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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 20, 2025

FIRST READING: Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD  
(Genesis 18:1-10a).

PSALM: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

SECOND READING: The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in  
you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

GOSPEL: Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the  
better part (Luke 10:38-42).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: PRAYER AND SERVICE

How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service to our loving God?  
In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus’ feet, should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to make time for her spiritual nourishment?  
Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha. And yet Abraham’s eager welcome and joyful serving of his “visitors” seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in his service to the gospel!  
We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord’s presence. Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be?

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	07/20	11-3PM . . . . .	Summer Basket & Burger Bash
MON	07/21		
TUES	07/22		
WED	07/23		
THURS	07/24		
FRI	07/25		
SAT	07/26	3:00PM . . . . .	Confession
NEXT SUN	07/27		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 21<sup>st</sup> July 27<sup>th</sup>)

MON	07/21	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (B) John Cynar – (Wife, Joanne)
TUES	07/22	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Daniel Hutchison – (Granddaughter, Teresa)
WED	07/23	7:50AM. . . . .	Improving Health for Peter & Theresa Delarosa – (Pat G.)
THUR	07/24	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)
FRI	07/25	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Ed Krupa (6-month mind)– (John Balog)
SAT	07/26	4:00PM. . . . .	+ (A) Stella David – (Daughter, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	07/27	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Pro Populo
		10:30AM. . . . .	+ (A) Ryan Lorditch – (Family)



Sunday, July 20, 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 12<sup>th</sup> & July 13<sup>th</sup> 2025)

Weekly	\$ 3,658.00
Building Fund	\$ 295.00



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Edward Podvojsky** who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Ed** and peace and consolation to his 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](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter **StThereseor** or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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.



### 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to the 45 families who have pledged as of a total of **\$10,535.00** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 to pay your pledge in full.

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

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.**

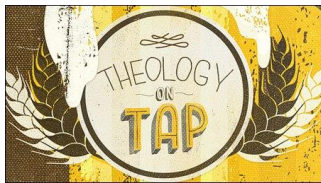
Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

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



On behalf of Fr. Richard Kyankaaga, your Comboni Preacher, thank you very much. Your support in this Mission Appeal helps us to continue our gospel proclamation and services to the poorest and most abandoned people in the world.

**Families and the Gospel** -(Luke 10: 38-42)  
Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mass and Picnic at Greenhouse Park was a success with 20+ in attendance including children and 3 Catholic Priests from the Roman and Byzantine Rites. Theology on Tap is a week early in July with Fr. Basil Cole OP from Washington DC joining us on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm. August 8<sup>th</sup> is a Rosary and Bonfire at Greenhouse Park at 6pm, and August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hike at Laurel Highlands Trail Route 56 Trailhead. All young adults (18-39) and young families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

**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

**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](mailto:Redemptionfitstudio@gmail.com) or  
call 814-961-3717

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group**  
**Next Service Project**  
**Cleaning:**  
**St. Patrick's Church**  
600 Park Ave (Moxham)Johnstown  
Wednesday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Many hands make light work!  
Please call to let us know if you want to help out  
and have a great time!!  
Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

**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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

A person's a person,  
No matter how small.  
-Dr. Seuss



**Abortion:** We are by no means blind to the sufferings of mothers and the problems confronting some families, but Abortion and Infanticide are not the solution. We shall always support every effort to alleviate human suffering and to solve personal and family problems, but ***we insist that a solution MUST respect the life of the innocent, defenseless, unborn child***

**BASKET RAFFLE:** Saint Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore will host a basket raffle on Sunday, **July 27** from 12-2 PM with 200+ baskets, small games of chance, and homemade hot concessions. The parish hall will be open to purchase and drop tickets after weekend Masses starting July 12. Call 814-495-9298 to visit during the week. 185 Church Hill Road, Wilmore.

*"O Glorious Saints Joachim and Anne, you were chosen by God to be the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask for your intercession on behalf of families, especially those who are struggling with infertility, raising children, or navigating difficult times. Pray for us that we may raise our children in the ways of the Lord, and that we may always be guided by your example of faith and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."*  
**The Feast Day of Saints Joachim & Anne is celebrated on July 26<sup>th</sup>**

# Don't Forget to stop on over

## St Therese Church



### Summer Basket Bash



July 19<sup>th</sup>      &      July 20<sup>th</sup>  
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