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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

FIRST READING: In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will
Live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

SECOND READING: Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

GOSPEL: Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE GIFT OF FAITH
Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God’s presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	10/06	
TUES	10/07	
WED	10/08	9:00AM Steaming Cabbage 6:00PM Holy Name Meeting in the Church Hall 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
THURS	10/09	9:00AM Making Pigs in the Blanket
FRI	10/10	9:00AM Making Apple Strudel
SAT	10/11	3:00PM Confession 4-8PM. . . . Oktoberfest Social Hall - Large Wheel Raffle 5:30-7:30PM
NEXT SUN	10/12	11-2PM Oktoberfest Basket Drawing starting at 2PM



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 6th – Oct 12th)

MON	10/06	9:00AM.	+ Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)
TUES	10/07	9:00AM.	For the Intentions of Sr. Isabel O.C.D.
WED	10/08	9:00AM	+ (B) Dorothy Ramirez – (Christian Mothers)
THUR	10/09	7:50AM	+ Norma Hammer – (Patty & Marty Neidig)
FRI	10/10	7:50AM.	+ (A) Olga Labuda– (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
SAT	10/11	4:00PM	+ Ken Shank – (Family)
SUN	10/12	7:30AM	+ (B) Bob Macy – (Family)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday, Oct 5, 2025

OKTOBERFEST 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life - that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom - is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

Living our lives in His service is very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and gifts is imply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Sept 27th & Sept 28th 2025

Weekly	\$ 3,030.00
Building Fund	\$ 45.00
Fuel	\$ 70.00



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

Holy Name Society will hold their monthly meeting on this **Wednesday, Oct 8th** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held this **Wednesday, Oct 8th** at 7PM in the Church Hall.



Pigs In Blanket

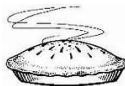
Wednesday Oct 8th - 9:00AM - Steam Cabbage

Thursday, Oct 9th - 9:00AM - Make Pigs

Apple Strudel Help Needed -

Oct 10th - Friday 9:00AM -make apple strudel at the Social Hall.

Bakers of the parish You can drop your pies off on Saturday morning at the Social Hall, **Oct 11th.**



Themed Baskets - Please drop your basket off at the rectory or bring to the Social Hall by **Friday Oct 10th**



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.

St Therese Parish Council will meet this Monday, Oct 6th at 10:00AM in the rectory lounge. Please try to attend.





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.

Community News & Events



The West End Improvement Group will the Annual Basket Party. This year will be a 2-day event, with a Walk-Through on Saturday,

November 1, 2025, 1-4PM. Tickets are \$5. Saturday will also include baked goods for sale, including gobs.

Sunday, Nov 2, doors will open at 11AM, drawing will begin at 1PM. Tickets are \$10.00 which includes lunch.

This year will include qualifiers/pull-tabs, in addition to 50/50, Lottery Tree, etc and over 135 baskets. You need not be present to win.

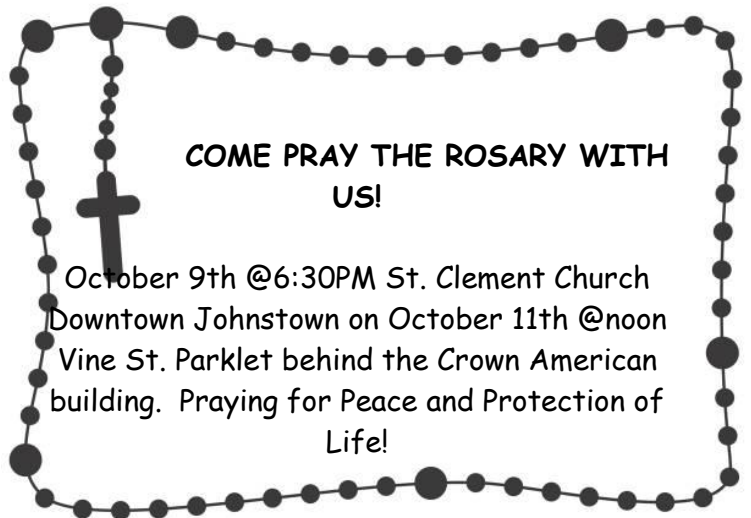
Please join us at St Therese Social Hall. Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, garden, and community project. Any questions or to donate a basket, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - October 17, 2025. The cost of the Bus is \$50.00 per person and includes the tip for the bus driver. The bus will depart at EXACTLY 6:30 AM from the HOME DEPOT parking lot, Galleria Extension Drive in Johnstown. ONLY 3 BUSES with 150 SEATS are available. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a seat (s) and make payment to Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, please call Catherine Bennett, Secretary at 814-536-6110, x1. You are advised to CARPOOL to the HOME DEPOT because of limited parking. More information and an itinerary for the day will be distributed closer to the event. Please call as soon as possible because seats will fill up fast and these are the only buses reserved for the Johnstown area

Families and the Gospel -(Luke 16: 19-31)

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be **Wednesday Oct. 8th at 3pm or 6:30pm.** Come join us as we dig deeper into our faith and education of Jesus' Divine Mercy through reflection and discussion of Saint Faustina's Diary and the recitation of the Chaplet. Only 1 Hour, WELL spent! Info call Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717.



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St. Therese Church

Oktoberfest

Upper Decker Avenue

SATURDAY, OCT 11th
4:00PM – 8:00PM

SUNDAY, OCT 12th
11:00AM – 2:00PM

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GERMAN POTATO SALAD HALUSKI
PIGS IN THE BLANKET PIROGHI
KOLBASSI/SAUERKRAUT
HOT DOGS/SAUERKRAUT

DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS

ASSORTED PIES GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL



BEER WINE COOLERS SODA WATER COFFEE

ENTERTAINMENT

THEME BASKETS

SATURDAY

5:30 – 7:30—Meat Raffle Wheel

2:00PM – Theme Basket Raffle Drawing

