

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
All Soul’s Day
November2, 2025

FIRST READING: The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them (Wisdom 3:1-9 (1)).

PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

SECOND READING: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts (Romans 5:5-11).

GOSPEL This is the will of the Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes may have eternal life (John 6:37-40 (8)).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION This year All Souls’ Day falls on a Sunday. Catholics traditionally pray for the dead that they find mercy and peace with God. In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem. At Mass we sing a hymn to the Lord’s glory with the whole company of heaven, venerating the memory of the saints and hoping for some part and fellowship with them. The liturgy is the source for achieving in the most effective way possible human sanctification. We pray that our dead be with God in heaven.
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Numbers 8 and 10.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	11/02	
MON	11/03	
TUES	11/04	6:00PM Holy Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	11/05	
THURS	11/06	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & meeting
FRI	11/07	
SAT	11/08	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	11/09	10:30AM Holy Name & KOC Memorial Mass

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 3rd – Nov 9th)

MON	11/03	7:50AM	+ All Souls Triduum
TUES	11/04	7:50AM	+ All Soul’s Triduum
WED	11/05	7:50AM	+ (B) Dolores Opacic – (Daughter, Elizabeth)
THUR	11/06	7:50AM	+ John Cynar – (Wife & Children)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	11/07	7:50AM	+ James & Margaret Murray – (Children)
SAT	11/08	4:00PM	+ (B) Sylvia Delich– (Children & Grandchildren)
SUN	11/09	7:30AM	+ Mary Bicko – (Kristi Lengyel)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name & KOC Memorial Mass



Sunday, Nov 2, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: On this sacred day, the Church invites us to remember and pray for all the faithful departed - those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. It is a day of profound connection, when the veil between heaven and earth feels especially thin.

Stewardship is rooted in gratitude, and today we give thanks for the lives of those who shaped our faith, nurtured our families, and built our communities. Their legacy is a gift we have received, and we are called to be faithful stewards of that gift by living lives of holiness, generosity, and love.

As we celebrate this day, we are reminded that stewardship is not only about what we do with our time, talent, and treasure - it is about how we care for the memory and spiritual well-being of others. Our prayers for the dead are acts of mercy, expressions of hope, and signs of our belief in the communion of saints. Let us honor the faithful departed by continuing their good works, supporting our parish communities, and living as witnesses to the Resurrection.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 25th & Oct 26th 2025

Weekly		\$ 3,046.00
Building Fund		\$ 130.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



All Soul's Day (Nov 2) - There will be a three (3) day Triduum beginning Sunday, Nov 2nd. Envelopes can be found in your box and there are extra envelopes and slips in the back of the church for anyone wishing to have their deceased family members or loved ones remembered during the month of November.



Piroghi Project is set for Thursday, Nov 20th there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule on November 15th & 16th.



Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls - for the Holidays has been set for **Saturday, Dec 6th** just in time for Christmas. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule in the upcoming weeks.

We are in need the follow items for these projects to help defray the cost:
Walnuts, Flour, Sugar, eggs, and plain Crisco.

Called by Name
Honoring Faithful Young Men

Next weekend is **Called By Name** Sunday, and initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood. Bishop Bartchak has written to us about this important campaign, which we encourage you to read in our bulletin.

Next Sunday, the Bishop is inviting all parishioners to submit names of young men who exhibit leadership and a heart of service. These men will receive a letter from the Bishop Mark invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our Vocation team.



Parish Advent Christmas Project

Volunteers will be in the vestibule before and after all masses beginning **TODAY Sunday Nov 2nd** to assist you.

1. Take a star from the Christmas tree
2. Give your name and phone # to the person taking the information.
3. Place your star on the outside of your **unwrapped gift**.
4. **Return your unwrapped gift to us no later than Sunday, Nov 24th**

Please ask our volunteers if you have any questions concerning this project.

Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov 4th** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held **Tuesday, Nov 4th at 7PM** in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, November 6th starting at 11:30AM.



Knights of Columbus along with the **Holy Name** will host a Remembrance Mass for all deceased Members **next Sunday, Nov 9th** at 10:30 Mass, rosary to follow. Refreshment will be served following the Mass in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will take up a special collection on the weekend of Nov 1st & 2nd and Nov 8th & 9th, to assist the victims of Hurricane Melissa. Please be as generous as your situations allow.



Community News & Events

St Clement Parish

Veteran's Day Celebratio

A liturgical celebration honoring men and women who have made sacrifices in the name of Freedom and Democracy.

Saturday, Nov 8th 4:00PM Mass

Celebrant Fr William Rosenbaum

Reserved seating for veterans, active military, and their families. Wear your uniform or Red, White & Blue. A special collection will be taken up for

VETERAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.

For more info please contact St Clement Church
814-255-4422

Our parish will take up the **Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)**, next weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection



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 77 families who have pledged a total of **\$14,385.00** 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.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen

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Our Services include:

bathing and dressing

Medication reminders

Meal preparation & feeding

light Housekeeping

transportation

Companionship & community integration

Socialization & recreational activities

Dedicated to all your homecare needs. We accept private pay and long-term care insurance. Also, we are contracted through the Department of Public Welfare. Please call 724-327-7599

ABORTION:

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it

Life is beauty, admire it

Life is a dream, realize it

Life is challenge, meet it

Life is a duty, complete it

Life is a game, play it

Life is a promise, fulfill it

Life is sorrow, overcome it

Life is a song, sing it

Life is a struggle, accept it

Life is a tragedy, confront it

Life is an adventure, dare it

Life is luck, make it

Life is too precious, do not destroy it

Life is life, fight for it

~~ Mother Teresa