

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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April 27, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIRST READING: The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING: John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

GOSPEL: The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY  
In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus’ resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God’s royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas’ declaration of faith: “My Lord and my God!”

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	04/28	
TUES	04/29	
WED	04/30	
THURS	05/01	11:30AM . . . . . Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting 7:00PM . . . . . Confirmation at St John Gualbert
FRI	05/02	
SAT	05/03	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	05/04	10:30AM . . . . . First Holy Communion



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 28– May 4<sup>th</sup>)

MON	04/28 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ John Kuzmiak – (Niece)
TUES	04/29 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Ed Krupa – (Laurie & Don Blasko)
WED	04/30 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (A) Mary Barczak – (M/M Peter Maleniak)
THUR	05/01 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+(A) Agnes Labuda Mash – (Sister, Marie & Paul)
		12:00PM . . . . .	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	05/02 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ James & Margaret Murray – (Children)
SAT	05/03 . . . . .	4:00PM. . . . .	+ (A) Jason Mulvehill – (Sons, Kristopher & Ayden)
SUN	05/04 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Mary Bicko – (Kristi Lengyel)
		10:30AM. . . . .	+ Kay Gorczycki – (Margaret Murray and Family)



Sunday, April 27, 2025

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today is the Second Sunday of Easter; more recently in our Church's history, it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St John is often referred to as the story of 'Doubting Thomas' but the passage involved so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

We see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt, hiding and cowering and afraid. But Jesus returned to them on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

We will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as we really truly are - forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let's commit ourselves to become faithful disciples, stewards of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" - in His merciful love.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
(April 19<sup>th</sup> & April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Weekly	.....	\$	3,501.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	229.00
Easter	.....	\$	7,761.00
Flower	.....	\$	7.00

**REGINA CAELI** - The Regina Caelis is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

**Let us Pray:** O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 11:30AM.

**St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.**  
The next meeting of the prayer shawl ministry will be held on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> right after the Christian Mothers meeting around 1:30PM in the Church Hall.



Thanks to All for a Beautiful Easter Celebration -

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our Easter celebration a beautiful experience! Thank you to those who cleaned, decorated, and arranged the flowers in the church. Special thanks the Lectors and Eucharist Ministers. We would also like to thank Barb Bartkovich, the Choir & Organists for providing us with the beautiful music. God Blessings to All!



There will be a Memorial mass for Pope Francis on **Monday, April 28, 2025** at noon, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Bishop Mark will be the presider

*Heavenly Father, grant eternal rest to Pope Francis, whose unwavering faith in human life & ministry enriched countless souls. May his kindness to the poor and marginalized and care for our world, inspire us to serve with humility and unity. Amen*

V. Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.  
R. let the perpetual light shine upon him.

And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

This week there will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for **Fr Balestino 65<sup>th</sup> Ordination** to the Priesthood. The Mass will be held on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm here at St Therese, dinner to follow immediately after at the Social Hall. The sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule until Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>



**Families and the Gospel: (John 20: 19-31)**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.



Support the Catholic Home Mission Appeal today! Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and it's current and former territories because they are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be as generous as your circumstance allows.

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



**2025 Catholic Ministries Drive**

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of March 31 a total of **\$3,475** towards our target amount of **\$25,800**. Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on Ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 to pay your pledge in full.

All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese Parish.



Congratulations to **Dorothy Lengyel** the winner of the Christian Mothers Easter Ticket. The winning number was **103**, determined from the Pick 3 evening number on April 20<sup>th</sup> We would like to thank everyone who supported this project.

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**St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale**

Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 9 to 12PM in the Social Hall.



**Gathering Dates April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-12PM**

Once again, we ask that ALL items be clean and in good repair. We will not take anything that is dirty, torn or damaged. Thank you so much for your cooperation. Start your spring cleaning! **Please omit clothing, shoes, TVs, computers, car seats, and outdoor grills as we are unable to sell these items.**

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**Community News & Events**



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** We are excited to welcome Catholic Author Mike Aquilina on April 30<sup>th</sup> to speak on "Women and Children First: Early Christianity and the Revolution of the Family" at Theology on Tap on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm. Our next Benediction & Board Games is May 16<sup>th</sup> at Saint John Gualbert at 6pm. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



**May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, Annual West End Pickers, Trash to Treasure** indoor yard sale, here st St Therese Social Hall **8AM-1PM** Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects- surveillance cameras, garden/ flower boxes, and community events.

### PUBLIC ROSARY

In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima  
Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from  
the fires of Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven,  
especially those who are in most need of Thy  
mercy.

Thursday, May 8th - 6:30 PM  
ST. CLEMENT CHURCH

Saturday, May 10th - NOON  
CENTRAL PARK, Downtown Johnstown



ANNUAL TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF  
ST. PEREGRINE,  
PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS,  
AIDS VICTIMS & OTHERS SUFFERING FROM  
SERIOUS ILLNESS

Visitation Church McKinley Avenue, 8th Ward  
Thursday, May 1- 7:00 PM

Friday, May 2 Noon-3:00 PM - Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM - Mass w/Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, May 3 4:00 PM - Closing Mass

Hors D'Ouvres reception following Mass—

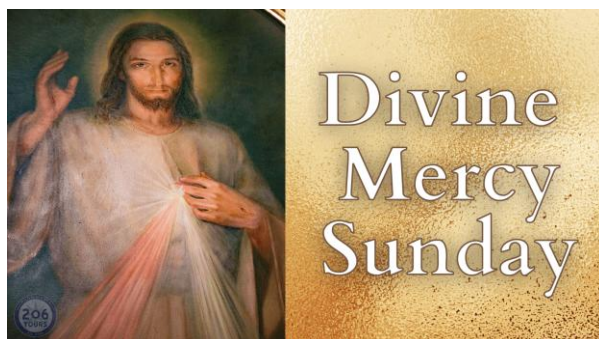
### Mom's House

is holding a **Walk-Thru Basket Party**  
at 1325 Franklin St.  
on Saturday May 3, 10-4,  
and Sunday, May 4, 11-3.  
\$5 per sheet of tickets.

Winners drawn via Facebook Live on May 4  
@ 3:15. Plenty of parking available! For  
information, call 814-535-4848.

### MAY DAYS 2025

at the **Basilica of St. Michael** - May 24th and  
25th at **Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall** -  
live entertainment, cinch tournament (call Mag  
421-2867 to join) basket raffle, flea market,  
silent auction, and refreshments. Saturday,  
4pm-8pm and Sunday, 11am-4pm. Turkey dinner  
Sunday at 11AM. \$10 per person. All are  
welcome!



### St Anne Basket Party



Sunday, April 27, 2024

Held at St. Therese Social Hall -

**No Meal Tickets Available DINNER SOLD OUT**

Basket tickets are Available on Sunday- \$5/for 25 chances

Tickets on Large Prizes also available to purchase

Doors open at 11:30AM - Drawing will begin at 2:00PM

Soft Walk Through - Saturday

April 26<sup>th</sup>

from 3:00PM - 8:00 PM -

25 basket chances for only \$5 - **No Meal**