

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

FIRST READING:

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also
(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

SECOND READING:

God is love (1 John 4:7-10).

GOSPEL:

No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends
(John 15:9-17).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION. . . . Jesus instructs His disciples about remaining in His love by obeying His commandments, similar to His adherence to the Father's. He desires their complete joy through this mutual love. Emphasizing the ultimate expression of love—sacrificing one's life for friends—he elevates them from servants to friends, sharing divine truths. Jesus underscores His choice of them to bear lasting fruit and assures that their requests in His name will be granted by the Father. His central command: love one another.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	5/05	
MON	5/06	
TUES	5/07	7:00PMKnights of Columbus Meeting
WED	5/08	4:00PMAscension Vigil
THURS	5/09	6:00PMAscension
FRI	5/10	
SAT	5/11	3:00PMConfession
Next Sun	5/12	10:30AMHoly Name Mass No Meeting



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 6th– May 12th)

MON	5/06	7:50AM	+ Jim Golias – (Sister Bea & Family)
TUES	5/07	7:50AM	+ Stephen Fogas - (Marty & Norma Hammer)
WED	5/08	7:50AM	Carl Sage for a Successful Surgery – (your Friend, Ed)
		Ascension Vigil Mass 4:00PM	+ Dominec Petrore – (Chuck & Helen Sorchilla)
THUR	5/09	7:50AM	+ Anna Seminsky – (Beverly Bross)
	Ascension of Our Lord . . .	6:00PM	+ (B) Michael Delich – (Children & Grandchildren)
FRI	5/10	7:50AM	+ (A) John Cynar – (Wife & Children)
SAT	5/11	4:00PM	+ Stella David – (Daughter, Dolores)
SUN	5/12	7:30AM	+ Mother's Day Triduum
	10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday, May 5, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. This request from our Lord is no small endeavor. It is something we must work at every day in every moment. When we put it at the forefront of our minds and hearts, and strive to live it out each day, it will transform our lives and impact others too.

As St. John tells us in our Second Reading, it is "not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." Recall that God loved us first, not because of what we do for him, but because He created us out of love. His love for us is pure and radical. In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

Look at each moment and think, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" or "How can I lay down my life in this moment?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 27th & April 28th, 2024)

Weekly	\$ 4,123.25
Building Fund	\$ 43.00

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



WELCOME!!

The St Therese's Community would like to welcome our newest member, **Michael Andrew**, son of **Andrew & Catherine (Stofko) Koval** who was baptized Sunday, April 28th. **Welcome Michael** and may you grow in God's love and grace.



Ascension

Holy Day of Obligation
Ascension of the Lord Thursday,
May 9th. Vigil Mass will be held on
Wednesday, May 8th at 4PM. Feast
Day Masses on **Thursday, 7:50AM**
and 6:00PM.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, May 7th at 7PM in the Church Hall.



There will be NO classes for CCD next 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.

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**. 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.

Families and the Gospel - (John 15: 9-17)
Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.



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. It is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America! Home to more than 80 chapels and oratories that honors the Mother of God. It is affectionately referred to as "America's Catholic Church". 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!

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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

Community News & Events



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

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

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!

FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations and God's Blessings on our children who will receive our Dear Lord for the very first time today, Sunday, May 4th, at the 10:30A.M. Mass.



OLIVIA STEEL

BENJAMIN SUBICH

MAX VOLOCKO

We pray that these children will stay close to Jesus by receiving him in Holy Communion often.

PARENT'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE

***O LORD, WITH JOYFUL HEARTS WE OFFER OUR CHILDREN TO YOU.
WE BESEECH YOU, HELP THEM ALWAYS AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR CARE.
MAKE US, AS PARENTS, GENTLE YET FIRM,
CONSIDERATE AND WATCHFUL.
HELP US TO DEVELOP IN OUR CHILDREN
A CHRIST-LIKE LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE.
WE KNOW THERE IS MUCH EVIL IN OUR WORLD.
THAT IS WHY WE PRAY, LORD
KEEP OUR CHILDREN CLOSE TO YOU.
WE PROMISE TO GUIDE OUR CHILDREN
BY OUR EXAMPLE AND LOVE.
Amen***

We are so grateful to Mrs. Laura Kniss for sharing her time and faith with these children to prepare them to receive Holy Eucharist.

