

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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June 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST READING: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

PSALM: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

SECOND READING: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Galatians 5:16-25.

GOSPEL: As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION. . . Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews, and it is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by the Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God’s Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai. Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. On Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Christ in His Physical Body. Today is the birthday of the Church, of all those who have been reborn into His Mystical Body. When we believe and trust in Jesus, we have that Faith through the Holy Spirit’s work in us and the Holy Spirit filling us. The Holy Spirit leads us to turn away from our sinfulness and reassures us that we are still loved in spite of our sin and that Jesus died on a cross just for those moments when we rebel against God’s way. He confronts us and urges us to take a good look at ourselves and where we are heading, to make a U-turn, to leave the old behind and try something new. He’s not afraid to challenge us and stretch us to go and do things for Christ – things we have never done before or ever imagined ourselves doing. He’s the One Who says to us, "Stop being so self-focused. Stop looking into yourself all the time and being depressed by what you see or fool yourself into thinking that what you see in yourself is enough to get you through! Look up, look away, look to Jesus and let him turn your around; let him take control!"

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	06/08	5:00PM Bash & Burger Bash Meeting Church Hall
MON	06/09	
TUES	06/10	
WED	06/11	
THURS	06/12	
FRI	06/13	
SAT	06/14	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	06/15	. Happy Father’s Day



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (June 9th June 15th)

MON	06/09	7:50AM. + Daniel Hutchison – (Dennis & Karen Pingatore)
TUES	06/10	7:50AM. + (A) Jane Bross– (James & Rozanne Bross)
WED	06/11	7:50AM. + (A) James Udouch – (Wife, Anna & Family)
THUR	06/12	7:50AM. + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
FRI	06/13	7:50AM. + (WA) Ed & Jean Krupa– (Casey & Jami Skala)
SAT	06/14	4:00PM. + Charles Karalfa – (Children 7 Grandchildren)
SUN	06/15	7:30AM. + Father’s Day Triduum
	 10:30AM. + Matthew Forgas – (Sister, Terri & Pat Mulvehill)



Sunday, June 8, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: This week was the Feast of the Ascension, when we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with it's emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made - looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

During this week, and the Feast of the Ascension, let's take the time to celebrate our victories as Christ's disciples and to renew our commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to us!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(May 31st & June 1st 2025)

Weekly	\$	4,934.00
Building Fund	\$	535.00
Fuel	\$	3.00



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



Mark your Calendars!!

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.
Pick up your registration form in the back of the Church. This event is **Free**



Raffle Tickets - Once again we are asking that each family please consider purchasing or selling at least 10 raffle tickets. Please stop in the vestibule to pick up your tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 apiece. Drawing will be held at the Summer Basket & Burger Bash July 20th.

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.** The next meeting is **TODAY, Sunday, June 8th at 5PM.** Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to *Get Involved!*

Families and the Gospel: (John 14:15-16,23b-26)
Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is yours.



Father's Day Triduum

There will be a Father's Day Triduum beginning on next Sunday June 15th for all living and deceased fathers and grandfathers of the parish. Cards, envelopes, and Spiritual bouquets are available in the vestibule.



We are collecting Monetary Donations this weekend for two of our CCD Students that lost their mother suddenly last weekend. Funeral expenses are costly and she had no insurance. Please consider donating according to your means. We ask that you remember them in your prayers for comfort and healing.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

2025 Outdoor Mass

The faithful of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are invited to outdoor Masses at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto every Sunday evening at 7 PM beginning on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 25) and concluding on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend (August 31). Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.



FREEDOM RING CASH GIVEAWAY

Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Department will be selling **Freedom Ring Cash Giveaway** Tickets for the next 2 weeks in the Church Vestibule.

Tickets are \$5.00, with 3 Days to win! Winning number is determined by the PA Lottery Pick 3 daily number at 7PM. Help support our local Fire Volunteer Department.



PUBLIC ROSARY In Honor of the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thursday, June 12th

6:30 PM - St. Clement Church

Saturday, June 14th

NOON Central Park, Downtown Johnstown

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be **Wed. June 11th** at 3pm and 6:30pm. All are welcome! Bring a Friend! Best 1 hour of your day! Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-658-8717

Full Time Administrative Assistant is needed at St. Clement in Johnstown to support the Pastor in administrative responsibilities to include Answering phones, processing payroll, maintaining census, etc. This is a 30-40 hour per week full-time position. For a full job description, please check out our website: <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org/general-employment-opportunities/>.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY CLOSING MASS FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - on June 22nd at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

The Eucharist will be exposed for quiet
adoration starting at 11AM.

3:00-4:15PM Confessions,

3:00PM Holy Hour for Vocations,

4:00PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who
have fallen away from the Church; 4:15PM

Indoor Eucharistic Procession & Benediction,

5:00PM Mass with Bishop Mark. Refreshments
will be served following the 5:00 PM Mass.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating our 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and the Feast of Saint Anthony with a Healing Mass on Friday, June 13th in the Gardens at Mount Assisi. We will begin the Rosary at 6:30PM followed by a Healing Mass. Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. will be our Homilist and Peter Regalado will lead the music. In case of inclement weather, we will move to Immaculate Conception Chapel located on the campus of St. Francis University. A cordial welcome to all!

Holy Spirit Ministry Hosting Series

Holy Spirit Ministry will be hosting 2 very gifted speakers on Evangelization and Discipleship this summer. Bob Sutton, Campus Minister at Bishop Guilfoyle Academy and Theology instructor at St Francis University, will speak on Tuesday, June 17th. Fr Begley VF, pastor of OMOS, will speak on Tuesday, July 1st. Both evenings will also include praise and worship music and be followed by prayer ministry. The series will be held at St Michael Church Hollidaysburg, and begin at 7PM on both nights. All are welcome.



SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE BUS TRIP July 9, 2025 -3:00 PM Show Cost per person - \$199.00
The price includes bus transportation, show ticket, and a smorgasbord dinner at Brand New Hershey Farms at 6:00 PM. Contact Jim @ 814-241-1641 Festival Travel 229 Sunapee Drive Johnstown, PA 15904



A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of this day, this graduation, and for the joy and accomplishment it represents. We give thanks for our graduates' perseverance, dedication, and the knowledge and skills they have gained. We pray that you will guide them as they embark on new chapters, granting them wisdom, discernment, and strength. We are also grateful for the support of their family, friends & mentors who have played a vital role in their journey. May you bless them with peace, happiness, and success as they pursue their dreams and make a positive impact on the world. Amen

Congratulations



Congratulations to these 2025 graduates of St. Therese Parish

Slippery Rock University

Sarah Ann Sorchilla - Bachelor of Business

Daughter of Chuck Jr. & Shelley Sorchilla

Somerset County Technology Center

Alex Deskevich - HVACR-Certified

Son of Lou & Becky Deskevich



High School

Chase Pollino - Richland High School & GJCTC Construction Technology

Son of Richard & Tina Pollino

Aubrey Burkett - Richland High School

Daughter of Amber Burkett (Grandparents Ralph & Vicki Bretz)

Elementary School

Elsie Alberter - Bishop McCort Catholic Elementary

Daughter of Matt & Bethany Alberter - (Grandfather Bill Alberter)

Zachary Wharton - Bishop McCort Catholic Elementary

Son of Mark & Sherry Wharton

Kindergarten

Sadie Battaglia - Westmont Elementary School

Daughter of Anthony & Kristen Battaglia

Matthew Brilhart - Richland Elementary School

Son of Matthew & Heather Brilhart

Ariya Petak - Forest Hills Elementary

Daughter of Joshua & Mandy Petak (Grandparents Mark & Miriam Petak)



Pre-School

Lydia Ann Polenik - Rainbow Room Preschool

Daughter of Will & Angie (Grandmother Teresa Polenik)