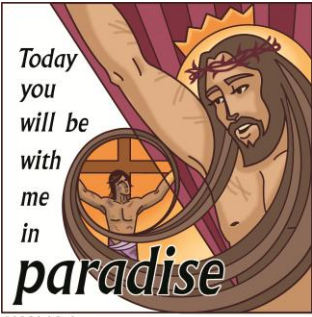


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November 23, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

FIRST READING: David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

SECOND READING: The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

GOSPEL: The repentant criminal receives Jesus’ promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST
What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke’s Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus’ flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus’ crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	11/23	
MON	11/24	
TUES	11/25	
WED	11/26	
THURS	11/27	
FRI	11/28	
SAT	11/29	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	11/30	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 24th – Nov 30th)

MON	11/24	7:50AM	+ James & Margaret Murray – (Steve Rasich)
TUES	11/25	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
WED	11/26	7:50AM	+ Rose Marie Mikesic – (Cheryl White)
THUR	11/27	9:00AM	+ (B) George Seigh – (Son, Mike & Kim)
FRI	11/28	7:50AM	+ Dorothy Ramierz – (Daughter, Karen & Mark)
SAT	11/29	4:00PM	+ Betty Rozich Kinnele – (Tina McKissick & Family)
SUN	11/30	7:30AM	+ (A) Domenic Petrore – (Bev Bross)
		10:30AM	+ Brian Bambino – (The Kutsick Family)



Sunday, Nov 23, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders - stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
(Nov 15th & Nov 16th 2025)

Weekly		\$ 4,208.00
Building Fund		\$ 245.00
Christmas		\$ 25.00

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



Thanksgiving Day Liturgy - Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th will be held at 9:00AM. Please bring a non-perishable item or monetary donation for our food pantry. Boxes will be in the vestibule before Masses.



Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls -

Will be baked on **Saturday, Dec 6th** just in time for Christmas. **Pick up will be Dec 7th** after Sunday morning masses. An order sheet is in the vestibule. **Deadline to order is TODAY Sunday, Nov 23rd**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this project.



Gift Card Tree - Starting this weekend we will be selling chances on a \$200 worth of Gift Cards Tree (tree not included) before Mass in the vestibule until **Dec 8th**. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

2025 Parish Advent Christmas Project

Thank you to all who were able to take a star from the tree. Please return your unwrapped gift to us no later than **TODAY Sunday, Nov 23rd**. A Big Thank you to Linda & Gary Kozak for organizing this Advent project.

Religious Education News



The Children's Thanksgiving Liturgy will be held **Today** at the **10:30AM mass**. Students will **report to class at 9 and will attend mass at 10:30 together**. Please bring your Non-perishable item and place them on the altar. There will be NO Religious Ed Classes on **Sunday, Nov 30th**, Classes will resume on **Dec 7th**

Christmas Cookie Sale -

It is that time of the year again! The Christian Mothers will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on **Saturday Dec 13th & Sunday 14th**.



We are once again calling out to the bakers of the parish. Would you be willing to bake some cookies? Your help will be greatly appreciated. You may make as many dozens as you like. Please deliver your cookies to the Church Hall by **9AM** on Saturday, **Dec 13th**. Cookies will be sold after all Masses Sat & Sun. Thank You in advance for all your support throughout the year!



To everyone who worked long and hard at the Piroghi Project, donated, and purchased those piroghis. Your continued support always makes these projects huge successes!!! **THANK YOU All, for everything that you do throughout the year!!!! We hope you have a wonderful Holiday!**



Dear Parishioners,

May the Lord give you his peace.



As we approach Thanksgiving Day, it's always a reminder about this very important attitude that should be always cultivated in our hearts. Pope St. John Paul in one of his exhortations reminds the faithful to remember the past with gratitude for all the blessings we have received. Remembering past blessings helps us to live in the present with enthusiasm and vigor. And as regards the future, thanksgiving gives us confidence and hope that God will continue to bless us and see us through our future days.

May God grant you and your loved ones the grace to see more clearly how He has blessed us in the past and present and the faith to see that He will continue to bless us in the future.

On behalf of Fr. Balestino and myself may you be granted a heart full of thanksgiving to God for blessings past, present and future.

H. Balestino

Fr. Balestino



Stocking for Solders

Our sister Church St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "**Stocking for Soldiers.**" Stocking and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church. Filled stocking will be accepted until Dec 7th. Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.

Holy Name Society will hold their monthly meeting next Tuesday, Dec 2nd at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - will hold their monthly meeting next Tuesday, Dec 2nd at 7PM in the Church Hall.



Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Christmas Party next Thursday, Dec 4th starting at 11:30AM



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. We would like to thank the 77 families who have pledged a total of **\$15,245.00 (56.76%)** 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.



The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring the **Annual Christmas Party** for kids ages 12 and under, to be held on Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00 AM to Noon. Breakfast will be provided, along with crafts and a visit from Santa.

Santa is bringing personalized ornaments this year, so we absolutely need to have your reservation in early, but no later than **Sunday, November 30th**, to give his elves time to make them. **No reservations will be accepted after November 30th.**

Please complete the reservation form and put it in the collection basket or drop it off to the rectory no later than November 30th. Please be sure to print your child's name, so that it is easily readable. Also, we need to know how many adults are coming, to prepare the correct amount of food.

**Called By Name
Honoring Faithful Young Men**

Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15 - 30) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood Names may be submitted by using one of the cards in the back of church or by visiting this website www.ajvocations.org/calledbyname . Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

Community News & Events



Whispers on the Rusty Rails

"Where the tracks end, hope begins.
The Nativity retold"

Join us December 4, 5, and 6 at 7PM at the
Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship at
3429 Elton Road.

Doors open at 6PM

A 1920's Christmas Theatrical Experience for
the entire family. (approximately 90 minutes)

Free Admission, good will offering

Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Our NEXT Service
Project is Christmas Caroling at Arbutus Park
Manor 207 Ottawa St Johnstown 15904
Wednesday Dec. 3rd 6:30pm ***Join Us in
spreading Christmas Spirit (no need to be a
member) We'd love to have YOU!! Cathy 814-
288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Thanksgiving (U.S.)

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining 26 letters spell a popular Thanksgiving Day event.

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