

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

FIRST READING: The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

PSALM Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

SECOND READING: The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

GOSPEL All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined. What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	06/22		
TUES	06/23		
WED	06/24		
THURS	06/25		
FRI	06/26		
SAT	06/27	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	06/28		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (June 22nd– June 28th)

MON	6/22	7:50AM	+ Father's Day Novena
TUES	6/23	7:50AM	+ Father's Day Novena
WED	6/24	7:50AM	+ (WA) Regis Bender – (Wife, Carol)
THUR	6/25	7:50AM	+ Peg Dadey – (Darlene Lovas)
FRI	6/26	7:50AM	+ Bob Grasa – (Wife, Judy)
SAT	6/27	4:00PM	+ Francis Ozog – (Family)
SUN	6/28	7:30AM	+ (A) Mary Beth Wertin – (Son, Adam & Maura)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Peg Dadey – (Husband, Tom)

Sunday, June 21, 2026



Sent To Serve

Thank you to the 56 families who have pledged as of May 31st a total of \$11,045.00 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). Fr Bernards hope is for parishioner participation; we are now at 28.09% parishioner participation. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full



In 2029 we will be celebrating our Centennial here at St Therese. Fr Karmanocky would like to form a committee of volunteers to help organize the first stages of our centennial celebration. If you are interested in helping with this celebration please call the Rectory, during office hours 9-2PM Mon -Fri.

Along with the Centennial Celebration we are also looking for volunteers to help with the putting together timeline of the history of the Church. We are already started but have some years to catch up on. If interested please call the rectory during office hours 9-2 Mon -Fri 814-539-7633.

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust - two concepts on opposite sides of the same coin. They must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life.

In our first reading, from Jeremiah, the prophet expresses sentiments we have all felt at some point in our lives, when he says, "I hear the whispering of many: 'Terror on every side!'" Perhaps this 'whispering' comes from the culture that insists we must think of ourselves, our own interests, our financial comfort first - only when we are certain that our own needs are met can we think of serving God and sharing with others. Perhaps when we consider stepping out of our comfort zones, the fear-inducing whispers come from within us - "you're too weak, too selfish, too broken to really live as Christ's disciple." Yet, just when Jeremiah is nearly overcome with fear, he remembers the truth, and it is just as true for us today. "The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion." Of course!

Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents and our treasure into trusting this great God, and using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (June 13th - June 14th, 2026)

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Weekly: \$ 3,692.00; Building Fund: \$ 98.00

Mark your Calendars!!

We will celebrate our Vacation Bible School on June 29th - July 2nd, 2026. 9:00AM - 11:30AM

What A Mess!

This is for anyone in Grades K -5. Activities include: Bible Stories, Arts & crafts, Games and Fun! Come Get Messy with Us! Pick up your registration form in the back of the Church. This event is Free



Father's Day Triduum

There will be a Father's Day Triduum beginning this Sunday

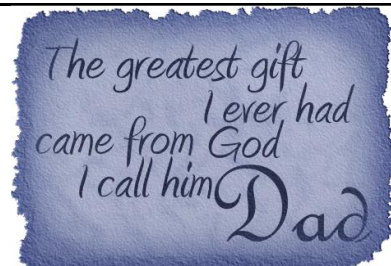
June 21st for all living and deceased fathers and grandfathers of the parish. Spiritual bouquets are available in the back of Church.

Prayer for Vocations to the Sacred Heart

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of love and mercy, raise up holy preists after Your own Heart, Humble, pure, and consumed with zeal for souls.

Draw young men to Yourself and enflame their hearts with desire to make You known through Word and Sacrament, both in times of tranquility and tribulation.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we trust in You.



Community News & Events



Career Opportunity

St. Michael Catholic Church

Parish Secretary -- Seeking a friendly and organized individual to serve as the part-time Parish Secretary. This position works Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, with hours to be discussed. The Parish secretary is the welcoming face and voice of our parish office, greeting visitors, answering phones, and supporting the day-to-day operations of the parish. For more information, please visit the Diocese Office of Human Resources at <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org/general-employment-opportunities/>



Sunday Outdoor Masses All the faithful are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, celebrating their 75th Anniversary, now through September 6. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. Special Masses this Summer: **July 12 "Loggia Night"** evening for Catholic men (18 and up). **July 19 - Bishop's Mass for Married Couples.** **August 2 - "Bishop's Mass for Young People"** returning to College, Work, and Military.

SUNDAYMARKET@CAMBRIACITY, Sunday, **June 28 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** located at Emerich Place, 512 Chestnut St. Come and browse the various booths featuring: Food Vendors; Artists, Crafters, etc.

SAINT MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 425 Power St., Johnstown, will present the Jazz Along the River Concert Series. Bands featured: on **Friday, June 26** The Beatlemaniacs and on **Friday, July 24** Rise and Shine. Food available beginning at 5:00 PM. Menu: Pierogi, Halushki, Halupki, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Hot Sausage, Kielbasa, Soda, and Beer. Music from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. All are welcome to come for an evening of entertainment, good food and good company

CHERNISKY CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK - 10K RUN on **Sat., July 11** on the Ghost Town Trail. The day begins at the Young Peoples Community Center, 300 Prave St., Ebensburg, Pa. Start time: 6:45 AM - 9:00 AM - Rolling Start; Timed Start: 9:05 AM at the Ghost Town Trail Ebensburg Trailhead. Registrations received now thru July 10 \$28.00; Registrations morning of event \$33.00. Firecracker Race for children age 8 years and under is free. Register online [Ultrasignup.com](https://ultrasignup.com) "Chernisky Classic". All proceeds benefit the Cambria County Regional Firefighter's Association Training Facility.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION JULY 4

PICNIC: America's 250th Birthday, Friday July 3 and Saturday July 4 at the New Germany Grove. Benefits Immaculate Conception Church. Friday July 3, 6:30-10:00 PM - Food and Beverages, 21+ Cornhole Tournament. Saturday July 4 - Firecracker Frolic 5K, Children's Lollipop Run, Ham and Chicken Dinner with Homemade chicken noodle soup. Food, Games, Bingo, Music, and more! All are welcome.

ST. ANNE TRIDUUM

Join us for a three-night devotion honoring the mother of the Blessed Mother AND A Eucharistic Procession through downtown Johnstown

FRIDAY JULY 24

6PM SOLEMN VESPERS

Deacon Wally Zaplotocny
St. Joseph, Belwood

THREE NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS PREACHING

JULY 24-26, 2026

ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL, JOHNSTOWN, PA

SAT JULY 25

6PM VIGIL MASS

Deacon Matt Marafino
All Saints, Bowell

SUN JULY 26

5PM MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Deacon John Fontana
Visitation, Johnstown



Happy Father's Day to all Father's, Step Father's, Grand Father's and God Father's, Heavenly Father's God Bless you all.

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." - Unknown