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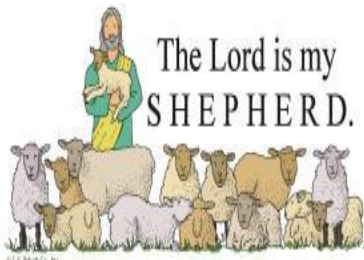
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Monday – Friday
9:00AM---2:00PM

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

FIRST READING: I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow
(Jeremiah 23:1-6).

PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

SECOND READING: You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ
(Ephesians 2:13-18).

GOSPEL: When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began
to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: This Sunday, we are given a message of hope about the ultimate shepherd, Jesus Christ -- a figure of humility, courage and patience. He is one who looks after us, and who looks for us when we have wandered from the fold and find ourselves lost. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark adds something else: a poignant and consoling reminder of what could only be described as transcendent love. Behold the Sacred Heart: "When he saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them." This is what sets him apart: Our Lord is a shepherd of compassion, empathy and mercy. He does more than merely tend his sheep. He is invested in them. He stays close. He is a shepherd who never walks away. This Gospel assures us that even amid our worries, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, does all those things. But then he does even more. He offers again and again the gift of his presence -- companionship in his words and, even, in a sacrament, through the very gift we savor again and again in the Eucharist. He does it by making himself available to us. Always. That's the essence of a good shepherd -- indeed, the greatest shepherd. He never walks away.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	7/21	11-4PM	St Therese Summer Basket & Burger Bash
MON	7/22		
TUES	7/23		
WED	7/24		
THURS	7/25		
FRI	7/26		
SAT	7/27	3:00PM	Confession
Next Sun	7/28		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (July 22nd– July 21st)

MON	7/22	7:50AM.	+ Bobby Gritzer – (Patricia Marshall)
TUES	7/23	7:50AM.	+ John Pencola – (Patty Marshall)
WED	7/24	7:50AM.	+ Jane Bross – (Janet Keller)
THUR	7/25	7:50AM.	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
FRI	7/26	7:50AM.	+ Sophie Mulvehill – (Brother, Joe & Joan Tracy)
SAT	7/27	4:00PM	+ (A) Bernard Conway– (Family)
SUN	7/28	7:30AM.	+ James Golby Jr. – (Mark & Miriam Petak)
	10:30AM.	+ Sue Ellen Dadey – (Roseann Subich)



Sunday, July 21, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings remind us of how our God is compassionate and passionately loves us. Our First Reading portrays God's infinite care and concern for our lives. We can see that God is the one who loved us first. He pursues us constantly. Oftentimes, we are like the people who are blind to His goodness and enticed by sin - something we think will make us happy but does not. God is the one who constantly pursues us and gives us opportunities to say "yes" to Him. He wants to win us back, and ultimately, He will make us happy.

So now we must ask ourselves, who or what is blinding us or leading us away from our ultimate happiness? Stop for a moment and name that thing - money, status, a person, career, laziness, addiction, self-image, health, etc. - that could be leading you away from a more full and happy relationship with God.

As we begin this new week, let us name the things in our lives that are robbing us of our ultimate happiness, work to let go of them, and let us strive to make Jesus our true shepherd by seeking Him in our daily lives.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 13th & July 14th 2024)

Weekly	\$ 3,412.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00

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.

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

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.

Families and the Gospel - (Mark 6: 30-34)

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent; it is sacred time.

Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ. Thank you to the 48 families who have pledged to date a total of **\$10,585.00** 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, that needs to be replaced. Keep in mind, if we fall short of our goal, we will pay the balance out of our Parish Funds.**

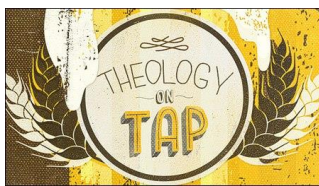
The 2nd Annual Blood Drive in honor of Dan Hutchison will be held in the St. Therese Social Hall on Friday, August 9th from 11:30AM - 5:00PM. For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and St. Therese or call 1-800-733-2767

KOC Council 10409 is having CPR, AED and First Aid Training on Sept 21st from 9AM - Noon in the Church Hall. Training is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost \$15 per person. Contact Joe Hochstein at 814-536-0455 or Brian Mikolich at 814-418-4570 to register and pay fee.

Community News & Events

Saint Anne Triduum - We will celebrate and honor Saint Anne, the mother of Mary, our Blessed Mother, with our annual Triduum which will take place at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.
Wednesday, July 24th, 6:00PM -
Vespers Guest Homilist: Deacon Don Gibboney
Thursday, July 25th, 6:00PM -
Mass Guest Homilist: Deacon Chris Connor
Friday, July 26, 6:00PM -
Mass Guest Homilist: Deacon Mark Komula.
With the conclusion of our Triduum on Friday, it will be followed by a cookie social at the St. John Activities Center.

Basket Raffle-St Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore will be having their annual basket raffle on **Sunday, July 28th from 12-2 PM**, with over 300 baskets, hot food, and more. Contact 814-495-9298 to purchase tickets early and visit the raffle ahead of time. Check out the St Bartholomew Facebook page for more information



Young Adult Group (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is **July 31st** at 6pm with Bob Sutton speaking on "Why do Catholics do that? - Where is that in the Bible?" at the Boulevard Grill. We will continue meeting every month on last Wednesdays for Theology on Tap and second Fridays for other events. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

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

Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 2. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!



Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Dept.

Bingo 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Doors open at 5:30PM a first game called at 6:30 No entrance packets will be sold after the 1st number is called.

The \$20 entrance fee includes a 6face 20 paper packet. Extra entrance packets and daubers will be available for purchase. Our hall is air conditioned, and our kitchen is open to purchase food & beverages. Hope to see you there!

"O Glorious St. Magdalene, model of penitents, obtain for me the grace of perseverance in the practices of self-denial according to the spirit of my vows; pray to God for me that I may appear before Jesus, our Lord and Master, at the moment of my death, with my lamp filled with the oil of faith and hope, and burning with the pure flame of charity. And thus merit to be received with thee into His eternal kingdom. Amen.

Mary Magdalene Feast Day July 22

St Therese Church

Basket & Burger Bash



July 20th & July 21st
4-8PM 11AM-4PM

Live Entertainment

Saturday 5-7:30PM-
Cajun Norm Presents The Foundry

Sunday 1-3PM - Bo Moore

Sunday-4PM

Themed Basket & Cash Raffle Drawing
Games



Menu

Craft/Bistro Style Burgers

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Fresh Cut French Fries

Funnel Cakes - Pizza

Water - Soda - Beer - Seltzers