

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Feb 23, 2025**

FIRST READING: David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him  
(1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

SECOND READING: We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

GOSPEL: Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	02/24	
TUES	02/25	
WED	02/26	
THURS	02/27	
FRI	02/28	
SAT	03/01	3:00PM . . . . .Confession
NEXT SUN	03/02	

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>)

MON	02/24	7:50AM	+ Elizabeth Dukery – John & Doris Gritzer)
TUES	02/25	7:50AM	+ Francis & Angela Komara – (Elaine Komara)
WED	02/26	7:50AM	+ Margaret Murray – (John & Doris Gritzer)
THUR	02/27	7:50AM	+ Agnes Maylsko – (Dave & Linda Tompson)
FRI	02/28	7:50AM	+ Toni Harrington – (Rose Ann Molchany)
SAT	03/01	4:00PM	+ Anthony Petreore – (M/M Charles Fox)
SUN	03/02	7:30AM	+ Domenic Petreore – (Shank Family)
		10:30AM	+ Dom Kurtz Sr. – (Son, Jeremy & Tymara)



**Sunday, Feb 23, 2025**

**Stewardship Reflections:** In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic. ... Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair. Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has, and all that he is, is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means that "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and "my" time - all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**  
(Feb 15<sup>th</sup> & Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Weekly	.....	\$	3,212.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	162.00
Fuel	.....	\$	225.00



Prayer Shawl Ministry

**St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

Thank you again 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**Holy Name Society** monthly meeting will be held on next **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

**KOC Council #10409** - This month's meeting will be held next **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on next **Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>** starting at 11:30AM, due to the Piroghi Project.



Holy Name Society are looking for the winner of the Valentines Day Ticket, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> evening Pick 3 number. The winning number was 216. Please check your tickets and call Bill McVicker @ 814-341-7451

With the **Piroghi Project** fast approaching we need: **soda and bottled water for our volunteers.** Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

**Lenten Piroghi Project** - begins March 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue each week through April 10<sup>th</sup> (6 weeks)

**Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.**

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend **March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** or you can phone the office Monday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.**



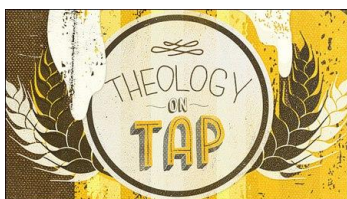
If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!!**  
**New volunteers are always welcomed!!**

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are purchasing new software and computers for the Church office and are in need of your assistance. Please take your census forms in the vestibule and make any corrections that are necessary. You can drop them in the collection basket, office or in the mail. Please return no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Families and the Gospel** - (Luke: 6: 27-38)  
In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

## Community News & Events



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** The Johnstown and Altoona young adult groups are hosting a young adult retreat on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-6pm at Saint Francis University. Theology on Tap continues at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm on February 26<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Dave Peles speaking on The Jubilee Year of Hope: Lent & The Sacred Triduum, and we are welcoming Bishop Waltersheid from the Diocese of Pittsburgh on March 26<sup>th</sup>. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! For more information or to register for the retreat contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or [geoffstumpo@gmail.com](mailto:geoffstumpo@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL GREAT MCCORT AUCTION CASH GIVEAWAY TICKET SALES** Students from the Bishop McCort Catholic High School will be selling Cash Giveaway tickets after mass this 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



The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto **Annual Men's Turkey Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, 11AM - 3PM or until sold out.** Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. **Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15.** Two lines this year for faster takeout service! Please stop by for a dinner!



Mom's House, Inc. of Johnstown Invites you to Trivia Night, **Tuesday, March 25th** @ the Boulevard Grill. Doors open @ 5:00 PM - First question is @ 6:00 PM. Admission includes food, drinks, & dessert. Teams of up to 8 people - \$25/person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegra or Rose 814-535-4848 for team registration or information.

**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference**-Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup>. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

**Every time a child is born, so is a mother**



**ABORTION:** - "Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity.

The 2025 Jubilee is centered on the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope.**" As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." During the Jubilee Year, the Pope invites every one of us to embark on a pilgrimage of hope, so that, "Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it."