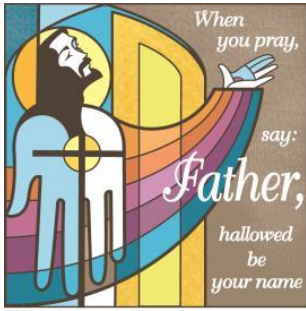


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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
July 27, 2025

FIRST READING: Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32)  
PSALM: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).  
SECOND READING: Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).  
GOSPEL: Jesus speaks of God’s sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord’s Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father).  
In Genesis, we see Abraham in conversational prayer, in his creaturely humility before his Creator, seeking mercy and compassion for the innocent. The psalm is a lyrical prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the God who answered the sincere prayers of a people who had called out for help, showing them mercy. In Luke’s Gospel, the disciples want to pray like Jesus, with the same intimacy—to experience God as Abba in the depths of their being.  
Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	07/27	6:00PM . . . . .	Wrap up Meeting Summer Bash
MON	07/28		
TUES	07/29		
WED	07/30		
THURS	07/31		
FRI	08/01		
SAT	08/02	3:00PM . . . . .	Confession
NEXT SUN	08/03		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 4<sup>th</sup>)

MON	07/28	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
TUES	07/29	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Edward Pavlosky – (Family)
WED	07/30	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Anthony Petrore – (M/M John Rok.)
THUR	07/31	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (WA) Bill & Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul)
FRI	08/01	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (A) Julia Skala– (Husband, Casey & Joni)
SAT	08/02	4:00PM. . . . .	+ (WA) Dom Kurtz Sr. – (Barb Bartkovich)
SUN	08/03	7:30AM. . . . .	+ (B) Ethel Petak – (Son, Mark & Miriam)
		10:30AM. . . . .	+ (A) Zach Bretz – (Family)



Sunday, July 27, 2025

**Stewardship Reflections:** The teachings of our Catholic faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are also amazingly simple. Today's readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others. The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer. In this passage, some of Jesus' disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus offers them the beautiful prayer which we call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours) and that His kingdom come (not ours). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more "basic" for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door. He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go and be a blessing to others. Stewardship is really just that simple.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**  
**(July 19<sup>th</sup> & July 20<sup>th</sup> 2025)**

Weekly	\$ 3,079.00
Building Fund	\$ 246.00

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*to our* **WINNERS!**

**Grand Prize Drawing**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000	- Marge Hutchison
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize -- \$ 500	- Ron Podvojsky
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize -- \$ 300	- Judy Mislanovich
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$ 100	- Pam Gehlmann
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$100	- Fr. Balestino

We would like to thank everyone for making this Raffle drawing a Success!!!



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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter StThereseor or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



A Wrap -up Meeting for the Summer Basket & Burger Bash will be held TODAY, Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Church Hall. If you have any suggestions or comments for the good of the project, please try to attend.



We would like to give a BIG shout out to those involved in the Summer Basket & Burger Bash on another successful event! All your hard work paid off in the end. Special Thanks to Amy & Mandy for organizing and soliciting for the Basket Raffle. Let us not forget all the GREAT people who donated those beautiful Baskets, large and small, gave monetary donations or gift cards, we really appreciate all your donations. Don McIntosh & his crew for the delicious burgers & Pulled pork, and those fresh cut French fries were delicious! Kudos to the FUNNEL CAKE Crew your funnel cakes were DELICIOUS! To all the ladies who helped make the bake sale a success, you bakers out did yourself, what a variety of items. To the pizza workers, thanks for all your help, you guys are awesome! Also, we would like to give a shout out to **The Johnstown Inn** who provided the sauce for the pizza booth again this year. It is very much appreciated. Thanks to all the ticket sellers, instant bingo workers, basket runners, the kids' games workers especially Sherry & Audrey who provide the prizes for the kid's games and the KOC for running the Chuck o Luck. A special thanks to Marilyn, & Ann "Our Bankers" for all the long hours & keeping everyone straight. I also am appreciative of all the volunteers who set the tables and tents up and took them down so quickly. Last but certainly not least, A Big Thank you goes out to the persons that made cash donations, most of the food items, soda, and water, that really helps defray some of the costs. This fundraiser would not have been a success without all your help.

You are all **SIMPLY THE BEST!!**



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.



**Holy Name Society** will hold their monthly meeting on next Tuesday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Church Hall.

**KOC Council #10409** - This month's meeting will be held next Tuesday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting next Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30AM.



**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**

All students entering our program will 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.

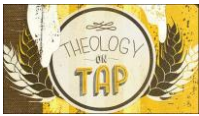
If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

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.

**Families and the Gospel** -(Luke 11: 1-13)

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us, His children. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** 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.

**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

**The Sisters of St Ann Ebensburg**

Mountain Saint Ann Residence

1120 North Center St.

will host a

**Day of Recollection**

on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM -4:00PM

Spiritual Director,

Fr Nicholas Polichnowski T.O.R. will be the Guest Speaker.

Donation for the event is \$40.00 which includes lunch. Please call 814-472-9354 or you can email @anthos1944@gmail.com

**Mass for Graduating Seniors & Their Families**

Bishop Mark Bartchak will be principal celebrant at a special outdoor Mass for graduating seniors at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM. All young people entering or returning to college, and those entering the workforce or military service, are invited to this Liturgy, along with their families. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing for these young people, and there will be ample opportunity for him to meet with them after Mass.