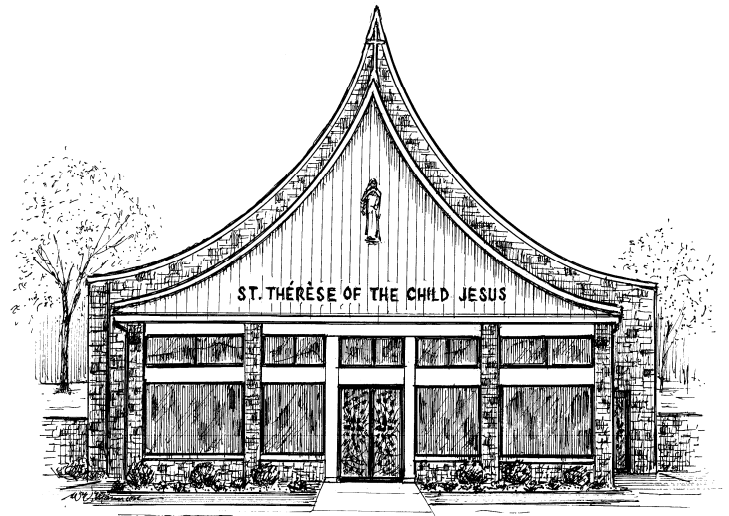


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



Father D. Timothy Grimme, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Thomas McFee, *Deacon*
2301 Fifth Street
Altoona, PA 16601-3863

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening:..... 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Parish Telephones

Office: 814-942-4479
[Usual Office Hours: 9AM-2PM, Mon., Wed., Fri.]
Mary Beth Schmidhamer, DRE.....814-515-2914

Holy Trinity Regional Catholic School:

Elementary School Campus: 814-381-7011
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Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:45 AM, Wednesday at 9:00 AM (with Holy Trinity Catholic School during school term), Saturday at 8:00 AM.

Holy Day Masses: 5:30 PM on the eve of the Holy Day, 12:05 PM & 6:30 PM on the Holy Day. Please refer to the bulletin for Christmas and New Year's schedules and for any schedule changes.

Baptisms: Our parish generally celebrates Baptisms on the Third Sunday of each month at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for information regarding required instructional preparations. "Baptismal Names" can be a saint or biblical name, an expression of a Christian mystery or virtue, no name can be used which is foreign to the Christian mentality.

Confirmation: Confirmation is celebrated each year as scheduled by our Diocese. Candidates are expected to fulfill all Diocesan and Parish requirements in preparation

Holy Eucharist: First Communion is celebrated on the First Sunday of May. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to shut-ins.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:40 PM or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: For the seriously ill or injured OR those about to have surgery, please contact the Parish Office. Communal Anointing as arranged by the Pastoral Council.

Weddings: Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (FOCCUS, Pre-Cana & Natural Family Planning) are required to be followed.

Christian Initiation for Adults: People desiring to become Catholic should contact the Parish Office before September of each year to begin the Christian Initiation Program which concludes at the Easter Vigil.

Religious Education: Public School Students from Grades 1 through 11, meet Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:20 AM in the school building.

Catholic Education: Our Parish is a supporting member of Holy Trinity Regional Catholic School, grades Pre-school through Eight, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, grades Nine through Twelve.

Parish Membership: Consists of Registration in the Parish Census, active participation at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, worthy reception of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation regularly, and financial support of our Parish.



First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."

— Matthew 4:10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

LENTEN REGULATIONS AND TRADITIONS

Traditionally during Lent we are encouraged to participate with Prayer, Fasting and Alms-giving (Charity).

- Prayer can be qualitatively better or quantitatively more.
- Under the title of fasting, besides minimal regulations of fasting and abstinence, people are encouraged to give-up some consumption of food or activity.
- Charity can be personal helping or care of another or participation in some program of donation.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Our parish will take part in "Operation Rice Bowl." Materials for this will be available in the Narthex. This sacrificial collection benefits third world populations.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross. This can be done privately or publicly. Booklets will be placed at the end of the main aisle for private use. Communal Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM.

WORD AMONG US

Also **The Word Among Us** booklets will be available on the magazine rack in the Narthex. These meditation booklets can aid understanding of Lent and scripture.

OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish thanks
LIFE MATTERS - WWW.USCCB.ORG/RESPECTLIFE
For sponsoring an advertisement in our weekly bulletin.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

On Friday, March 3, 2023, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at **St. Mark Church, Altoona. The special hour for St. Therese is 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM.** If you are concerned about the Covid virus, use your own judgement as to whether or not to attend. Hand sanitizer is available.

MONTHLY ROSARY

A Monthly Rosary for the Intention of Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life as well as for Pro-Life has started. **The Rosary will be prayed on the First Saturday of each month.**

Anyone is invited and will gather in church following the early Mass on Saturday morning. **The next date will be Saturday, March 4, 2023.**

PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL

The Campus Chapel has Eucharistic Adoration **every Tuesday** from 12:45 PM to 1:30 PM.

All are welcome to attend.

DIOCESE SPONSORING MEN'S CONFERENCE

Strength in Christ-Be Not Afraid

An inspiring Catholic priest and a nationally recognized author will headline the 2023 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Men's conference. **April 29, 2023**, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM. The day will also include brief presentations from local parishioners to inspire men to put their faith into action at the parish level. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated, and lunch will be provided. Registration is required by April 14. The cost is \$20 per person; \$10 for College and high school students. Register online at dioceseaj.org.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar presented by Holy Spirit Ministry, on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. The retreat, which focuses on the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, will include dynamic spiritual teachings and testimonies by Fr. Nathan Malavolti T.O.R., Fr. Alan Thomas, Andre McCarville, and others. It will also include celebration of Mass, Spirit-filled praise and worship, and small group faith sharing.

Lunch and dinner is provided. Adults \$25 (\$20 if registered by February 25), students are free. To register call (814)931-0192 or email auroraes4@gmail.com. Registration deadline is March 12.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. John the Evangelist - Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM
St. Rose of Lima - Sunday, March 26, at 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Lourdes - Sunday, March 30 at 5:30 PM
St. Mary, Hollidaysburg - Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 PM

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- February 27:** Lorraine Adams + Linda Irvin + Paula Hall + Debra Henry + Timothy Hench Jr. + Samantha Conrad + Wayne Killinger Jr. + Daniel Ehredt III
- February 28:** Daniella Garneau + Mikayla Cropsey
- March 1:** Elaine Temofonte + Andrea Karnes + Dylan Hench + Holden Conklin + Charles Yonushonis Jr.
- March 2:** Lisa Stahlman + Francis Gormish + Evie Norton + Marley Norton
- March 4:** Craig McCloskey + Brady Freiwald +
- March 5:** Krista Schlecht + Jordan McClure + Raymond Eckenrode

Our prayers for ALL of you celebrating "special days." this week, is that God gives you His continued blessing.

LOOKING FOR CANTORS

Anyone interested in being a cantor at Sunday Mass (especially for 10:30 AM) contact the rectory.



OBLIGATIONS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

- Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence;
- All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- Abstinence is no eating of meat or meat by-products; this obliges anyone 14 years of age or older.
- Fasting means having one main meal, no more than two lesser meals & no eating between meals; this obliges people between 18 and 59 years of age.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of February 15 - 21, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 1,909.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 4.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 1,200.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 42.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,155.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 195.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 610.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 22.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 415.00
iGiveCatholic:	\$ 4.00
2nd Collection:	\$ 50.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 4,451.00

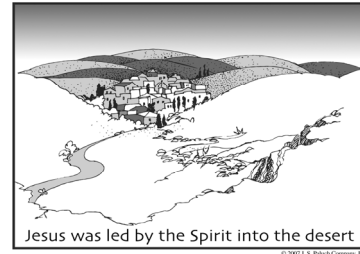
May God continue to bless you for your support of Saint Therese Parish and its programs.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 4, 2023: St. Casimir
5:00 PM MARY LOUISE HASSON [Birthday] (Jack & Cathie Reilly)

Sunday, March 5, 2023: 2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
10:30 AM

Note: No daily masses until further notice. All masses will be rescheduled.



FATHER GRIMME

Fr. Grimme has had a health set back and is now recovering. If you are in need of a priest, please leave a message at the rectory.

In an emergency, contact Fr. Alan Thomas (814) 695-0912 or Fr. Lubomir Strecok at (814) 943-8553.

BULLETINS

As of February 26, 2023, J. S. Paluch will no longer provide our bulletins. We are in the process of locating another printing company at this time.

LITURGICAL ROLES

March 4 & 5, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
- 8:00 AM Natalie Etters
- 10:30 AM CCD Students

READERS

- 5:00 PM Judith Wilkinson
- 8:00 AM John Bravin
- 10:30 AM CCD Students

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Melvin Kepner
- 8:00 AM Deacon Thomas McFee
- 10:30 AM CCD Students

GREETERS/USHERS

- 5:00 PM Leonard Haduck, Janet Luciano
- 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Linda Guida
- 10:30 AM Dana Boslet, Kristine Hennaman, CCD Students