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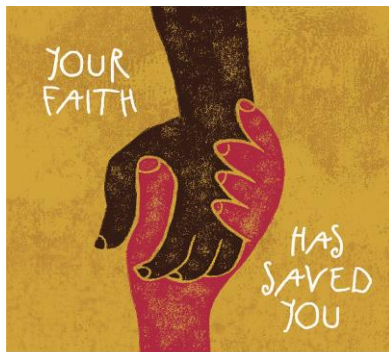
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OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

Monday – Friday
9:00AM---2:00PM

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024

FIRST READING:

God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living
(Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24).

PSALM:

I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

SECOND READING:

Your abundance should supply the needs of the others
(Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15).

GOSPEL:

Your faith has saved you (Mark 5: 21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Has the world changed much in nineteen centuries? How many millions of nominal Christians ignore Christ and his Gospel today, millions who are too practical, too down-to-earth to waste time on such a silly thing as their eternal salvation! How many millions are spiritually sick and dying but who have not the faith, humility, and confidence of Jairus, to cast themselves at the feet of Jesus and ask him to cure them? How fortunate would not people be if they would repeat the leper's prayer: "Lord, if only you will you can make me clean"; if they could, like the suffering woman in today's Gospel, break through the throng of worldly pride, worldly interests and worldly associates and touch the hem of his garment; if they had the faith of Jairus; if only they could say to our Lord "come and lay your hands upon me so that I may be made well and live."?

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	6/30	
MON	7/01	
TUES	7/02	7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	7/03	
THURS	7/04 Office Closed Happy 4 th
FRI	7/05	
SAT	7/06	3:00PM Confession
Next Sun	7/07	



HAPPY
Independence Day!
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (July 1st– July 7th)

MON	7/01	7:50AM	+ (B) Nick Nikonow – (Son, Paul & Marie)
TUES	7/02	7:50AM	+ Barbara DiFalco – (Son, Charles, Grandchildren, Vito & Kiara)
WED	7/03	7:50AM	+ (B) Anna Kris – (Lynn Debias)
THUR	7/04	7:50AM	+ (B) John Katcher – (Family)
FRI	7/05	7:50AM	+ (B) Kristie Carpenter – (David & Terri Radnotti)
SAT	7/06	4:00PM	+ Living & Deceased Members of the Delich / Alberter Families
SUN	7/07	7:30AM	+ (B) Dominec Petrore – (Wife, Children & Grandchildren)
		10:30AM	+ Regis Bender – (Bonnie & Bill Oleksak)



Sunday, June 30, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today remind us that our God is a tender and loving God. Our First Reading, from the book of Wisdom, helps answer a common question in our Catholic faith - why is there suffering and death? We are tempted to be angry at God for the death of loved ones or of innocent people. We are also tempted to be angry at Him for our sufferings - like illness, car troubles or a terrible week at work. Wisdom teaches us, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." Rather, "God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him."

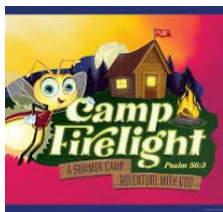
Whether we are healed like the little girl in our Gospel today in this life, or we carry our suffering with us until we reach the next, if we remain faithful, Jesus will one day say to us, "Little girl or little boy, I say to you, arise!" Today, let us reflect on how much our good and gracious God loves us. Remember that whatever we are suffering in this life, do not be afraid, God is right there with us. Offer it to Him, seek His healing and remain faithful so that one day we might rise.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (June 22nd & June 23rd, 2024)

Weekly	\$ 3,554.00
Building Fund	\$ 65.00

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

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 7th**. 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 2nd 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.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting this Tuesday, July 2nd at 7PM in the Church Hall.

The Church office will be closed on **Thursday, July 4th** to observe Independence Day. The office will reopen on Friday, Jul 5th @ 9AM. Have a Happy & Safe Holiday



Families and the Gospel - (Mark 5: 21-34)
The healing of the woman and the child in today's gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.



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 11th

Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore
115 Stans Lane
Johnstown, Pa 15909

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 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.**



Today is the Peter Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, please visit, 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

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. All proceeds will benefit the Visitation Ongoing Maintenance Fund, which is earmarked for the replacement of the Church roof.

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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Fast Approaching

SUMMER BASKET & BURGER BASH

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, that would be greatly appreciated. **You can drop your baskets off at the rectory during business hours 9-2 Monday - Friday**

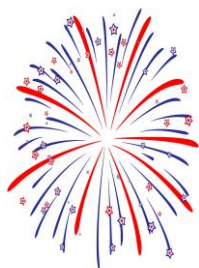
Bakers of the Parish: For those of you that LOVE to BAKE!! We are hosting a Bake Sale at the Social Hall. Items can be dropped off Friday, July 19th or Saturday morning July 20th.



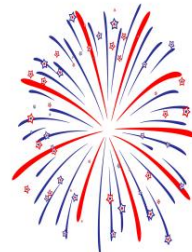
Cases of soda: (coke, or Pepsi products etc.) and water.

We are going to be in need of volunteers: Outside Kitchen: cashiers, Chuck o Luck,. We are looking for help on Friday evening July 19th, to help set up the tents and tables and chairs. This is your chance to GET INVOLVED!!

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. This is a great opportunity for Students that are in need of service hours. Everyone is welcomed to be a VOLUNTEER!!



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Fireworks on the 4th Johnstown Pa

Hello everyone! Two organizations - the Mill Rats baseball team and Celebration Johnstown are working together to have a great night on the 4th of July at Sargent's Stadium at the Point. This family friendly event will start at 5:30 with entertainment by another fabulous organization - The Johnstown Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble. The Mill Rats game begins at 7:00 PM, admission to the baseball game is only \$5.00, and fireworks will follow at the end of the game. Come down and enjoy a night of music, "ole ball game", and a spectacular fireworks display. All are welcomed.

"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

~Harry S. Truman

