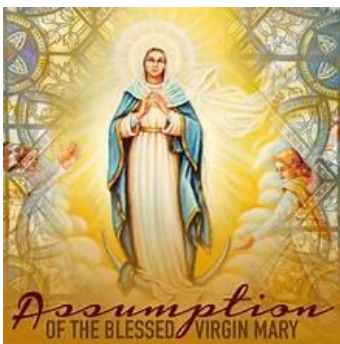


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 11, 2024

FIRST READING: After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

SECOND READING: — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

GOSPEL: Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: The Eucharist is a gift that transcends all forms of spiritual nourishment. With eyes of faith, we see and taste the goodness of the Lord in the gift of heavenly bread. In faith we recognize that Jesus offers to us the gift of his very self, his life given to the point of death on the cross for love of the world. Jesus, the bread that comes down from heaven, offers to each one of us nothing less than God's abundant love. In this divine love we find our peace, security, and the origin and goal of eternal life with God. Does the concern for food that nourishes the body match the desire for spiritual food that sustains the soul?

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

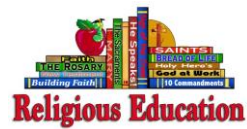
SUN	8/11	10:30AMHoly Name Mass only
MON	8/12	
TUES	8/13	
WED	8/14	
THURS	8/15 Assumption of the Blessed Mother- Holy Day of Obligation
FRI	8/16	
SAT	8/17	3:00PMConfession
Next Sun	8/18	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (Aug 11th– Aug 18th)

MON	8/12	7:50AM	+ Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey– (Darlene Lovas)
TUES	8/13	7:50AM	+ Mike Delich (3 month mind) – (Craig & Sandra Stofko)
WED	8/14	7:50AM	+ Jane Bross – (St Therese Counting Team)
	Assumption Vigil	4:00PM	+ William Kolega – (Jen Batovich)
THUR	8/15	7:50AMIntentions for Sr Maria of Jesus O.C.D.
	Assumption	6:00PM	+ Nancy Schultz – (The Koslin Family)
FRI	8/16	7:50AM	+ (A) Anna Kris – (Anne Figart)
SAT	8/17	4:00PM	+ (WA) John & Agnes Podolka– (Family)
SUN	8/18	7:30AM	+ Pro Populo
	10:30AM	+ Debbie Walls – (Sister, Carol Watson)



Sunday, Aug 11, 2024



Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today continue to educate us on the Eucharist. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Just as the angel reminded Elijah in our first reading, in moments of despair or desolation, we are called not to give up but to get up and keep going. And thankfully we do not need to keep going on our own - we have Food that will nourish us and give us strength on our journey to freedom. This food is not food that perishes, but food that continues to sustain us.

The Eucharist affects our lives more than we can comprehend. We are receiving God Himself. Let us strive to receive Him reverently and with open hearts. And as we exit our church this week, let us not forget Who we are carrying in our hearts all week long.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Aug 3rd & Aug 4th 2024)**

Weekly	\$ 3,774.00
Building Fund	\$ 784.00

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 **Anthony Petrore** who was called to his eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Anthony** and peace and consolation to his family.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - is this Thursday, Aug 15th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, Aug 14th at 4PM and Masses on Thursday at 7:50AM and 6:00PM.

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.



Chrisitan Mothers will be taking orders for "RADA" thru the month of August. Catalogs can be found in the back of Church. Please submit your order with payment in the collections jar, or to any Christian Mother. Many items have been discounted in this catalog. If you have any questions, please call Helen Sorchilla 535-1141

There will be faculty meeting in the Church Hall on **Tuesday, August 18th at 6PM** for all grades.

Please be present so we can discuss the upcoming year

Families and the Gospel - (John 6: 41-51)

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2024 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**.

Couples may attend **Sunday, September 8th in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 15th in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral**. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. **Tuesday, August 27.**



The Westmont Johnstown Girl Scout Service Unit # 4651 is collecting items to make birthday cake kits for children in need. Items being collected include: 9x13 aluminum cake pan with lid, Funfetti cake mix, Funfetti icing, case of Sprite cans, box of candles, Walmart gift card, Dollar Tree gift card. We will use the gift cards to purchase any items needed to complete the kits. The kits will be assembled by the Girl Scouts in September as their service project in honor of National Month of Service. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be collected in the box labeled in the back church until September 1. Contact Kristen Battaglia at 814-322-8555 with any questions. Thank you!



St Therese Food Pantry needs a few items

- Canned Carrots & Whole corn
- Canned soups: Chicken, Tomato, Vegetable beef
- Knorr Side Dishes Rice or Noodles
- Boxed or instant potatoes
- Pasta: elbow, rigatoni or spaghetti
- Manwich or slopping joe sauce
- Taco seasoning packets
- Ketchup and or mustard
- spaghetti O's, Chef Boyardee raviolis'