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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

FIRST READING: Who can ever know God’s counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

PSALM: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

SECOND READING: Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

GOSPEL: To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one’s own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: LIMITS

Today’s readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: “For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.” Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon’s free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	09/07	Happy Grandparents Day!
MON	09/08	
TUES	09/09	
WED	09/10	
THURS	09/11	
FRI	09/12	
SAT	09/13	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	09/14	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Sept 14<sup>th</sup>)

MON	09/08	7:50AM	For the Intentions of Sr. Marie Catherine
TUES	09/09	7:50AM	+ (WA) John Cynar – (Wife, Joanne)
WED	09/10	7:50AM	+ Fr Alphonse Miklavcic – (St Therese Parish)
THUR	09/11	7:50AM	+ (WA) Henry & Kay Gorczycki – (Family)
FRI	09/12	7:50AM	+ Brain Bambino– (Jerry & Mary Frances Sandusky)
SAT	09/13	4:00PM	Celebrating 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary- Tom & Michelle Beblar
SUN	09/14	7:30AM	+ Pro Populo
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday, Sept 7, 2025



**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship - the stewardship way of life - is the only life that can truly satisfy.

He knows that if we do not live with great intentionality - putting Him first before all else - we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down - our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**  
(Aug 30<sup>th</sup> & Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2025)

Weekly	\$ 4,070.00
Building Fund	\$ 271.00
Fuel	\$ 160.00



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Rosemarie Mikesic** who was called to her eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Rosemarie** and peace and consolation to her family.



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**

**Parish Council Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the rectory lounge. Please try to attend.

Congratulations to **Delores Shank**, the "Winner of the Christian Mothers Labor Day Ticket." Winning number drawn on Monay evening pick 3 was **762**. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. **Congratulations Deel!**



Congratulations to **John Calka**, the "Winner of the Holy Name Labor Day Ticket." Winning number drawn on Monay evening pick 3 was **762**. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. **Congratulations John!**



**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.



**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.



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.

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

- 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 next weekend, **Sept 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Piroghi Pick up will be on Thursday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 11-2PM or Friday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-12:00PM

# 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)**

We are excited to announce that the new roof on the church and on the Chapel are completed, and the air conditioner in the Church Hall has been installed. We would like to thank Drew & Jimmy Volocko and their crew, what an awesome job you guys have done. Also, we would like to thank Mike Antal for donating his time and talent and sealing up the hole where the old a/c unit was and repairing the steps coming down from the rectory. May God bless all of you for your hard work and dedication to St Therese Church.

**Families and the Gospel** -(Luke 14: 25-33)  
Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.



"A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend."



**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

**Saint Patrick's Church**  
609 Park Ave Johnstown, PA

**FALL festival**

**Gigantic Basement Sale**  
**Bake Sale**  
Cobs, Cookies, & Pies  
**Hot Foods Sale**  
Barbecue Pulled Pork, Italuski, Hot Sausage Sandwich, Mac and Cheese, and Hot Dogs

**September 12-13**      **8 AM-4 PM**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR YOUR LUNCH BREAK AND SUPPORT A LOCAL CHARITY.  
Take-Outs available- call ahead to order (814) 341- 8861.