7:50AM	+ Mother’s Day Triduum
TUES	5/14	7:50AM	+ Mother’s Day Triduum
WED	5/15	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Albert & Mary Cay Feloso)
THUR	5/16	7:50AM	+ John Cynar – (Darlene Lovas)
FRI	5/17	7:50AM	+ Rev. Andrew Stanko – (Anne Figart)
SAT	5/18	4:00PM	+ (A) Carol David – (Sister, Dolores, Bill & Bill Gentile)
SUN	5/19	7:30AM	+ (B) Nancy Schultz – (Sakmar Family)
	10:30AM	+ Sue Ellen Dadey- -(Dino & Debbie Scarton)



Sunday, May 12, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: As we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven, we recall that He is not of this world and we were not made for this world. We were made for eternal life. Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ.

In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world. He prays to God the Father, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" The answer is that we belong to our Loving and Gracious God. But do we act like we belong to God? How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to.

Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind. And let us pray for the grace to understand just a fraction of God's Perfect Love for us and for the grace to express our love in return.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(May 4th & May 5th, 2024)**

Weekly \$ 5,976.00
Building Fund \$ 701.00

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



There will be NO classes for CCD this week, on Mother's Day, the last day for CCD classes will be May 19th

Mother's Day Triduum... May 12th to May 14th, for all Mothers and Grandmothers, both living and deceased. There are Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes available in the vestibule. This is a wonderful way to honor your mother, whether she is living or deceased.

If you have not seen the New Chapel Doors yet, stop by after Church and take a look. They really turned out very nice. We would again like to thank everyone who donated to these doors. The cost of the doors was \$9,400 and the donation totals were \$6,037. The balance paid out of the building fund was **\$3,363**

Wishing all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Special Aunts, Mothers-In-Law a very Blessed Mother's Day



Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ. Thank you to the **38** families who have pledged to date a total of **\$8,585.00** towards our target amount of **\$24,902.00**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2024 to pay your pledge in full. **All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese and will be used for the Church Roof. However, if we do not make our goal, the Church will make up the difference.**



Mother's Day Carnations for Birthright!

Volunteers will be offering carnations in exchange for donations to help pregnant women in need **Mother's Day weekend, May 11 and 12**. Please be generous in your support of our pro-life work - remember: you are not buying a flower, you are giving to help moms and babies in need. Thank you!



Trip to the Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC
Families and friends from St. Therese and St. Anne's parishes. Your "K of C" #10409 Council is planning a Bus trip to the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The trip is being planned for some time this Sept or Oct 2024. on a Saturday. Bus will leave St Therese parking lot appx. 8:00 am and return around 8:00 pm. Approximate Cost of the trip is \$49 per. person. (Final price to be determined by amt. of participants) Payments will be required upon finalization of the trip, to be determined at a later date. Reply if you want to go and how many, no later than May 19th . would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact: Dennis Pingatore
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All 2024 Graduates - (Pre-School, Kindergarten, Elementary School, 8th Grade, High School, Home School, Cyber School, College or Trade School).
Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket by June 3rd
We would like to acknowledge our young people for reaching these milestones in the June 9th bulletin.

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

LEVEL COMPLETED: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____

SUMMER BASH & BASKETS

July 20th & 21st

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you! If you have a large family and would like to go together and donate a large prize, or if your company would be interested in donating a large prize, they would be much appreciated

Cases of soda: (coke, or Pepsi products etc.) **and water.**

Next Meeting is scheduled on Sunday, June 9th at 6PM

We are going to need volunteers: For the Kitchen, Chuck o Luck, Funnel Cake, and especially Friday night July 21st, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs. Time TBA

A Big Thank You from the Christian Mothers -



To all donors, workers that helped set-up, cooks and the bakers who made all the "delicious baked goods", a Big THANK YOU to you all. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication.

Thanks for helping make our Flea Market a huge success.

Community News & Events

PUBLIC ROSARY

TO HONOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Thursday, May 16th - 6:30 PM

at St. Clements Church

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH - NOON

Central Park, Downtown Johnstown All are welcome!

Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"



ABORTION: - LIFE is the right of every Child
Not a Special Privilege
For the Fortunate, the Planned
and the Perfect

REGINA CAELI - The Regina Caeli 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, did vouchsafe to give joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG, is sponsoring its 63rd Annual Festival on May 31, June 1 & 2 featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday May 31st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 2nd from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00). Refreshments, musical entertainment, family fun & games, baked goods, kiddie corner, giant flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more

MAY DAYS 2024
at the **Basilica of St. Michael** -
May 25th and 26th at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall - live entertainment, cinch tournament (call Mag 421-2867 to join) basket raffle, flea market, silent auction, and refreshments. Saturday, 4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm. Chicken dinner Sunday at 11AM. \$10 per person. All are welcome

Solemn Vespers

Resurrection Parish, 324 Chestnut Street, will be holding Solemn Vespers (Sung Evening Prayer) on Pentecost, **May 19th, 2024 at 4:00 PM**. All are invited to join us in prayer as we come to the end of the Easter Season!

Families and the Gospel - (John 17:11-19)
Jesus was worried about His disciples and He turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

May 12, 2024: Mother's Day Sunday

The words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Abide in me," are appropriate on a day we honor mothers because there is a special bond connecting mothers and their children, extending beyond birth and death. They will always "abide" in each other. It's a lasting presence.

THE THREE MARYS One evening, five people sitting at our table ALL were named some variation of Patrick or Patricia. You can imagine the confusion when someone said, "Pat, could you pass the turnips?" or "So how's work, Pat?" You might experience similar confusion when you come across gospel references to Mary. That is because there are four Mary's who knew Jesus from his early years and followed him through his public ministry, two of whom were with him through his passion, death and Resurrection. The Loyola Treasury of Saints (Loyola Press, 2003) reports that in addition to Mary, the Mother of God, the remaining three were: Mary from Magdala, who, unlike the false reputation that has come down through the ages, was "one of the closest friends of Jesus and was the first person to see Jesus after he rose from the dead"; Mary, the mother of apostles James and John, who was with Mary Magdalene on that first Easter morning; and Mary, wife of Cleophas, who stood by Jesus at the Crucifixion. Tradition has it that these three Mary's eventually traveled to Marseilles, France in order to proclaim the gospel. Some Christians celebrate the feast of the Three Mary's on May 25.



Thank you to all who served.