ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

FR. BERNARD KARMANOCKY, OFM, PASTOR
FR. FRANCIS BALESTINO, IN RESIDENCE

CHURCH:
533 Woodland Avenue
SACRISTY/HALL: 539-9475

MAILING ADDRESS:
536 Decker Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15906
Website: StThereseJohnstown.com
Email: sttheresefm@atlanticbbn.net



RECTORY: 539-7633
OFFICE HOURS-(Mon-Fri)
9:00AM to 2:00PM

November 8, 2026

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

SECOND READING: Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

GOSPEL: Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, Nov 14th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Nov 15th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Kevin Houghton

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (November 9th – November 15th)

MON	11/09	7:00AM. . . **+ (A) Brian Mikula** – (Family)
TUES	11/10	7:00AM. . . **+ Matilda & Martin Simcic**
WED	11/11	7:00AM. . . **+ Catherine & Stephen Tavalsky** – (Son, Joe Tavalsky)
THURS	11/12	7:00AM. . . . **.For the Intention of Sr. Marie Catherine of the Heart of Jesus**
FRI	11/13	7:00AM. . . **+ Intention Dantis**
SAT	11/14	5:30PM. . . . **.For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family** – (Barbara Voci)
SUN	11/15	9:00AM. . . **+ Frank Lopez** – (Wife, Linda, Children & Grandson)

November 8, 2026

Stewardship Reflections:

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is key to living a stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of 10 virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them into the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life – with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our time, talent and treasure – is the "oil" that we always keep with us. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
Nov 1st & 2nd, 2026

Weekly	$ 1,577.00
Poor Box	$ 125.00
All Saints	$ 245.00
Monthly	$ 130.00
Catholic Charities	$ 10.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!



Coffee & Cake… will be served **next weekend, Nov 14th & 15th** after each Mass in the Church Hall to celebrate with everyone in the Parish who has a birthday this month! Be sure to stop down to enjoy a sweet treat.



Stocking for Solders
Nov 2nd – Nov 26th

St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "**Stocking for Soldiers**." Stockings and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church**. Filled stocking will be accepted until Nov 26th.** Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.

Congratulations on the Great Blessing of Baptism bestowed on



Morgan Brilhart – Nov 20th

on that day you became a son/ Daughter of God, given eternal life and became a member of the Church, the flesh of Jesus Christ. Thank God for your Baptism and celebrate.

Community News & Events



Mark Your Calendars: St. Therese will be making piroghis on **Thursday, Nov 19th**.
To order: Sign-up sheets will be in the back of church on Nov 14 & 15 or you can call 814-539-7633 on Monday, Nov 16 from 9AM – 10:30AM
Pick up orders at the Social Hall
Thursday, Nov 19th from Noon – 2PM OR
Friday Nov 20st from 10-12PM



Visitation Church Turkey Raffle – Nov 14th in the school auditorium. Doors open at 6PM – Raffle begins at 7PM Admission $5 and includes hot buffet & beverages. Be sure to take chances on Lottery Tree, Basket of Cheer, 60" TV and much more. Hope to see you there.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 3pm and 6:30pm. Consider joining us for this GREAT 1 HOUR of praying the Chaplet, learning more from the Diary of St. Faustina, the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and discussion. Also, come to see how through our upcoming Service Projects, YOU can SHOW and BE Mercy to Others....At least project a month. Info call: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

