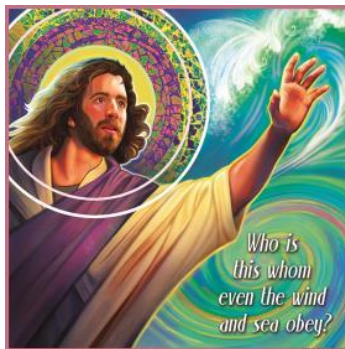


# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
BERNARD KARMANOCKY, OFM, PASTOR  
*FR. FRANCIS BALESTINO, IN RESIDENCE*



## CHURCH/RECTORY

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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

FIRST READING: The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

SECOND READING: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

GOSPEL: Who is this whom even the wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: There is a very important lesson for every one of us in today's gospel story. Our lives are really a journey across the sea of time to the shore of eternity. During that crossing all who come to the use of reason encounter some storms. There is no smooth, calm crossing for anyone. This is the will of God. Our Lord knew that a storm was going to blow up that night in the Sea of Galilee. He allowed his disciples to face that terrifying ordeal, because he wanted his future Church to have confidence in his divine power and assistance, when tribulations and persecutions would seem to be on the point of ending her forever. Down through the centuries the Church of God has had to face storms and trials which would have swamped her if she had not a divine Founder and Protector. Christ, however, kept his promise — the gates of hell cannot prevail against her. She survived the storms and as a consequence of them gained new vigor and strength.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	6/23	
MON	6/24	
TUES	6/25	
WED	6/26	
THURS	6/27	
FRI	6/28	
SAT	6/29	3:00PM . . . . .Confession
Next Sun	6/30	

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (June 24<sup>th</sup>– June 30<sup>th</sup>)

MON	6/24 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (A) Pinky Loncella – (Sandra & Patrick Huston)
TUES	6/25 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (WA) Regis Bender – (Mark Friedman)
WED	6/26 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Bob Grassa – (Wife, Judy)
THUR	6/27 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Jim & Betty Baldwin – (Darlene Lovas)
FRI	6/28 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Denny Michaels – (Tom Pappas)
SAT	6/29 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Peggy Dadey – (Darlene Lovas)
SUN	6/30 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Billy Zett III – (Chris Lovas)
		. . . . .10:30AM. . . . .	+ Joan Loncar – (Marlene & Don Kott)



# Sunday, June 23, 2024

**Stewardship Reflections:** Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests in mind. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us. Our First Reading is from the end of the book of Job. The book of Job is an incredible story of God allowing trials and suffering to occur in Job's life. God knows that Job is a faithful man and will not turn away from Him despite hardship, so the Lord allows destruction in Job's life.

In moments of trial, we often live our days in a panic. It is as if our life is like the life of those disciples. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We aimlessly try to throw the water overboard, and we become exhausted because it is thrown right back into our face. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it might feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with Us.

Therefore, during our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whether we see the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation. Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (June 15<sup>th</sup> & June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 4,214.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 38.00

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

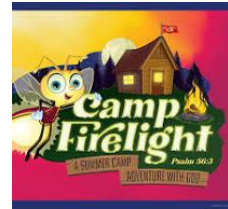


**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Bob Gritzer** who was called to his eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Bob** and peace and consolation to his family. Bob was the brother of John Gritzer.



**Congratulations** to Chas Karalfa who was the winner of the early bird drawing on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> of the Cash raffle tickets. Thanks to all who purchased their ticket early. If you did not get your tickets in yet, it is not too late. The Grand Prize drawing will be held on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Basket & Burger Bash.

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES** - We are accepting nominations for positions on the Parish Council. Nominees must be a Catholic in good standing, confirmed and at least 16 years of age. You may nominate someone or nominate yourself. Please fill out a slip in the vestibule and put it in the collection bucket. This would be a great way to get involve in the Church.



## VBS

We will celebrate our Vacation Bible School on **July 15-19, 2024. Time is 9-11:30AM** Anyone in grades **K-5** is welcomed to attend. Registration forms are in the vestibule and are due by **July 7<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of this year's VBS is **Camp Firelight**. It is an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them.

## Religious Ed Registration News



Children entering grade 1 will need a registration form completed and must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Any other students entering our program will also need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include **all students in the ninth grade** - those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children. Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.

## Catholic Ministries Drive

**Encountering Christ.** Thank you to the **38** families who have pledged to date a total of **\$10,085.00** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Looking for help with college?

St. Therese's Knights of Columbus council #10409 are here to help by offering again this year a \$500 Fr Bernard Karmanocky Essay Scholarships to the members of St Therese and St. Anne's Parishes (only). You must be either a senior in High School, or planning to attend or attending a 2-4 years program, or trade school. The essay must consist of 500 words and the topic for this year's scholarship is:

**"The meaning of the Eucharist"**

**All entries must be postmarked by August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore  
115 Stans Lane  
Johnstown, Pa 15909

### **Families and the Gospel** - (Mark 4: 35-41)

Just as the apostles in today's gospel were amazed at the power of Jesus so our children are amazed at our lack of fear of dark rooms or monsters in closets or under beds. As the apostles depended on Jesus, children depend on us to restore quiet to their lives. Getting out of bed at night to quiet a child's fears is the stuff of holiness.



Next week we will take up the Peter Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, please visit,  
[www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

### NEED A HAND?

The seminarians are raising money to go on a pilgrimage with youth and are asking for donations. They are offering themselves to mow lawns and/or wash your car. No need to provide tools. No specific asking price. Just a donation.

For more information, please contact Ricardo at 551-218-0298.

## Community News & Events

**BASKET PARTY** - The Trojan Rec Cheer is holding a Basket Party **TODAY June 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the St. Therese Social Hall doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2.35PM. Donation is \$10 and includes a light lunch and tickets. Tickets are available at the door.



### **Drive By Spaghetti Dinner**

The Church of the Transfiguration is hosting a Drive - By Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10AM - 1:30PM at the 219 Third St in Conemaugh. **Meal is only \$8.00** which includes Hot Spaghetti, 2 meatballs, bun, salad, and dessert. It is easy pull into the parking lot, pay for your meal, drive to the kitchen, and pick up your meal and enjoy.

**GOB SALE - St. Francis of Assisi Gob Sale** on Saturday, June 30th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon at St. Francis Activity Center. Cost is \$2.00 a piece

**Outdoor Masses:** All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our **outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.** The Outdoor Masses will continue now through Labor Day weekend- September 1, 2024. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel





Visitation Parish will be sponsoring An Irish Evening with **FULL KILT** on **July 13, from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM** in the Visitation Parish Hall at 1127 McKinley Avenue, Johnstown, PA. Tickets are being sold for \$20.00 and will include admission, a full meal, beer, soda, and water. Tickets may be purchased by calling Kristyn Amendola at 814-248-2942 or by email at [kamendola528@gmail.com](mailto:kamendola528@gmail.com). All proceeds will benefit the Visitation Ongoing Maintenance Fund, which is earmarked for the replacement of the Church roof.

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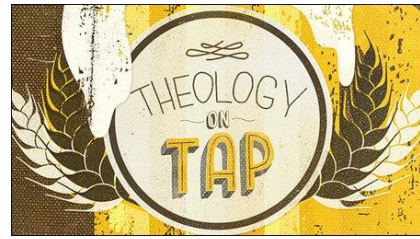
### Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice volunteers come from all ages and walks of life, with an extraordinary love and compassionate concern for others. They contribute to the overall well-being of our patients, families, and UPMC Family Hospice team members. Volunteers help Family Hospice and those we serve in many ways.

- Patient/family companionship
- Bereavement support
- Pet assisted visits
- Clerical
- Share musical talents
- Barber and hair stylist

All volunteers receive free training and orientation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Family Hospice, call Daun, volunteer & bereavement coordinator at 814-515-6056.

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**Young Adult Group (18-39):** Our next Theology on Tap is **June 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Mother Mary Joseph SSCJ speaking on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His love for us. On July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm we are hosting an outdoor Mass and picnic at Greenhouse Park. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or [geoffstumpo@gmail.com](mailto:geoffstumpo@gmail.com).



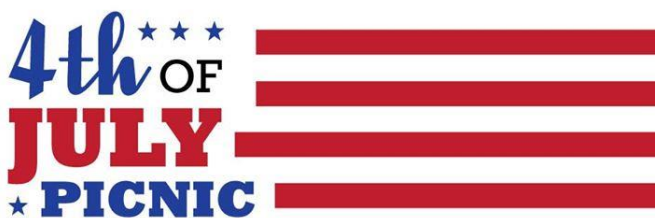
### PUBLIC ROSARY

In Honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> NOON  
 CENTRAL PARK, DOWNTOWN  
 "Have mercy on us and on the whole world!"

**ABORTION;** "It is a strange bit of reasoning- and a strange period in a nation's history- when its citizens earn the "right" to kill their children. How has mankind managed such a feat? And why does the abortion industry oppose adoption so strongly?"



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



**Immaculate Conception Church in New Germany** is hosting their **125<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic**  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30PM cornhole tournament (must be over 21)  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> Grounds open 11-6PM  
 Craft food, refreshments Games and more.  
 Live entertainment  
 11-2PM the Johnstown Buttom Box Club  
 2:30-5:30PM music from The Top



You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think  
 A.A. Mine – Author /Poet