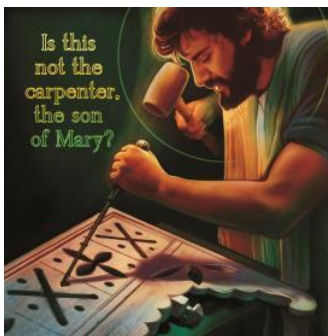


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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024

FIRST READING: They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

PSALM: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

SECOND READING: I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

GOSPEL: “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?”
(Mark 6:1-6a).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: This Gospel reminds us not only of the Messiah’s humble beginnings, but also that far too many people were unwilling or unable to accept this fact: God can come to us in ways we never imagined. Are we ourselves open to that possibility? The people of Jesus’ native place encountered him and were “astonished” because they didn’t have the faith to believe the way God was working in their world. What about us? Ours is a God of endless creativity and possibility. For that reason alone, we should strive to have the faith they lacked — and prepare to be even more astonished.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	7/07	
MON	7/08	
TUES	7/09	
WED	7/10	
THURS	7/11	
FRI	7/12	
SAT	7/13	3:00PMConfession
Next Sun	7/14	10:30AMMass No Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (July 8th– July 14th)

MON	7/08	7:50AM	+ James Marshall – (Gritzer Family)
TUES	7/09	7:50AM	+ Garth Wesner (3-month mind) – (Cass Kasper)
WED	7/10	7:50AM	+ Sonja Girgos – (Family)
THUR	7/11	7:50AM	+ (B) Donald Kris – (Rovida Family)
FRI	7/12	7:50AM	+ (B) Josh Shank – (Family)
SAT	7/13	4:00PM	+ Billy Zett III – (Mom & Dad and Family)
SUN	7/14	7:30AM	+ (A) Matthew Forgas – (Sister, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday, July 7, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today portray three figures that experienced challenges - Ezekiel, St. Paul and Jesus. It is a reminder for us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

As Christian stewards, we are not always accepted. It might be because of what we believe in, the principles we stand for, how we spend our time and money, what we choose to participate in or not, or even how we raise our families.

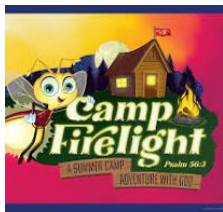
Today, as we hear about these three figures in the Scriptures, let us reflect on our lives. Recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life's challenges, our weaknesses and moments of feeling unwanted with confidence in Christ.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (June 29th & June 30th 2024)

Weekly \$ 4,308.00
Building Fund \$ 100.00

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 **TODAY, 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.

Families and the Gospel - (Mark 6: 1-6)

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks could not accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched Him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

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 **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.**



Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

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



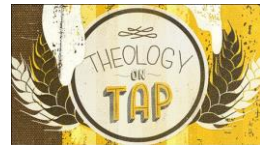
Visitation Parish will be sponsoring An Irish Evening with **FULL KILT on July 13, from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM in the Visitation Parish Hall** at 1127 McKinley Avenue, Johnstown, PA. Tickets are being sold for \$20.00 and will include admission, a full meal, beer, soda, and water. Tickets may be purchased 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.



Young Adult Group (18-39): We are hosting an outdoor Mass and picnic at Greenhouse Park Pavilion 6 on July 12th starting at 6pm with Fr. Stephen Waruszewski T.O.R. of Saint Francis University as celebrant. 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.

ST. ANDREW ADORATION CHAPEL, 1621 Ferndale Ave, Johnstown: In this blessed time of Eucharistic Revival in our Church, consider visiting and/or committing to an hour at our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We are always seeking adorers and substitutes. The chapel is open Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30 Mass and remains open until 7:20 AM -Saturday morning each week. Consider giving one hour to our Lord by spending time with Him. One does not need to be a member of St Andrew Parish in order to visit or commit in any way. Currently, we are most in need of committed adorers on Tuesday, 12 AM (midnight) - 1AM, and Thursday morning 1:00 AM - 2AM, Many hours only have one Adorer, and it is preferable to have two each hour. If you feel called by Our Lord to sign up for an hour, or have any questions, please call [814-288-4324](tel:814-288-4324) Ext 5 or call or text Terri Roy @ [815-255-5645](tel:815-255-5645) visit <https://standrewjtown.weadorehim.com/en/schedule>,

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, Cook for Funnel Cakes, 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!!**

“If you think you're too small to make a difference, you've never spent the night in a tent with a mosquito!”

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!”

“Never underestimate your ability to make someone else's life better – even if you never know it!”



PUBLIC ROSARY

Honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Saturday, July 6th 12:00 Central Park,
Thursday, July 11th 6:30 PM
St. Clement Church