

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb 16, 2025

FIRST READING: The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters
(Jeremiah 17:5-8).

PSALM: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

SECOND READING: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen
asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

GOSPEL: Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled,
laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness are transformed into lightness of spirit? It is a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	02/17	
TUES	02/18	
WED	02/19	
THURS	02/20	
FRI	02/21	
SAT	02/22	3:00PMConfession
NEXT SUN	02/23	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 17th – Feb 23rd)

MON	02/17	7:50AM	+ Fr. Rapheal
TUES	02/18	7:50AM	+ (WA) James & Margaret Murray – (Children)
WED	02/19	7:50AM	+ (A) Josh Shank – (Family)
THUR	02/20	7:50AM	+ (A) Ethel Petak – (Son, Mark & Miriam)
FRI	02/21	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
SAT	02/22	4:00PM	+ (A) Kathleen Paige – (Daughter, Karen Rizzo)
SUN	02/23	7:30AM	+ (A) Pauline Pappas – (Sons)
		10:30AM	+ (B) Zach Bretz – (Family)



Sunday, Feb 16, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward - hope. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life - focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes the character of one who is living a life of hope - the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Feb 9th & Feb 10th, 2025)

Weekly	\$ 2,553.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00
Fuel	\$ 365.00



St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For the month of January, we are pleased to announce that our prayer shawl ministry crafted 11 comfort shawls and 2 blankets, which were blessed and delivered to St

Therese parishioners who currently reside in local nurse home facilities. A Big Thank you to the crocheters who provide their time and talent, and to those who have donated yarn or given a monetary donation. Every little bit helps.

We are always looking for new knitters and crocheters to join our group. Our ministry members crochet their shawls at home and then gather at the end of the month after the shawls have been blessed to discuss distribution. The next time we will meet will be on Wednesday, March 5th 2PM in the church Hall. If crocheting isn't your thing, we are always looking for driver to deliver the shawls.

The Basket will remain in the vestibule for donations of yarn (4ply Worsted), gift cards from either Joann Fabrics, Walmart or Michaels, or monetary donations are also appreciated.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hubbard @

mommyhub@atlantcibb.net or 814-421-2416

Blessed Candles - for your home are available in the back of the church. They are \$3 for a box of two.

Piroghi Project



We are still looking for a person or persons to run the Piroghi Project for the upcoming year. This is a big project to take on but, it is one of the biggest Fundraisers of our parish. If anyone is interested in taking on this project or helping out please call the office Mon-Fri 9-2

Families and the Gospel - (Luke: 6: 17, 20-26)
Do not look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, sorrow, or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children

Community News & Events

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference-Sunday, March 30th from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. Registration closes March 21st. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

Lower Yoder Fire Hall Lottery Bundle Giveaway

Brian & Eve from Lower Yoder Fire Dept. will be selling tickets this weekend in the Vestibule for a Chance on a roll of \$10, \$5, and \$3 Lottery Tickets. Winner determined by the Pa Pick 3 Daily Pa Number 7PM on March 9, 2025. Tickets are \$5. Please stop by and support our Volunteer Fire Department.

ANNUAL GREAT MCCORT AUCTION CASH GIVEAWAY TICKET SALES

Students from the Bishop McCort Catholic High School will be selling Cash Giveaway tickets after mass next weekend to benefit the Great McCort Auction. Tickets are \$10 each. Funds raised through this event provide much needed funding for extra-curricular activities. Your support is greatly appreciated