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Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

FIRST READING: God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

PSALM: Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Psalm 16).

SECOND READING: Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

GOSPEL: Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	04/20		
TUES	04/21		
WED	04/22		
THURS	04/23		
FRI	04/24		
SAT	04/25	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	04/26	10:30AM	Confirmation - Rite of Sending

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 13th – April 19th)

MON	4/20	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Family)
TUES	4/21	7:50AM	+ Martin Simcic – (Family)
WED	4/22	7:50AM	+ Brian Bambino – (Ann Figart)
THUR	4/23	7:50AM	+ Elizabeth Weaver (1 month mind) – (Christian Mothers)
FRI	4/24	7:50AM	+ Betty, Carl, Edward & Marie Pavlosky – (Sister, Annamae)
SAT	4/25	4:00PM	+ Frances Mondy – (Ron & Jennifer Szelong)
SUN	4/26	7:30AM	+ (B) Regis Bender – (Wife & Daughters)
		10:30AM	+ (WA) Charles Karalfa – (Wife, Donna)

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings focus on a theme of 'sojourning.' As Christian stewards, we know that our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our second reading instructs us to "conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed... with the precious blood of Christ." What a powerful reminder during the Easter season of our 'why' for embracing the stewardship way of life - we have been ransomed by our Lord's saving death and resurrection. Our lives are a gift from Him - as we sojourn through life, we are to make our lives a gift to Him in return.

So, what can we do when we become discouraged - when we need our hearts set on fire once again? We can go to the same sources as the two disciples from our Gospel today on the road to Emmaus - the Scriptures (the living Word of God) and the Eucharist (the very source and summit of our faith). Frequent recourse to these two gifts from our Lord is essential to sustain us in the stewardship way of life.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 11th – April 12th, 2026)

Weekly	\$	3,924.00
Building Fund	\$	286.00
Easter	\$	515.00
Fuel	\$	5.00



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



WELCOME!!

The St Therese's Community would like to welcome our newest member, **Owen Casey Koval**, son of **Andrew & Katie (Stofko) Koval** who was baptized last Sunday, April 12th, 2026. **Welcome Owen** and may you grow in God's love and grace.

Coffee & Donuts will be held in the Church basement after all Masses this weekend, **April 11th & 12th**, hosted by the Christian Mothers. Stop by for a delicious donut and good fellowship.



REGINA CAELI - The Regina Caeli is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
 - R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
 - V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
 - R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
 - V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
 - R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.
- Let us Pray:** O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to this world; grant, we beseech you, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen



Congratulations to **Dennis Alberter** who was the winner of the early bird drawing on Sunday, April 12th of the Cash raffle tickets. Thanks to all who purchased their ticket early. You will have one more chance at the early bird drawing on Mother's Day, May 10th, so get your tickets in early

RITE OF SENDING

Next Sunday, April 26th we celebrate the Rite of Sending to our Students, and ask God to Bless them as they continue their journey in faith.



Patrick Sakmar - Sebastian Devyn Shingler - Rosalia

"Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see where God wants you to go—and give you the courage to get there".



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Sent To Serve

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of March 31st a total of **\$8,640** towards our target amount of **\$23,100**. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full. All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese Parish.

Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **June 20th & 21st 2026**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$30 in value**. The next meeting is **Monday April 27th at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping with soliciting for basket donates please call the office, or use the donation request form that is in the vestibule and ask your favorite restaurant, beauty shop, or establishment etc. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to **Get Involved!**



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

The St. Therese prayer shawl ministry met for their second quarterly meeting on April 9th at 2:00pm in the church basement. Discussions included first quarter accomplishments as well as any ongoing and/or future projects

For the first quarter of this year, our ministry provided 12 baby blankets to the Rachel's gift organization. Rachel's gifts, is an organization that provides special bereavement care for parents who lose a child to miscarriage, stillbirth, or any other type of Infant loss. The baby blankets that we made were placed in keepsake boxes for grieving families. In addition to the blankets made, 5 prayer shawls were donated to the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center to provide comfort and warmth to Individuals undergoing chemotherapy.

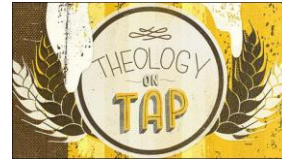
If you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl who is undergoing a medical procedure, grieving a loss, or in need of comfort, please contact the church office. In addition, if you have a family member or friend who has recently been placed in a care facility, please let the church office know as well.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Prayer Shawl Ministry through their talent and time, Dee, Elizabeth, Helen, Roberta, and Vicki, and to individuals whom have provided donations of money, yarn, or gift cards. Thank you to the St. Therese Christian Mothers for their recent donation to support the prayer shawl ministry.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider joining us at our next meeting, which will be held in August to learn more about this fulfilling ministry.

A basket remains in the church vestibule for any type of donation for the prayer shawl ministry. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Debi Hubbard at 814-421-2416 or via email at mommyhub@atlanticbb.net.
Thank you

Community News & Events



Young Adult Group (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is April 22nd at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Brother Francisco Whittaker OSB speaking on Divine Mercy. Over the last several months we have been averaging about 45 young adults per month with new members joining monthly. All young adults (18-39) are invited! There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



Westmont Presbyterian Church
601 Luzerne Street presents
Birk & Hoke, Organist / Pianists
Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4PM
Admission is Free
good will offering will be accepted



The St Anne's Christian Mothers would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make this year's Basket Party another huge success! Thank you to the KOC for their help with hauling baskets and setting up the hall, the Basket runners, to everyone who generously donated baskets or monetary donations, to all the area business for their generosity, to Mike Labarko and his wonderful crew for the delicious spaghetti dinner and of course to everyone who came and purchased chances on the baskets. We are overwhelmed by your support, your love and generosity and we hope everyone had an enjoyable afternoon. **We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!!!**