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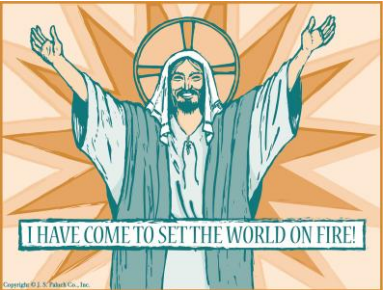
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 17, 2025

FIRST READING: They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

PSALM: Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

SECOND READING: Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

GOSPEL: I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: PROPHETS

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday’s readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God’s purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	08/17	
MON	08/18	
TUES	08/19	
WED	08/20	
THURS	08/21	
FRI	08/22	
SAT	08/23	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	08/24	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 18th Aug 24th)

MON	08/18	7:50AM	+ Edward Pavlosky – (Family)
TUES	08/19	7:50AM	+ John & Mary Babyak – (Granddaughter, Teresa)
WED	08/20	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
THUR	08/21	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Martin)
FRI	08/22	7:50AM	+ (A) Regis Bender– (Marie Hoover)
SAT	08/23	4:00PM	+ (B) Don & Mike Delich – (Sisters, Marilyn & Jeanne, Families)
SUN	08/24	7:30AM	+ Pro Populo
		10:30AM	+ Jason Mulvehill – (Sister, Clair)



Sunday, Aug 17th, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

The stewardship way of life helps us to stay in good racing shape. By putting God first in all areas of our lives, we rid ourselves of the burden and sinfulness of over-attachment to ourselves and our things. We get lean and fit and strong for the long race to Heaven. We begin to look and act more like Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Aug 9th & Aug 10th 2025

Weekly	\$ 3,054.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00

WELCOME!!



The St Therese's Community would like to welcome our newest member, **Hayden Elle Nicholson**, Daughter of **Daniel & Haley**, who was baptized last Sunday, August 10th. **Welcome Hayden** and may you grow in God's love and grace.



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to the 45 families who have pledged as of a total of **\$11,380.00** 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 31st 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.



Dates are set for the up-coming Religious Ed Classes. First Day will be held on Sunday, Sept 28th at 9AM. Children will meet in the church at 9:00, then they will go to their class rooms.

As you can see from the shingles in the parking lots, they are starting our roof this Monday. There will be Limited Handicap Parking on the side by the grotto for a few weeks. We are sorry any inconvenience this may cause.

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 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.



St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

There will be a meeting will be **September 4th 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 or 814-421-2416



American Red Cross
Thank you for your donation.

The KOC council #10409 along with the Hutchison Family would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Blood Drive in memory of Dan. In only a few hours we were able to collect 16 units!! We would also like to thank all the volunteers who made the drive run so smoothly, thanks for all your help

Community News & Events



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 21st in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 28th 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 12th**

COME TO RESURRECTION PARISH FOR SOME OLD-FASHIONED FUN, on Fri., Aug. 29th Cold Beverages/Bar, Potato Pancakes, Gobs and 50/50 will be available;
Sat., Aug. 30th the food and game booths will be open on Resurrection Grounds;
Sun., Aug. 31st Picnic Bingo will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Resurrection Church Hall

ST. CLEMENT PARISH

Rakin' in the Cash Give-a-way

23 chances to win on each ticket!

Grand Prize - \$5,000 2nd & 3rd Prizes - \$1,000
AND...a chance to win 1 of 20 \$100 Cash Prizes
Top 3 prizes are determined by the First Pick 3 7:00 PM PA Lottery Drawing on Friday, Oct. 31st, 2025 Donation - \$20 For tickets or more information, Call St. Clement Rectory@814-255-4422 M thru F - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM For more details, see our website: stclementjohnstown.org and click on Rakin' in the Cash Give-a-Way under "Links"



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



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 Fran 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

Families and the Gospel -(Luke 12: 49-53)

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

The Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Passport used by many persons and families during this Jubilee year need to be returned, or postmarked by September 8 and sent, to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pastoral Center, 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona PA 16601 to be eligible for prizes that were listed on the inside cover of the Passport: An overnight stay in Washington DC the weekend of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Pilgrimage, October 17, an overnight stay in Pittsburgh, or the monetary amounts, and various gift cards. You still have some weeks to travel and visit Holy Sites in our five deaneries!

The deadline to reserve a seat (s) and make the payment is September 20th



St Matthew's Anglican Church
Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party
Saturday, Sept 6th
12:30-3PM

St Therese Social Hall
Includes Spaghetti Dinner
and 25 Basket Tickets cost \$10.00.

Soft walk-through Friday 4-7 Sept 5th For
tickets/information call Arlene 814-244-3863 or
Denny 814-322-6631.



Back to School Prayer



For Students:

"Dear Lord, please watch over our children as they return to school. Keep them safe, help them to learn, and guide them to be kind and respectful to others. May they grow in wisdom and knowledge, and may their hearts be filled with joy."

For Teachers:

"Heavenly Father, bless our teachers with patience, wisdom, and strength as they guide and educate our students. May they inspire a love of learning and create a positive and nurturing environment. Help them to see the potential in each student and to make a difference in their lives."

For Parents:

"Lord, we ask for your peace and comfort as our children return to school. Help us to trust in your plan for their lives, and to support them in their learning journey. Grant us wisdom and patience as we navigate the challenges of parenting.

In your name. Amen.



Sept 18th
Sept 23rd-Oct 1st
Sept 28th
Oct 5th
Oct 11th & 12th

Piroghi Project - Social hall
St Therese Novena
First Day CCD 9AM
Knights of Columbus Gun Bash St Andrews
Oktoberfest