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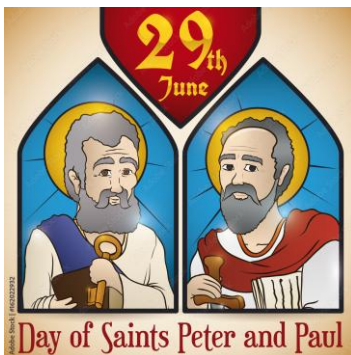
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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

June 29, 2025

FIRST READING: Peter was in prison, but prayer by the church was made to God on his behalf (Acts 12:1-11).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him (Psalm 34)

SECOND READING: I have finished the race; I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18).

GOSPEL: Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:13-19).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: The saints have been traditionally honored in the Church. In the annual cycle of the liturgical year, the memory of the martyrs is held in devotion. Raised up to perfection by the manifold grace of God and already in possession of eternal salvation, the saints sing God’s perfect praise in heaven and offer prayers for us. The Church proposes the saints to the faithful as examples drawing all to the Father through Christ. Today the Church remembers two great saints: Saint Peter, chosen by Christ as spokesman for the Twelve who became “Prince of the Apostles” and Saint Paul, a Pharisee who became the “Apostle of the Gentiles.”

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	06/29	
MON	06/30	9-11:30AM. . . Vacation Bible School
TUES	07/01	9-11:30AM. . . Vacation Bible School
WED	07/02	9-11:30AM. . . Vacation Bible School
THURS	07/03	9-11:30AM. . . Vacation Bible School
FRI	07/04	. Office Closed Happy 4 th of July
SAT	07/05	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	07/06	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (June 30th July 6th)

MON	06/30	7:50AM.	+ Susan Shingler – (Yvonne Homler)
TUES	07/01	7:50AM.	+ Billy Zett III – (Chris Lovas)
WED	07/02	7:50AM.	+ (B) Nick Nikonow – (Son, Paul & Marie)
THUR	07/03	7:50AM.	Special Intentions for Zak Marshall – (Family)
FRI	07/04	7:50AM.	+ (B) John Katcher– (Family)
SAT	07/05	4:00PM.	+ (B) Anna Kris – (Family)
SUN	07/06	7:30AM.	+ Mary Bicko – (Kristi Lengyel)
		10:30AM.	+ Margaret Murray – (Colleen Kurtz & Family)



Sunday, June 29, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings take us back to the basics, inviting us to reflect honestly on our deepest priorities in life. In the second reading, from Galatians, St Paul reminds us of the essence of the Christian life. "For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Just a few verses later Paul points out why this simple command is so challenging to live out. "The flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want." Isn't that the truth!

Overcoming our tendency toward selfishness while striving to put Christ and others ahead of ourselves is a daily internal battle. But do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. He deserves nothing less. And this way of life, while challenging, will be characterized by a joy and peace that only comes from giving Him an unqualified "yes!"

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (June 21st & June 22nd 2025)

Weekly	\$ 3,211.00
Building Fund	\$ 38.00



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



We will celebrate our Vacation Bible School on **June 30- July 3, 2025.**
A Summer Camp Adventure with God
This is for **anyone in Grades K -5**
Activities include: Bible Stories, Arts & crafts, Science Experiments and more.
This event is **Free**



KOC is sponsoring a Blood Drive in memory of **Dan Hutchison on August 8, 2025 from 11:30 -5PM.** For an Appointment, Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StThereseor or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisapanpietro.valen.html.



Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 19th & 20th 2025.** We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$30 in value.** This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible.



The next meeting of the prayer shawl ministry will be held in September. However, we are always looking for new knitters and crocheters to join our group, if interested, please reach out to Debi at 814-421-2416
A basket is in the church vestibule for donations of yarn. If you choose to purchase new yarn, please purchase 2-3 skeins of 4 ply worsted yarn which is approximately 740-1000 yds. In addition, monetary donations, gift cards from either Walmart, and Michaels are also appreciated.
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.

Holy Name Society will hold their monthly meeting on next Tuesday, July 8th at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held next Tuesday, July 8th at 7PM in the Church Hall, due to the 4th of July Holiday.



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to the 45 families who have pledged as of a total of **\$9,515.00** 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 31st 2025 to pay your pledge in full.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

PUBLIC ROSARY

In Honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus Thursday, July 10th

6:30 PM St. Clement Church

Saturday, July 12th

12:00 Noon Central Park, Downtown Johnstown

ALL ARE WELCOME!



SAVE THE DATE 2025

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday, July 13th St.

John Gualbert Mass - 5:00 PM

followed by Eucharistic Procession to Central Park.

Religious Ed Registration News

Children entering grade 1 will need a registration form completed and must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Any other students entering our program will also need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include **all students in the ninth grade** - those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children. Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the **2nd Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.**

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.

Novena in Honor of St. Ann --- The Sisters of St. Ann announce the Annual nine days Novena in honor of St. Ann to be held at Mt. St Ann, 1120 N. Center St, Ebensburg, beginning **Friday 7/18 and ending Saturday, 7/26**, the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann. The Eucharistic celebration & devotion will be held every evening at 7PM at the outside shrine. The Most Rev. Mark. Barchak, Bishop of Altoona Johnstown will be the main celebrant for the closing of the Novena. The public is invited to attend the Novena and to welcome our Bishop Mark.

FAITH & FITNESS

Redemption Fitness

442 Main St Floor 3 Johnstown

Enhance your physical and spiritual health -

All ages and fitness levels welcome!

Every Sunday at 6PM

45 minutes of: Spin, Stretching, Prayer,

Praise & Worship. Please contact

Redemptionfitstudio@gmail.com or

call 814-961-3717

Out Door Mass

Outdoor Masses every **Sunday evening at 7 PM**

at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. The outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- August 31st, 2025.

Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.



St Therese Church

Basket & Burger

Bash 2025

July 19th & July 20th
4-8PM 11AM-3PM



Live Entertainment

Saturday 5-8PM-
The Desperados

Sunday-3PM

Themed Basket & Cash Raffle Drawing
Games



Menu

Craft/Bistro Style Burgers

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Fresh Cut French Fries

Pizza

Water - Soda - Beer - Seltzers

SUMMER BASKET & BURGER BASH

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

Bakers of the Parish: For those of you that LOVE to BAKE!! We are hosting a Bake Sale at the Social Hall. Items can be dropped off Friday, July 18th. or Saturday morning July 19th.

Cases of soda: (coke, or Pepsi products etc.) and water.

Looking for volunteers: Outside Kitchen: cashiers, We are looking for help on Friday evening July 18th, to help set up the tents, tables and chairs. This is your chance to GET INVOLVED!!

