

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 13, 2025

FIRST READING: Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

PSALM: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or Psalm 19.

SECOND READING: All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

GOSPEL: To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS
Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as “the image of the invisible God,” the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about being neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving all people, even those who seem to be our enemies.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	07/13	10:30AMHoly Name Mass
MON	07/14	
TUES	07/15	
WED	07/16	
THURS	07/17	
FRI	07/18	4:30PMSet up for Basket & Burger Bash
SAT	07/19	3:00PMConfession
		4-8:00PMBasket & Burger Bash
NEXT SUN	07/20	11-3:00PM Basket & Burger Bash



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 14th July 20th)

MON	07/14	7:50AM.	+ (A) Billy Zett III – (Mom & Dad)
TUES	07/15	7:50AM.	+ Daniel Hutchison – (John & Doris Gritzer)
WED	07/16	7:50AM.	For the Intention of Sr. Maria O.C.D.
THUR	07/17	7:50AM.	+ (WA) Fracis & Betty Dukery – (Family)
FRI	07/18	7:50AM.	+ (A) Dolores Opacic– (Daughter, Elizabeth)
SAT	07/19	4:00PM.	+ (B) Donald Kris – (Family)
SUN	07/20	7:30AM.	+ Rosemary Bunda – (Jerry & Carole)
	10:30AM.	+ (WA) John Pencola – (Wife, Palma)



Sunday, July 13, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings show us that to live as good stewards means to follow God's commands and to live our lives as a gift in service to others. In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus Himself teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. The hospitality and generosity in serving others, shown through this parable, are essential to a stewardship way of life.

Do we have this same hospitable openness to others around us? What can we do to become more aware of the needs of others, and more open to setting aside our own plans to care for those in need?

That is how we live out God's commandments. That is true hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise."

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 5th & July 6th 2025)

Weekly	\$ 4,806.00
Building Fund	\$ 521.00



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



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).



Congratulations to **Kenny Shank**, the "Winner of the Christian Mothers "4th of July Ticket". Winning number drawn on Friday evening pick 3 was **403**. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. **Congratulations Ken!**

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.



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.



We would like to thank junior volunteer **Gabriel K** who volunteered last week at Vacation Bible School. Thanks for all your help, Gab!

Families and the Gospel -(Luke 10: 25-37)
Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel. Worry more about what your children see in YOUR LIFE than what they see on TV.



Is anyone is interested is either becoming a **Lector**, or being an **Usher**, please call the rectory office during normal business hours 9-2 Mon-Fri.



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.

Outdoor Mass for Married Couples

Mark your calendar for one of the most popular liturgical celebrations of the summer. Bishop Mark will preside at the annual outdoor Mass for married couples on **July 20 at 7:00 p.m.** at the beautiful Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine. During the liturgy, husbands and wives will have the opportunity to renew their sacramental commitment to each other

St. Benedict Parish in Johnstown under the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time **Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry**. (Please note that this is a full-time position for the DRE & Youth Ministry role combined, but please inquire if interested in a part time role of either the DRE or Youth Minister). Responsibilities to include developing and overseeing the parish religious education program for grades K-8, organizing retreats and service opportunities, etc. For a full job description, please check out our website: <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org/general-employment-opportunities/>.

Candidates can also submit resumes to mporada@dioceseaj.org or araymond@dioceseaj.org. Alternatively, submit resumes to 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

SUMMER BASKET & BURGER BASH

Summer Bash coming Fast!!

Baker of the Church, please drop off your baked goods **Friday, July 18th all day, or Saturday morning July 19th**.
Basket Makers - please have your baskets dropped off by Friday evening, that gives them enough time to set up

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!!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE 2025
EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION
Sunday, July 13th St.
John Gualbert Mass - 5:00 PM
followed by Eucharistic Procession
to Central Park.

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

St Therese Church

Summer Basket Bash



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

Live Entertainment

Saturday 5-8PM

The Desperados

Themed Basket Drawing held
Sunday @ 3PM

Kids Games - Instant Bingo -
Chuck-A-Luck
Cash Raffle Drawing

Menu

Craft/Bistro Style Burgers

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

French Fries

Pizza - Funnel Cakes

Water - Soda - Beer

Available for purchase