

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

November 9, 2025

- FIRST READING:** I saw water flowing out of the temple; wherever the river flows, every living creature shall live. (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12)
- RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. (Psalm 46)
- SECOND READING:** Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17)
- GOSPEL:** Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. (John 2:13-22)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Today the Church commemorates the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral church of Rome. The Church is the Lord’s beloved Bride who calls to him and through him offers worship to the eternal Father. In the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, the Head and his members. Every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the Priest and of his Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others. No other action of the Church can equal the effectiveness of liturgy.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Numbers 8 and 10.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	11/09	10:30AM Holy Name & KOC Memorial Mass
MON	11/10	
TUES	11/11	Veterans Day
WED	11/12	
THURS	11/13	
FRI	11/14	
SAT	11/15	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	11/16	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 10th – Nov 16th)

MON	11/09	7:50AM	+ (WA) George & Pauline Pappas – (Sons)
TUES	11/10	7:50AM	+ (A) Gertrude Fiscus – (Sister, Joan Spampinato)
WED	11/11	7:50AM	. In Thanksgiving – (Marshal Family)
THUR	11/12	7:50AM	+ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
FRI	11/13	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
SAT	11/14	4:00PM	+ (B) John Pencola– (Wife, Palma)
SUN	11/15	7:30AM	+ Norma Hammer – (Daughter, Theresa & Grandsons)
		10:30AM	+ Betty Dukery – (Shirley Pavolsky)



Sunday, Nov 9, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more - for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Sadducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worth to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead... can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

We should embrace the stewardship way of life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and the everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Nov 1st & Nov 2nd 2025)

Weekly		\$ 4,360.00
Building Fund		\$ 414.00
Christmas		\$ 100.00

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



Piroghi Project is set for Thursday, Nov 20th there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule **next weekend, 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 n 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.

All the bills have been paid for our Annual Oktoberfest 2025 and the total Net Profit is **\$15,351.53**. Thanks again to everyone who made all the Beautiful Basket, gave a monetary, and/or Gift Card donations, cooked, volunteered, baked the delicious pies, bartended, cashiered, or helped in any way to make the Oktoberfest a success. **You truly are the BEST!! And we greatly appreciated everything you do.**



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 **Sunday, Nov 24th**



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.



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



Congratulations to our winners of the Pick 3
All Saints Day Special

Winning Number 291 (evening drawing)

291 Winner - Maura Clark

290 # below - Kathy Antal

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We would like to Thank everyone who supported this fundraising project. Thanks to the people who sold the tickets for the church. We appreciate all your help.

Called by Name

Honoring Faithful Young Men

Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30's) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit

ajvocations.org/calledbyname. Men who 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.

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

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)

This weekend our parish will take up a special 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.

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. Nov. 12th at 3pm and 6:30pm. This is coming into an exciting time of year with our service projects! Come see how we STRIVE to show Mercy to Others!
Info: Cathy 814-288-1126



BISHOP MCCORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold a Turkey Raffle on Saturday, November 22nd at the East Campus Gym (St. Benedict) 2306 Bedford St.
Doors open at 6:30 PM. Raffle begins at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$20.00 and includes a meal, beverages and entry into hourly cash drawings. Please join us for a fun evening.

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