

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 19, 2025

FIRST READING: — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

PSALM: - Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

SECOND READING: - All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

GOSPEL: At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	01/20	
TUES	01/21	
WED	01/22	
THURS	01/23	
FRI	01/24	
SAT	01/25	3:00PMConfession
NEXT SUN	01/26	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 20th – Jan 26th)

MON	01/20	7:50AM	+ (A) Fr. Bonaventure Borola O.F.M.
TUES	01/21	7:50AM	For the Intention of Sr. Agnes O.C.D.
WED	01/22	7:50AM	+ (WA) Dominec Petrore Jr.– (Antionette Rhodes)
THUR	01/23	7:50AM	+ Fr. Jerome Sellak O.F.M.
FRI	01/24	7:50AM	+ Eugene Babik – (Family)
SAT	01/25	4:00PM	+ (B) Stella David - (Daughter, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	01/26	7:30AM	+ Emil Bunda – (Jerry & Carole)
		10:30AM	+ Jillayne Payne – (Carol Weaver)



Sunday, Jan 19, 2025



St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

If you were unable to attend the first

meeting, Debbie is available @

814-421-2416 or email

@mommyhub@atlanticbb.net. if you have any

questions. Also, there will be a basket in the vestibule for yarn (4ply worsted) donations or gift cards from either, Joann's Fabrics, Walmart, or Michaels. Monetary donations will also be very much appreciated.

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings remind us of the amazing privilege we have, and the serious responsibility it is, to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. Everything we have is intended to benefit those around us. Because God has made each one of us with unique and differing gifts, the parish family truly does need each of us. It's a wonderful - and at the same time sobering - reality. Our parish family will be vibrant only when all members, young and old, share their gifts with the community. It will suffer if even one member holds back.

Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother, as the servants did in our Gospel reading today. The Blessed Mother said, "Do whatever He tells you." Let us examine our lives this week to see if we really are doing whatever He tells us and cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Jan 11th- Jan 12th, 2025)**

Weekly	\$ 3,390.00
Building Fund	\$ 209.00

Families and the Gospel (John: 2:1-11)

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, **February 25th & 26th 2025**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the Consecrated Life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May we continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Blessing of Homes...If you would like **Fr. Bernard** to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address, and phone number in the collection basket.



God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter

St Therese Ground Hog's Day ticket

We will be selling tickets starting in the vestibule, for our Ground Hog Day Ticket.

Tickets are \$10. for 2 numbers.

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **February 2, 2025**.

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00**

\$500 for the number above & below.

You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours

Mon -Fri 9-2. Tickets are going fast, Get one while you can!

2025 Envelopes & Calendars- Adult & Children's envelopes & calendars are now in the office.

Please stop by and pick your envelopes up, Mon - thru Fri 9-2PM and if you have a friend or a neighbor that is unable to pick up their envelope, please drop them off along with a calendar.

Your 2024 yearly contribution statements are in the back of the church. Please stop by and pick them up. Thank you!

Pilgrims Passport

To be on Pilgrimage during a Jubilee Year is a special time to gain special graces called Plenary Indulgences. As many cannot travel to Rome, the Pope has given every Bishop permission to name Holy Sites in their own diocese to travel to. Pilgrims' Passport booklet includes the 13 Holy Site Churches as well as every Church in our Diocese. A special incentive for individuals and families to win overnight packages and special gift cards are part of the "Pilgrim's Passport." QR codes are printed in the booklet for fast access to information for directions, Mass & Confession schedules. Booklets will be stamped at the **Holy Site** Churches as part of the gift opportunity. Booklets can be found in our vestibule.

Community News & Events

Saint Mary Byzantine Church is hosting an Adult classes starting on Tuesdays in January Presentations & Discussions

January, 21st @ 5:30PM - "Instruments of the Divine Liturgy

January 28th @ 5:30PM - "Feast of St Ephrem the Syrian" Fr Timothy will be discussing the prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian as we prepare for the Great Fast beginning March 2.