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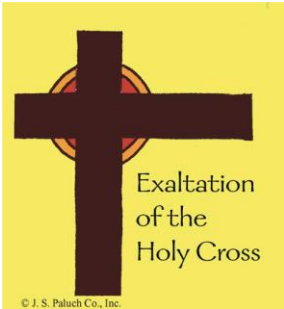
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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025

FIRST READING: Whenever anyone who has been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived. (Numbers 21:4b-9)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78)

SECOND READING: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. (Philippians 2:6-11)

GOSPEL: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life. (John 3:13-17)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Regulation of the liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church, that is, on the Apostolic See and, accordingly, as the law determines, on the bishop. In virtue of power conceded by the law, the regulation of the liturgy within certain defined limits belongs also to various kinds of competent territorial bodies of bishops, lawfully established. Therefore, no other person, not even the priest himself, may on his own add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy.
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Number 22

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	09/14	10:30AM Holy Name Mass
MON	09/15	6:00PM Oktoberfest Meeting Church Hall
TUES	09/16	8:00AM Peel Potatoes
WED	09/17	
THURS	09/18	7:30AM Piroghi Project
FRI	09/19	
SAT	09/20	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	09/21	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 15th– Sept 21st)

MON	09/15	7:50AM	+ (A) Kevin Gritzer – (Darren & Cher)
TUES	09/16	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
WED	09/17	7:50AM	+ Norma Hammer – (M/M Joe Tomera)
THUR	09/18	7:50AM	+ Anthony Petrore – (M/M Anthony Bambino)
FRI	09/19	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic– (Husband, Martin)
SAT	09/20	4:00PM	+ Charles & Anna Novosel – (Vince Kondash)
SUN	09/21	7:30AM	+ John Polenik – (Wife, Teresa)
	 10:30AM	+ Frank & Eileen Maslo – (Tom & MaryAnn Furnari)



Sunday, Sept 14, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate, and merciful love of God which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel, if you will, that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

How can we demonstrate our gratitude to such a God? By living as His good stewards. We thank Him by offering back to Him the very best of ourselves - the talents He has given us (to use for His glory), the time He has given us (to spend with Him in prayer), and the material resources He has given us (to advance His kingdom).

In so doing, we can make the words of St. Paul, a former enemy of Christ, our own stewardship motto: "I am grateful to Him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry." We must keep rolling, Christian stewards!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Sept 6th & Sept 7th 2025

Weekly	\$ 3,626.00
Building Fund	\$ 558.00
Fuel	\$ 880.00



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
If you are able to sell a few tickets to your co-workers or family members stop by the office and pick up some tickets to sell for your church. The sellers gets \$100.00



Looking for new Choir Members...
Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!!
Choir practice is on Monday's at 7PM. Also, we are looking for an additional organist. If you are interested and have any questions, please call Barb @ 255-6563.

Mark Your Calendars: We will be making piroghis for the Novena on **Thursday, Sept 18th.**

- 1) Tuesdays- peel potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

To Order: Sign-up sheets: will be in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend, **Sept 13th & 14th**
Piroghi Pick up will be on Thursday, Sept 18th 11-2PM or Friday Sept 19th, from 10:00-12:00PM



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 **\$12,065.00** 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.

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)





The St. Therese prayer shawl ministry met for their quarterly meeting on September 4th at 1:30pm in the church

basement. Discussions included year to date accomplishments and any ongoing and/or future projects.

Since January, when the prayer shawl ministry was formed, a total of 89 blankets/shawls have been given to individuals in need of Gods comfort and embrace.

Our ministry has provided shawls/ blankets, that have been infused with prayers, to shut ins of the St. Therese parish, as well as to church members of both St. Anne's and St. Therese whom reside in nursing homes or personal care homes. In addition, we have given blankets/shawls to the Women's Help Center and the Somerset chapter of Project Linus.

At the 1030 mass on 8/31, a total of 7 blue and pink baby blankets were blessed, these blankets will be given to future baptisms at St. Therese Church.

Currently, the prayer shawl ministry members are working on pink Shawls to be given to the Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center, located in Windber, in conjunction with October Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The shawls will be given to newly diagnosed Breast Cancer patients. Our hope is that the shawl is a tangible reminder of God's presence, bringing comfort and peace to those who receive them.

If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl whom is undergoing a medical procedure, grieving a loss, or in need of comfort, please contact the church office.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Prayer Shawl Ministry either through their talent and time, Dee, Elizabeth, Helen, Roberta and Vicki, and to individuals whom have provided donations of money, yarn or gift cards. A big thank you to the St. Therese Christian Mothers for their recent donation to support the breast cancer shawl project.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider joining us at our next meeting, which will be held in January, to learn more about this fulfilling ministry.

A basket remains in the church vestibule for any type of donation for the prayer shawl ministry. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Debi Hubbard at 814-421-2416 or via email at mommyhub@atlanticbb.net.

Congratulations to the winners of the St Anne's Christian Mothers Labor Day Ticket!!

#762 Dave Forosisky (Winner)

#761 Benita Socha (#below)

#763 Rick Weaver (#above)



Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Opens on **Tuesday, Sept 23rd** and will end on **Wednesday, Oct 1st**, the Feast of St. Therese.

Mass Schedule -

Weekday Masses at 9AM and 7PM; Saturday

Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;

Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.

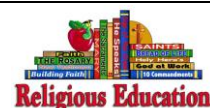
Sunday, Sept 28th at 2PM Anointing of the sick

Volunteers Needed to deliver Novena Roses -

Please consider helping by delivering 1 or 2 roses to our Homebound parishioners at the close of the Novena? Flowers will be available on Wednesday, Oct 1st. Please call the office (Mon -Fri 9-2 814-539-7633) if you can spare an hour of your time and brighten up someone day.

Families and the Gospel -(Luke 16:1-13)

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Do not be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



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.



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!



HITMIX MUSIC BINGO - Will be held on Saturday, November 8th at St. Francis Activity Center at 134 Barron Avenue. Doors open at 5:00PM with first game beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$20 each and includes food and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes every half hour. Also available for purchase are extra bingo cards, Qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar. **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED.** Tickets will be available after September 13th. Must be 18 or older to participate! Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667

Community News & Events



This weekend the diocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergrad and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. The University's various research and training indicatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an imitative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. by contributing education, formation, research, events and media; and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please give generously. Visit collection.catholic.edu for more information.

Oktoberfest Meeting MONDAY
Sunday, Sept 15th at
6 PM in the church hall.



Fall Basket Party

Basket Party St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will have a Walk-Thru Basket Party the weekends of **September 27th -28th and October 4th -5th**, noon-5pm daily. Tickets are \$5 for 25 tickets. The drawing will be broadcast live via their Facebook page They will also be offering a limited take-out menu and homemade baked goods, while supplies last.

ABORTION; "All life has an inestimable value, even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"