

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
August 10, 2025

**FIRST READING:** Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons  
(Wisdom 18:6-9).

**PSALM:** Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**SECOND READING:** Because of his faithful obedience to God’s call, Abraham’s descendants’  
number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**GOSPEL:** Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when  
the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION: FAITH**  
Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God’s initiative of love, together with God’s promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that “your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom,” before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God’s promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God’s partners in fulfilling these divine promises. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	08/10	. . . . . CCD Meeting after the 10:30 Mass in the Church Hall
MON	08/11	
TUES	08/12	
WED	08/13	
THURS	08/14	4:00PM . . . . . Assumption of the Blessed Mother Vigil Mass Holy Day
FRI	08/15	6:00PM. . . . . Assumption of the Blessed Mother- Holy Day of Obligation
SAT	08/16	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	08/17	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 17<sup>th</sup>)

MON	08/11	7:50AM	+ (B) Jean Nikonow – (Family)
TUES	08/12	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Martin)
WED	08/13	7:50AM	+ (A) Julia Boltz – (Christian Mothers)
THUR	08/14	7:50AM	+ Betty Dukery – (Charlotte Lieb)
		4:00PM	+ John Polenik – (Wife, Teresa)
FRI	08/15	7:50AM	+ Daniel Hutchison– (John & Doris Gritzer)
		6:00PM	+ Brian Bambino – (Janet Bambino)
SAT	08/16	4:00PM	+ (WA) John & Agnes Podolka – (Family)
SUN	08/17	7:30AM	+ Mary Bicko – (William Aurandi)
		10:30AM	+ (B) Henry Gorczycki – (Family)



**Sunday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Stewardship Reflections:** Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves two potentially life-changing questions.

The first question is: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the 'right' answer to this question - we treasure our faith, our family and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." To bring to light what we truly treasure in life, we can ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy, my thoughts, my time, and my money?"

The second question today's readings ask is: "What would you do if you were not afraid?" To put it another way, what would you do if you had radical faith in God? In the Gospel, Jesus tells us plainly, "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." If our perfect Father is pleased to offer us nothing less than His Son right now, and Heaven eventually, then what on earth have we to be afraid of?

There is so much to think about this week. Let's ask ourselves what we really treasure, and then take a bold risk - faith-filled and unafraid - to show our gratitude to God for all that He has given to us.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Weekly	\$ 4,613.00
Building Fund	\$ 509.00



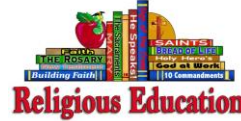
## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- is this Friday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be a Vigil Mass on **Thursday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> at 4PM** and Masses on **Friday at 7:50AM and 6:00PM**.



## 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**. 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 goal will be returned to St. Therese Parish, and put toward a newer truck for the church.



There will be faculty meeting in the Church Hall on **TODAY, Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>** right after the **10:30 Mass** for all grades. Please be present so we can discuss the up-coming year.

## 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 Rector.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

**St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

 There will be a meeting will be September 4<sup>th</sup> around 1:30PM, after the Christian mothers meeting. New crocheters /knitters are welcome.

The Basket will remain in the vestibule for donations of yarn (4ply Worsted), gift cards from either Walmart or Michaels, or monetary donations are also appreciated.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hubbard @ [mommyhub@atlantcibb.net](mailto:mommyhub@atlantcibb.net) or 814-421-2416



**Electronic Devices-** Just a friendly reminder, to please refrain from using all electronic devices during liturgical celebrations. Thank-you



**Bishop Mark Bartchak** and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend

the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**.

Couples may attend **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** in

**ALTOONA** at **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** in

**JOHNSTOWN** at **St. John Gualbert Cathedral**. Both locations are handicap

accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at

2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the

celebrant and homilist at each celebration.

**Reservations must be made through your**

**parish for either celebration by Friday,**

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Families and the Gospel** -(Luke 12: 32-48)

In today's gospel a servant **WAITED** for the

master to return. Waiting is a normal part of

family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for

small legs to catch up. Later we wait for

teenagers to return home safely. Finally, we wait

alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult

child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the

waiting we are connected.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group Meeting:** Our next

get together will be Wed. Aug. 13th at 3pm and

6:30pm (for those who work). Summer may be

coming to an end, but don't let that end your

mission to save souls by reflecting God's Mercy

to others. Bring a Friend and come join us to

learn more about God's Mercy! See why others

enjoy this 1 Hour! For more info: Cathy 814-

288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717.



**ST. CLARE OF ASSISI SPAGHETTI DINNER**

will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 11:00 AM to

2:00 PM in St. Clare of Assisi Scholl Hall. Take-

outs will also be available.

**Special 2025 Jubilee Year**

**40 Hours Devotion -**

at a Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown designated

Pilgrim Site. Join us at:

**OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES**

**CATHOLIC PARISH 609 MAIN STREET LILLY,**

Sunday thru Tuesday - September 7, 8, 9

Solemn Vespers each evening at 7:00PM

Our special guest Homilist, EWTN Personality:

Father Leo Patalinghug

**COME TO RESURRECTION PARISH FOR SOME**

**OLD-FASHIONED FUN**, on Fri., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

Cold Beverages/Bar, Potato Pancakes, Gobs and

50/50 will be available;

Sat., Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> the food and game booths will be

open on Resurrection Grounds;

Sun., Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> Picnic Bingo will be held from

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Resurrection Church Hall



**AMERICAN THEATRE CHRISTMAS**

**SHOW BUS TRIP**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2025**

**3:00PM SHOWTIME**

\$135.00 per person includes the Show and

Bus. Dinner on your own at Cracker Barrel

Reservations by October 1, 2025.

Please contact Frank King at (814)536-3667



## Bishop's Night of Vocations 2025



*Who do you know that's hearing the call  
... maybe it's you?*

**Is God calling you to a life of service  
as a Permanent Deacon?**

*Deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others and calling  
God's people into service.*

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to a special evening of  
inspiration, discernment, and fellowship.

Meet current Deacons, Candidates, their wives, as well as others  
who are discerning their vocation.

**Location:** U.S. Hotel & Tavern - 401 S. Juniata Street, Hollidaysburg

**Date:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

*Light refreshments will be served.*

**RSVP by September 2, 2025 - call 814-361-2000**



"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"

**ABORTION** - "The joy of motherhood comes in moments. There will be hard times and frustrating times. But amid the challenges, there are shining moments of joy and satisfaction."

**\*\* Elder M. Russell Ballard\*\***