

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS
BERNARD KARMANOCKY, OFM, PASTOR
FR. FRANCIS BALESTINO, IN RESIDENCE

CHURCH/RECTORY

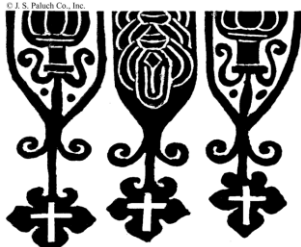
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OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

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Whoever hears
my voice
hears the truth

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov 24, 2024

FIRST READING: One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

PSALM: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

SECOND READING: — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

GOSPEL: For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: This Sunday, we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We recognize Jesus as King of the universe, ushering in God's earthly kingdom rooted in love, justice, and community. Unlike the kings of earth, Jesus shows us God's compassion. Jesus is both a loving shepherd and a mighty king. He comes to rule with justice. Wherever people were found scattered, lost, or wounded, Jesus came with healing to bring them back to God. While Jesús' kingdom is not of this world, we strive to build his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Christ the King comes to save the world, not to condemn it. Jesus comes as Lord of all creation who protects us with his outstretched arms. Day by day, we praise Jesus as our King. Christ the King is worthy to receive honor, glory, and praise.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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| MON | 11/25 | |
| TUES | 11/26 | |
| WED | 11/27 | |
| THURS | 11/28 | .. Office Closed |
| FRI | 11/29 | |
| SAT | 11/30 | 3:00PM Confession |
| NEXT SUN | 12/01 | HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. BALESTINO |



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 25 – Dec 1st)

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| MON | 11/25 | 7:50AM | + Frank & Sue Karmanocky – (Family) |
| TUES | 11/26 | 7:50AM | + Jane Bross – (Patricia Marshall) |
| WED | 11/27 | 7:50AM | + Sophie Mulvehill – (Nephew, Tom & Debbie Mulvehill) |
| THUR | 11/28 | 9:00AM | + George Seigh – (Son, Mike & Kim Seigh) |
| FRI | 11/29 | 7:50AM | + Edward Pavlosky – (Wife & Family) |
| SAT | 11/30 | 4:00PM | + (A) Dominec Petrore – (Wife, Children & Grandchildren) |
| SUN | 12/01 | 7:30AM | + Ken Shank & Pap Shank – (John, Dalal, Michelle & Yiorgie) |
| | | 10:30AM | + Anna Seminsky – (JoAnn & Larry Magro) |

Sunday, Nov 24, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Today is our last Sunday of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism, individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies.

We are on the verge of a new Church year and the holy season of Advent, and this week is an ideal time to take stock of our priorities. To see if we really are allowing Christ to reign in all aspects of our daily lives and to ask if He comes first in our schedules, our budgets, and the use of our skills and talents. It's also a great moment to celebrate! We are not only servants of Christ the King, but we are also His brothers and sisters. This should fill us with great joy! After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, take some time to celebrate at home too. Christ is King!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Nov 16th & Nov 17th 2024)

Weekly \$ 4,171.00
Building Fund \$ 155.00

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



Thanksgiving Day Liturgy - Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th will be held at 9:00AM. Please bring a non-perishable item or monetary donation for our food pantry. Boxes will be in the vestibule before Masses.



To everyone who worked long and hard, donated, and purchased piroghis. Your continued support always makes these projects huge successes!!! **THANK YOU ALL, for everything that you do throughout the year!!!! Hope to see you next year**



Gift Card Tree - Starting this weekend we will be selling chances on a beautiful \$200 worth of Gift Cards Tree before Mass in the vestibule until **Dec 8th**. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Parish Advent Christmas Project

Thank you to all who were able to take a star from the tree. Please return your unwrapped gift to us no later than **Sunday, Dec 1st**



Christmas Cookie Sale -

It's that time of the year again! The Christian Mothers will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on **Saturday Dec 14th & Sunday 15th**.



We are once again calling out to the bakers of the parish. Would you be willing to bake some cookies? Your help will be greatly appreciated. You may make as many dozens as you like. Please deliver your cookies to the Church Hall by 9AM on Saturday, **Dec 14th**. Cookies will be sold after all Masses Sat & Sun. Thank You in advance for all your support throughout the year!



Children's Christmas Party - All children 13 & younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, Dec 14th** in the **St. Therese Social Hall**. Doors open at 10:00AM. Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms are available in the back of church. Registration deadline is Dec 1st**. Sponsored by the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.

SIGN-UP

There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for Fr Balestino Birthday Open House celebration which will be held on Sunday, **Dec 1st** following the 10:30AM Mass. **More details to follow.**

Religious Education News



The Children's Thanksgiving Liturgy will be held **Sunday, Nov 24th** at the 10:30AM mass. Students will **not report to class but are to report to church by 10AM** for this liturgy. Please bring your Non-perishable item or item for Gabriel Project and place them on the altar. There will be **NO Religious Ed Classes** on Sunday, Dec 1st. Classes will resume on Dec 8th

Dear Parishioners,



In 1863 President Lincoln established the last Thursday of November as an official holiday in the United States. He wrote about how this country has received many blessings and should respond by giving thanks and praise to God. Lincoln saw the danger of an ungrateful nation descending into a spiritual deterioration.

This is true also for our personal lives and in our families. Perhaps this is why many families, marriages and individuals are broken. We complain and grumble, always focusing on what is wrong. To overcome this tendency, cultivate a grateful spirit. Choose every day to look for things and people for which you can give thanks to God, first of all, and to people as well. The benefits will enrich your lives.

"..in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God...shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Have a blessed and holy Thanksgiving way of life,

Fr. Balestino

Catholic Charities

of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Catholic Charities' mission is to provide service to people in need, advocate for justice in social structures, and call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same. We live out our Catholic identity by providing support and social services so people and families can build a better future story. Please donate to your local Catholic Charities today.

Your donation stays within our Diocese, making a difference for our neighbors in need.

Give thanks
with a
grateful
heart



Community News & Events

Lower Yoder Fire Hall will be selling **Holiday Giveaway tickets**, and taking pie orders from the **Pie Shoppe for Christmas**, the weekend of **Dec 7th & 8th**, in the vestibule. Cost is \$10.00. Winning number will be determined by the 7PM Official Pick 3, Dec 24th & 25th



Divine Mercy Prayer Group Holiday Service Project

Christmas caroling

***Laurel View Village in Davidsville

Thurs. Dec. 5th *** 6:30pm*** We will meet inside MAIN ENTRANCE.

All are welcome to come sing and spread Christmas cheer! Great way to BE Mercy to others. Info call Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Come see the Live Performance...
From the cast and crew of A Christmas Carol, now comes a live performance of this 75-minute family beloved and classic in Bedford Fall

It's a Wonderful Life

December 5, 6, and 7th at the **Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship**
3429 Elton Road

Doors open at 6pm, performance starts at 7 Nightly. **Free Admission/ No ticket needed**
Good will offering

HOW TO MAKE IT THROUGH: REMEMBERING AND MISSING A LOVED ONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Perhaps someone very special to you has died. Perhaps a relationship is broken or estranged or someone you love is suffering from illness or addiction. The loss you feel is real, the grief you feel is real, and the upcoming holidays may be difficult for you. You don't have to walk this road alone. Join Sister Cindy Burns, CCW, for a morning of prayer and heartfelt reflection on "How to Make it Through the Holidays" on Saturday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown.