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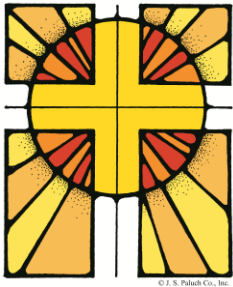
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 31, 2025

FIRST READING: Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

PSALM: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

SECOND READING: Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

GOSPEL: People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER  
Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God’s purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity’s rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God’s promised future “will recline at table in the kingdom of God.” Notice that in Isaiah, the nation’s coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God’s table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God’s diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other’s gifts and blessings. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	08/31	
MON	09/01	. Office closed to Observe Labor Day
TUES	09/02	6:00PM . . . . . Holy Name Meeting Church Hall
		7:00PM . . . . . Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	09/03	
THURS	09/04	11:30AM . . . . . Christian Mothers Rosay, Mass & Meeting
FRI	09/05	
SAT	09/06	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	09/07	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 7<sup>th</sup>)

MON	09/01	7:50AM	+ (B) Agnes Labuda Mash – (Sister, Maris & Paul Nikonow)
TUES	09/02	7:50AM	+ (A) Kay Mihalic – (Christian Mothers)
WED	09/03	7:50AM	Special Intentions for Zak Marshall – (Family)
THUR	09/04	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	09/05	7:50AM	+ Betty & Francis Dukery– (Grandchildren)
SAT	09/06	4:00PM	+ Theresa Conway – (Family)
SUN	09/07	7:30AM	+ Mary Bicko – (Kristi Lengyel)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Anna Seminsky– (Marge Plouchin)



Sunday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. But that understanding is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Who's) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence; children whose Father sent His son to die for our sins, children who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our very existence and for every breath we take. The Christian steward lives with an awareness of these two realities - our great dignity as sons and daughters of God, and our total dependence on Him for all that we are and all that we have been given.

Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility - recognizing that we are all 'little' ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
(Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> & Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

Weekly	\$ 2,834.00
Building Fund	\$ 45.00

All Saints Day Special

Benefits: St. Therese Church-Decker Ave. 814-539-7633

Winning Number Pays on First Pick 3 Drawing at 7pm

Not eligible for Wild Ball or Bonus Drawing

Saturday, November 1, 2025

\$1,500.00 to the winning ticket holder of the Pick 3 straight number

\$500.00 will be awarded for 1 number above and 1 number below the Pick 3 straight number drawn.

\$100.00 to the seller of the \$1,500.00 prize

Not responsible for typographical errors.

All unsold tickets become the property of St. Therese Church.

Void after 30 days

Donation \$10.00

SGC# - 24-337

We will be selling tickets in the vestibule, for **All Saints Day Special.**

**Tickets are \$10. for 2 numbers.**

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **November 1, 2025.**

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00 \$500 for the number above & below.**

You can buy your tickets before Mass or you can stop by the rectory during normal business hours **Mon -Fri 9-2**

The office will be closed Monday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to observe Labor Day.



Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>** starting at **6PM** in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held **Tuesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **7PM** in the Church Hall


Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on **Thursday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>** starting at **11:30AM.**



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it is a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God's vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship - you make it possible. We would like to thank the 61 families who have pledged 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 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.



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



**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



**25% OFF SHOPPING PASS FOR BOSCOV'S - St Anne's Christian Mothers** are selling Boscov's Shopping passes for \$5.00 to get 25% off on the shopping day of October 22nd. Contact Janet Knapp at 814-241-6198 to make arrangement to purchase, or stop by the office 9-2 Mon -Fri. Thank you for supporting St Anne's Christian Mothers.



**The Westmont Johnstown Girl Scout Service Unit # 4651** is collecting items to make birthday cake kits for children in need. Items being collected include: 9x13 aluminum cake pan with lid, Funfetti cake mix, Funfetti icing, case of Sprite cans, box of candles, Walmart gift card, Dollar Tree gift card. We will use the gift cards to purchase any items needed to complete the kits. The kits will be assembled by the Girl Scouts in September as their service project in honor of National Month of Service. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be collected in the box labeled in the back church until September 14. Last year, with your help, the girls made 200 birthday cake kits that were distributed at local schools and organizations. Contact Kristen Battaglia at 814-322-8555 with any questions. Thank you!

## 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 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>**

## **LABORDAY WEEKEND**

**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

### **St Matthew's Anglican Church**

Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party

Saturday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>  
12:30-3PM

St Therese Social Hall

Includes Spaghetti Dinner and 25 Basket Tickets cost \$10.00. Soft walk-through Friday 4-7 Sept 5<sup>th</sup> For tickets/information call Arlene 814-244-3863 or Denny 814-322-6631



### **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



**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.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** cordially invites **EVERYONE** to our Anniversary Celebration — 1 Hour Adoration Benediction - Recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

**Wednesday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 3pm**

St. Andrew Church 1621 Ferndale Ave.

Light Refreshments to follow in School Hall  
Info: Cathy (814)288-1126 or Lolly (814)659-8717






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

**Families and the Gospel** -(Luke 14: 1-7-14)  
Family life well lived confirms the words of  
Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble  
themselves will be exalted." Commitment,  
intimacy, loyalty, and love are the rewards of  
humble service and care for one another.

**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



## 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**



Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Piroghi Project -	Social hall
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Therese Novena	
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	First Day CCD 9AM	
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	Knights of Columbus Gun Bash	St Andrews
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oktoberfest	

# OKTOBERFEST 2025

We are asking for and really do appreciate the following:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making is not your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you!

\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle  
(Saturday Night)

