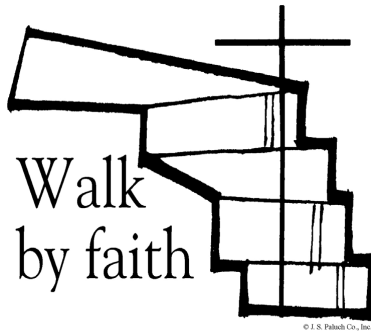




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June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17: 22-24).

PSALM: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

SECOND READING: Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5: 6-10).

GOSPEL: It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4: 26-34).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION. . In the Gospels, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. This smallest of seeds, when sown in the ground, grows into the largest of plants, putting forth branches that give shelter and shade from the heat of the day. This Gospel imagery continues the teaching of the prophet Ezekiel in the first reading when God promises to plant a cedar on the mountain heights. This cedar plant will, by God's care, become a large cedar in which birds of every kind dwell and find shade in its branches. God promises to bring low the high tree, and lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. God's mighty hand will accomplish all these marvelous works.

As we ponder the word of God today, we hear the call to walk by faith and not by sight. Our journey of faith begins in the grace of God, who plants the seed and nourishes and sustains the gift of faith in our lives. The daily challenge is learning to let go of self-dependence and to grow in childlike trust in Jesus as we pray in faith, "speak to me, Lord."

Question: What does it mean to walk by faith in friendship with Jesus?

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	Saturday - June 22nd	9:00AM	Sunday - June 23rd
Lector	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Linda Lopez

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (June 17th - June 23rd)

MON	06/17	7:00AM. . . .	Father's Day Triduum
TUES	06/18	7:00AM. . . .	Father's Day Triduum
WED	06/19	7:00AM. . . +	Nancy Schultz - (Steve & JoAnna Mitterder)
THURS	06/20	7:00AM. . . +	Intention Dantis
FRI	06/21	7:00AM. . . +	For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar
SAT	06/22	5:30PM. . . +	For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara Voci)
SUN	06/23	9:00AM. . . +	Kenneth Ferg, Sr. - (Daughter, Barbara Voci)



June 16, 2024



Father's Day

Father's Day Triduum

The Father's Day Triduum began today, June 16, for all living and deceased fathers and grandfathers of the parish. Cards, envelopes, and spiritual bouquets are available in the back of Church.

Stewardship Reflections: As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it... And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree."

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works. As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS June 8th & 9th, 2024

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 2,203.00
Monthly	\$ 155.00
Easter	\$ 5.00
Ascension	\$ 60.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

Catholic Ministries Drive Encountering Christ.

Thank you to all the families who have pledged through May 31st a total of **\$3,050** towards our target goal of **\$8,276**. 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. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. All funds over our target will be returned to St. Anne's Parish.



It has come to our attention that someone is texting and emailing people from St Anne & St Therese and pretending to be Fr Bernard Karmanocky and then asking for help. If you respond then they proceed to ask for gift cards. **This is a SCAM.** Fr Bernie would never text or email you for anything of value. Please pass this information on to all your friends and family members.



MISSION APPEAL

On behalf of the Sister Annette Frey, SC and the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, China, Korea and Ecuador we would like to thank you for the kind assistance given to us during our recent mission appeal. Your openness to our needs and your gracious response fills us with gratitude. We assure you of our prayers, and ask that you continue to remember us as well.

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"

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis @535-6833. **All entries must be postmarked by August 11th** Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore
115 Stans Lane
Johnstown, Pa 15909



July 15-19, 2024

St Therese Church Hall

All Children Grades K-5 are welcome

Time: 9-11:30AM



With the help of Lu, the Lightning Bug, "the Campers" experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling,

games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, they understand they can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives. It is an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. Registration forms are in the back of church and are due by July 7th.

Cash Raffle Tickets – St. Therese is selling Cash Raffle Tickets again this year. If you are interested please contact the rectory. (814-539-7633).

Tickets are \$2 each.

Winners will be drawn by Fr. Bernard on July 21st at the Summer Basket Bash



Families and the Gospel

Mark 4: 26-34

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.

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 555-218-0298.

Self-Examination for Fathers

Paul Lewis, editor of *Dad's Only*, has advice for fathers in a piece he calls "My Fathering Check-up."

Community News & Events

Visitation Parish will be sponsoring An Irish Evening with FULL KILT on July 13, from 7 PM until 10 PM in the Visitation Parish Hall at 1127 McKinley Avenue, Johnstown, PA. Tickets are being sold for \$20 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.

2024 Annual St Joan of Arc Church Turkey Dinner & Festival Fund Raiser – Route 53 in Frugality, PA near Prince Gallitzin State Park on **Sunday, July 21, 2024 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM**. Turkey Dinner with mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing balls, corn, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Eat-In or Take-Out. Cost \$14.00. Cash Raffle, Instant Bingo, Kids' Activities, Outdoor Kitchen, Live Music and More!! Basket Auction from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Winners will be notified by telephone on the day of the drawing and prizes can be picked up the next day, Monday, July 22nd from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Parish Hall. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

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

ABORTION: - The child is a human being made in the image and likeness of God. We will be judged on how we have treated the least powerful among us, and on how we have loved the least. It all belongs to Him and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

"The best hours you'll spend this month may be the ones you invest in writing out your own philosophy of fathering," Lewis writes. "Invest a lunch hour alone or some other quiet moment in framing an answer to each of the following five questions."

- How am I spending time with my wife and my children? Is it quality time? Is it enough?
- What principles does an effective father follow? Where have I seen these lived out?
- What skills, attitudes, and qualities necessary for successful living must my children have gained from me by the time they're out of high school?
- At what facets of fathering am I most often succeeding? At which am I failing?
- What are my most cherished memories so far with each of my children?
- What memories do I want to build before it's too late?

**Happy Father's Day to all Fathers,
Grandfathers and Godfathers,
God Bless you all.**



"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." - Unknown

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