

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

FIRST READING: The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21).

PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

SECOND READING: The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14).

GOSPEL: A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	04/07	
TUES	04/08	8:00AM Peeling Potatoes Piroghi Project
WED	04/09	
THURS	04/10	8:00AM Piroghi Project
FRI	04/11	4:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	04/12	10:00AM Children Easter Breakfast 3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	04/13	PALM SUNDAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 7– April 13th)

MON	04/07	7:50AM	+ Margaret Murray – (Rose Reese)
TUES	04/08	7:50AM	+ (B) Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul)
WED	04/09	7:50AM	+ Helen Walker – (Rose Howarth & John Slezak)
THUR	04/10	7:50AM	Special Intention for Bob Gritzer – (Aunt Pat)
FRI	04/11	7:50AM	+ (B) Edward Krupa – (Casey & Joni)
SAT	04/12	4:00PM	+ (A) Dom Kurtz Sr. – (Mary Gardenhour)
SUN	04/13	7:30AM	+ Ted Figart – (Shank Family)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Stewardship Reflections:

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent. First from Isaiah, "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Next from St Paul, "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." Then the verse before the Gospel, "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

A clear theme emerges from these verses - when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple - to serve in a ministry or to tell others about your faith - because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new - and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

! LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 29th & March 30th, 2025)

Weekly	\$ 3,361.00
Building Fund	\$ 53.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 70.00

Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Daniel Hutchison** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Dan** and peace and consolation to his family



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Brian Bambino** who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Brian** and peace and consolation to his family

*Come unto me
and I shall give you rest*

Matthew: 11:28

Lenten Piroghi Project -

A sign up sheet will be in the vestibule this weekend **April 5th & 6th** or you can phone the office Monday March 31st between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11**. Pick-up is Thursday, April 10th from 11-2 & Friday, April 11th from 10-12.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

**No Experience necessary!!!
New volunteers are always welcomed!!**

Stations of the Cross - will be held every Friday during Lent at **4PM**.



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

The Catholic Ministries Drive supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. These programs and services carry the essential work of our beyond parish boundaries. It is important to stress that ministries within our Diocese rely on parishioner's support, and 100% of every donation to the Catholic Ministries Drive is restricted to the ministries funded by the CMD.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation which arrived last week in your mail and prayerfully consider supporting our Diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory.

Our target goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2025 for **St Therese** is **\$25,800**

Children's Easter Breakfast and Party

The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 AM**, at the Social Hall. Sponsored by the KOC Council #10409, the St Therese Card Party, and the Christian Mothers, for children 12 and under. (Parents & siblings are welcomed to come and eat.) Please complete the registration form found in the back of church and return no later than **April 6th**



Community News & Events



Holy Name will be selling chances on a **Last Supper Diamond painting**. Chances are \$2.00 for one, \$5 for 3. Winner will be drawn on April 13th after the 10:30 Mass



Thank you for generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. Of you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.uscdb.org/national collections for more information.



St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one, please contact the parish office. A prayer shawl may be requested for someone mourning the loss of a loved one, someone undergoing a procedure, someone with an illness, or anyone whom you feel is in need of God's comfort and embrace.

During the month of April the prayer shawl ministry will be making shawls/blankets to give to the Women's Help Center.

If you have any questions, regarding this ministry of prayer and craft, please reach out to Debi Hubbard at mommyhub@atlanticbb.net or 814-421-2416.

CRS Rice Bowl - Our CCD students as well as our

Parishioners will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services Lenten program once again. Please take one home and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor. CCD student please return Rice Bowls by Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Families and the Gospel: (JN 8:1-11)

Fifth Sunday of Lent Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and putdowns. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be **Wed. April 9th at 3pm and 6:30pm**. Bring a Friend! Don't let this Lenten Opportunity of Spiritual Growth pass you by. Join us and see why so many love being a part of Divine Mercy in Action+

We are the hands and feet of Christ **SHOWING** Corporal Works and **BEING** Spiritual Works of Mercy to **OTHERS**. Info Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-9717



Annual Fish Fry: Visitation Parish will hold their annual Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (except on Good Friday) from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The cost is \$13 dollars. The menu includes an 8 oz. Fish Sandwich with coleslaw and with a choice of macaroni and cheese, French fries, or sweet Potato fries and a beverage. Gobs are also available at an extra cost of \$2.00 each.

ST. GREGORY AND BARNABAS CHURCH, will hold a **Fish Fry on Fridays of Lent**. Two sites open: 120 Boltz St., and 408 Luzon Ave., from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM at both sites. 120 Boltz St. site will also be open on Good Friday, 3:30 to 6:30 PM. No phone orders please.

Lenten Fish Fry St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be having a Lenten Fish Fry, every Friday of Lent, until to April 11, from 11am-6pm or until sold out. They are taking orders starting at 9AM by phone (467-7191, ext 4) or order in the Church Hall. This will be take-out only. You must use the 7th Street entrance only when picking up your order. The fish is wild caught in Alaskan Waters and frozen at sea (not a product of China or Russia). All food is made

Part-Time Maintenance Position is needed at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown working up to 24 hours per week. Some responsibilities include: general maintenance repairs, inspecting facilities, cleaning, event prep, monitoring inventory, mowing, etc. For a full job description, please check out our website: Candidates can also submit resumes to mporada@dioceseaj.org or araymond@dioceseaj.org. Alternatively, submit resumes to 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 1660

St Anne Basket Party

Sunday, April 27, 2024

Held at St. Therese Social Hall -

Admission \$10 -- includes a spaghetti dinner
+25 chances on over 100 baskets!

Addition basket tickets -- \$5/for 25 chances

Tickets on Large Prizes also available to
purchase

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

Call today to reserve your tickets!

Dinner tickets going fast

You don't want to miss out on the
delicious spaghetti dinner

Soft Walk Through - Saturday April 26th from
4:00PM - 7:00 PM -

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



Grief Support Group



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Journey Through Loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Tuesday, April 22nd. We will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Holy Grounds at Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Westmont. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Petrak at 814502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

VISITATION PARISH PILGRIMAGE: We are currently planning a jubilee year pilgrimage to The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg Maryland for Friday, May 16, 2025. The Pilgrimage will include luxury bus transportation to and from the Shrine, a tour of the basilica and the grounds, Mass and dinner. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person. If you are interested, please call the rectory office at (814) 536-6110 ext.1 by April 15th. We look forward to sharing the day with you.

Cash\$ Bash

Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Company will be selling tickets on April 12th & 13th before and after Masses for their up-coming CASH BASH schedule for April 26th 5-8 Doors open at 4PM. \$20 admission which includes dinner and drinks.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES



RECONCILIATION

During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services.



RECONCILIATION

Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday	April 7	6 – 7:30 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Tuesday	April 8	6 – 7:30 PM
St Therese West End Churches	Wednesday	April 9	5:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Windber)	Wednesday	April 9	6:00 PM
St. John Gualbert	Thursday	April 10	6:00 PM
St Benedict	Monday	April 14	5:00 PM
St Patrick	Wednesday	April 16	6:00 PM

