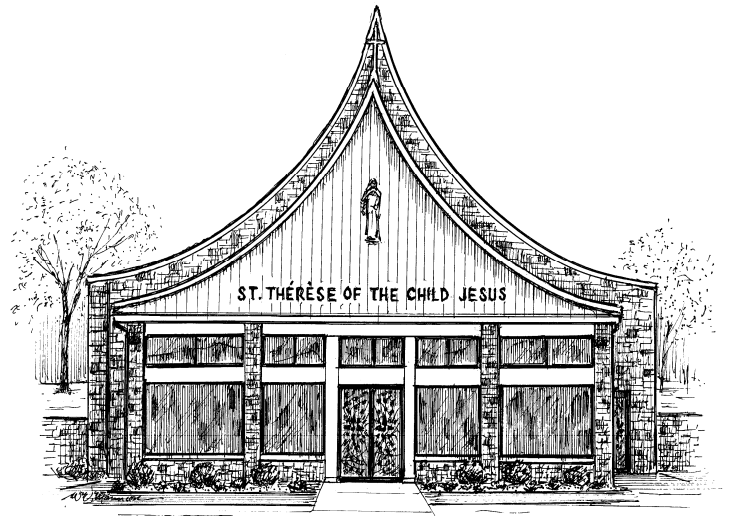


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



Rev. Mr. Thomas McFee, *Deacon & Administrator*  
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  
Middle School Campus:..... 814-942-7835  
Fr. Kelley Hall: ..... 814-944-7450  
E-mail: .....sttheresealtoona@dioceseaj.org

Fax: ..... 814-942-1873

**Homepage: [sttheresealtoona.com](http://sttheresealtoona.com)**

**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.



**PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL**

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



**CONGRATULATIONS COMMUNICANTS**

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, six members of our parish-family received Holy Communion for the first time. They are:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Mya Colledge    | Aubrey Laich  |
| Alana Cropsey   | Lucas Lonero  |
| Elsie Kessinger | Riley McGreal |

We wish them a prayerful congratulations and trust that they will continue to aspire to please our Eucharistic Lord in their daily lives.

**LENTEN FISH FRY REPORT**



After selling all the meals, both curbside and pre-order; and after paying all the bills; we sold 1396 meals over six weeks. Our profit was \$8,534.46.

**Congratulations and "thank you"** to all who organized & set up, prepared food, cooked, cleaned up, served food, manned the phones, those who waited on cars, and to the bakers who provided desserts. Without each and everyone of you, we could not have been as successful!



**Note: We have a few cases of fish and French fries for sale. Anyone interested can call the Rectory for prices at 814-942-4479.**

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



**TIME FOR A CHANGE**

The annual Precious Life Baby Bottle Campaign is upon us. It runs from Mother's Day, May 14 to Father's Day, June 18. Baby bottles are available in the Narthex this weekend and need to be returned by Father's Day Weekend.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2023**

Our theme this year is **"TOGETHER WE SERVE"**  
*The greatest good can be accomplished and the biggest impacts can be made when "Together We Serve"*

The Catholic Ministries Drive 2023 starts March 12 throughout our Diocese. The annual Catholic Ministries Drive supports programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. Without your help, we could not fulfill our mission. It is important to stress that ministries within our Diocese also rely on parishioner support, and 100% of every donation to the Catholic Ministries Drive is restricted to the ministries funded by the CMD.

**Our 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive:**

**Target is: \$21,610.00**

**Donations: \$10,235.00**

**Our remaining goal: \$11,375.00**

**We are at 47% of our goal with 50 donations.**

All contributions received beyond our parish target will be used for our church projects, such as Hall air conditioning, new school roof and Church air conditioning.

Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A PRIEST**

If you are in need of a priest, please leave a message at the rectory.

**In an emergency, please contact:**

**Fr. Alan Thomas at (814) 695-0912 or**

**Fr. Lubomir Strecok at (814) 943-8553.**

**FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC**

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) OR call 1-410-676-6000.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:**

- May 8: Dennis Hallinan
- May 9: Eugene Adams
- May 10: Timothy Thomas + Fred Beck + Marian Fultz + Michele McClellan + Katie Kessinger + Emily Colledge
- May 11: Donna Miller + Shelby Swope + Tyler Lingafelt + Penelope Yarnish
- May 12: Sandra Krug + Charles Smithmyer + Ezra Adams
- May 13: Bernice Hoover + Karen McKinney + Matthew Manfred + Patrick Bush + Evan Montgomery
- May 14: David Settimio + Brooke Ajay

**Anniversaries:**

- May 10, 1969: Michael & Carolyn Coleman
- May 11, 1996: Michael & Shelly Luciano
- May 13, 1954: Charles & Angeline Ehredt
- May 14, 1982: Gary & Lou Ann Craig
- May 14, 2022: Benjamin & Nikole Kepner

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

**SPRING CLEANING?**

The **Courage for Kiera Foundation** will turn your unwanted items into scholarships for local seniors in memory of our beloved Kiera Chirdon. Help us raise money for our 6th annual yard sale and bake sale to be held: **Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3**, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Fr. Kelley Hall. Donations can be dropped off at Fr. Kelley Hall on Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

For questions, please contact Cathy Chirdon at (814) 931-4635.

**DWELLING PLACE**

God dwells wherever we let God in. —Ancient Jewish saying

**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of: April 27 - May 3, 2023

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,748.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 2.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 415.00
Loose Collection:	<u>\$ 117.50</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,282.50
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 10.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 242.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 22.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 45.00
Mother's Day:	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$ 150.00
SVDP:	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 4,161.50</b>

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

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Saturday, May 13, 2023: Our Lady of Fatima 5:00 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
- Sunday, May 14, 2023: 6th Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS 10:30 AM MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS

**\*\*Note: All paid unsaid mass intentions will be worked into the mass schedule. We know it is disappointing but please be patient. Thank you.**

**BABY DRIVE FOR CHARITIES**

Starting May 6th through May 29th, the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americans, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona, will be **collecting baby items** for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need.

If you would like to donate please place your item(s) in the baby box provided in the church. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Grace Horton at 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite at 814-515-1067.

**MOTHER'S DAY INTENTIONS**

Mother's Day cards with intentions are available in the Narthex. If we are out of envelopes, a plain envelope with your name and intentions needs to be received by Saturday, May 13th.



## LITURGICAL + ROLES

**May 13 & 14, 2023**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
- 8:00 AM Natalie Etters
- 10:30 AM Brody Gartmann

**READERS**

- 5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte
- 8:00 AM John Bravin
- 10:30 AM Andre McCarville, Patricia Forr

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Deacon Thomas McFee
- 8:00 AM Mary Bravin
- 10:30 AM Eileen Porta

**GREETERS/USHERS**

- 5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson, Theresa Plunket
- 8:00 AM Robert Gallagher, III, Linda Guida
- 10:30 AM Robert Chirdon, Cathy Chirdon, Mary Kauffman, Ray Kauffman Jr.



### **BRIAN FREE & ASSURANCE CONCERT**

For 30 years the gospel sounds of Brian Free & Assurance have inspired audiences! Join Brian, Bill and Jake for an extraordinary and uplifting concert, **Sunday, July 9, 2023** at 3:00 pm, in Altoona's historic Mishler Theatre. Tickets are \$15.00, plus \$3 handling fee. Purchase online at: [www.mishlertheatre.org](http://www.mishlertheatre.org) or in person Monday-Friday, 10 to 4, or by phone 814-944-9434.

### **NEW LIFE LINE SCREENING LOCATION**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

Life Line was scheduled to be held at Fr. Kelley Hall but will now be at the First Church of Christ, 113 Good Shephard Road, Altoona, PA. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Atrial Fibrillation. All four screenings for \$149.99.

To register: Call 1-800-679-5191 or

Online: LLS.SOCIAL/HC

Getting screened is simple!

### **62ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

Holy Name Parish, 500 N. Julian St., Ebensburg, is sponsoring its 62nd Annual Festival on **June 2, 3 and 4**, featuring a **Fish Dinner** (Fried or Baked) on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM (Adults \$13, Children under 12, \$6.00) and a **Turkey Dinner** on Sunday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, (Adults \$13.00, Children under 12, \$6.00). **Take out dinners available.**

Refreshments, games, baked goods, activities for kids, flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!

### **OUTDOOR MASSES & CHAPEL HOUSE**

All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the beautiful **Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies**. **The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 28!** Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

**The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin** is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The days and hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6 and August 20 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

### **UPDATING TELEPHONE NOS. AND EMAILS**

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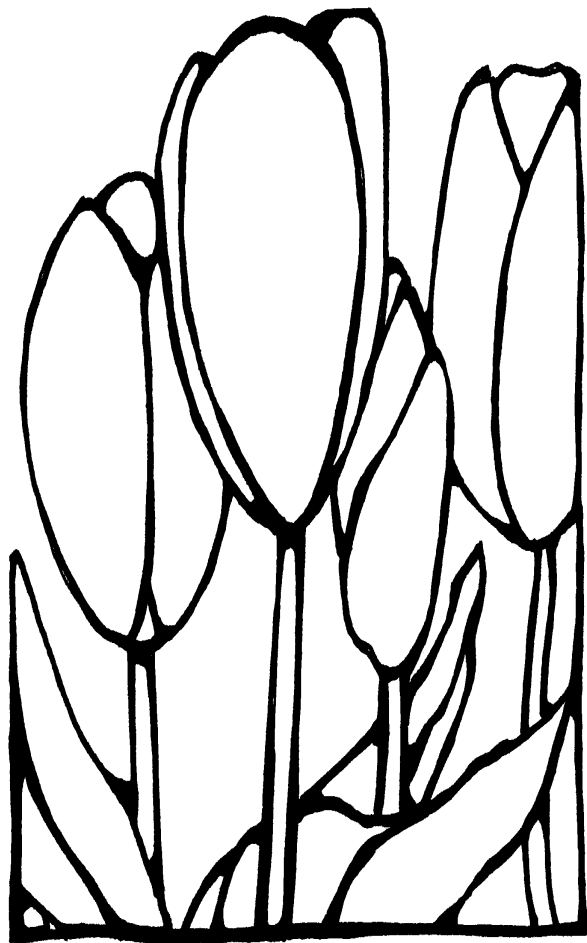
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**If you have discontinued your land line or added a cell phone number, or wish to share your e-mail address, please fill out and clip this coupon and drop it in the Sunday collection basket.**

# Behold, I make all things new.



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