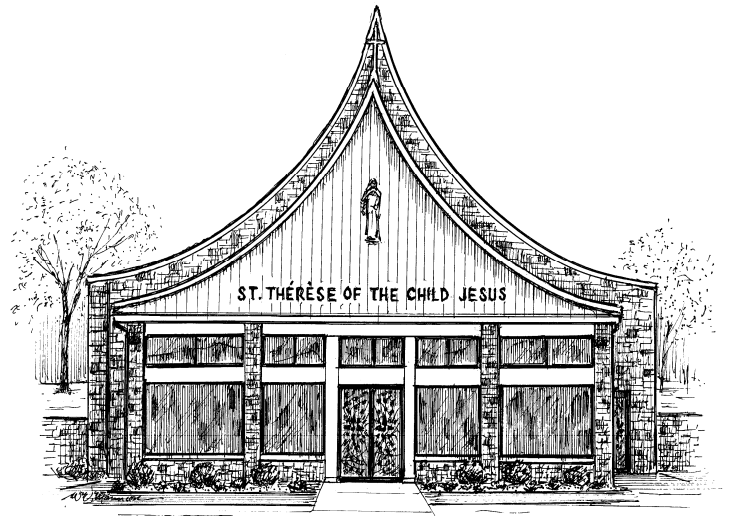


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father Brian Norris
Deacon Thomas McFee
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:

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Fax: 814-942-1873

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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.



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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: \$16,896.00

Our remaining goal: \$ 4,714.00

We are at 78% of our goal with 72 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.

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION UPDATE

Thank you for your generous support as a parish, we collected \$ 240.00.

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Second Sunday of each month collection at this time is to replace air conditioning in Father Kelley Hall.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

Internet www.Masstimes.org OR call 1-410-676-6000.

PARISH FESTIVAL

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly is hosting it’s first Parish Festival on **Sunday, July 23, 2023** from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Kid’s Games, Bouncy Houses for kids, Games and Beer will all be offered. Also, offered from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM is a Spaghetti Dinner at the cost of 10.00. (Take-outs available!)

BOSCOV’S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS EVENT

Donate \$5.00 and get a Shopping pass. You will save 25% off lowest ticketed price at all Boscov’s stores on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM. The Friends Helping Friends fundraising event is a day to enjoy great shopping, super savings and the chance to help thousands of charitable organizations at 49 Boscovs stores. Shopping passes will be sold in the Narthex after masses and in the office. Proceeds will benefit St. Therese.

CAR CRUISE/BLOCK PARTY

On **Sunday, July 30**, at Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be sponsoring a Classic and Antique Car Cruise from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at their St. John site (164 Wheeler St, Central City). Live oldies music will be provided by Americana, from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The parish will be preparing and serving burgers, hot sausage, beer, soft drinks and other refreshments. All who have a classic or antique car, or those who simply take pleasure in music are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars, food and camaraderie. Any questions, please call the parish office at 814-754-5224.

BREAKFAST CEREAL COLLECTION

A special request from Bishop Mark. For several years, Mrs. Judy Savine in cooperation with the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, has arranged a collection of breakfast cereal to benefit hungry children in the Altoona area. Parishioners are invited to bring boxes of cereal to weekend Masses on the weekend of August 12-13 or August 19-20. This is a great family project and parishes are encouraged to invite children to bring their donations and place them in the baskets in the Narthex.

WELCOME COMMITTEE RAFFLE

Raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. After masses.

1. Pittsburgh Pirates
2. Christmas Theme
3. Christmas Theme
4. Camping
5. S’mores/Mountain Pie Maker
6. Home Goods/Cleaning
Bedding - 2 Comforters, 1 Quilt,
Collapsible Laundry Basket
8. Best Seller Books
9. Children’s Game Basket

Please show your support for the Welcome Committee, Thank you!



Birthdays:

- July 17:** Rebecca Willnecker + Delores Lepore + David McCloskey + Anne Adams + Kristie Carruthers + Joseph Conrad + Jannell McKinney
- July 19:** Mark Reismeier
- July 21:** Joyce McIntire + Jerry McAleer + Chris Fasick
- July 22:** Victor Curfman
- July 23:** Patricia Hatch + Monica Crook

Anniversaries:

- July 18, 1992:** Robert & Joann Kasun
- July 19, 2008:** Michael & Kirstin Hawksworth
- July 23, 1988:** Jerome & Susanne McAleer

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

MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 1st

- Monday, Thursday & Friday daily masses 7:45 AM
- **No Tuesday morning masses** unless it is a Holy Day or Eve.
- Wednesday 8:30 AM (as per school change)
- Saturday 8:00 AM
- Weekend and Holy Days remain the same.

**Thank you in advance for your understanding.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of (dates): July 6 - 12, 2023

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,983.80
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 7.01
Monthly Collection:	\$ 1,547.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,537.81
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 157.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 903.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 32.00
Student Subsidy:	\$ 270.00
Peter's Pence:	\$ 15.00
Missionary Co-Op:	\$ 300.00
SVDP:	\$ 70.00
Easter:	\$ 50.00
2nd Collection:	\$ 703.00
Extraord. Donations:	\$ 150.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT: **\$ 7,187.81**

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



Monday, 17, 2023:

7:45 AM JEAN GALLAGHER (John & Guilda Kilcoyne)

Tuesday, 18, 2023: St. Camillus

7:45 AM JAMES TURIANO ((Ruth Westley & Family) -moved from 5/13/23)

Wednesday, 19, 2023:

9:00 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (M/M Lawrence Sprouse)

Thursday, 20, 2023: St. Apollinaris

7:45 AM MARY ANN WEIGHT [Month's Mind] (Susan Kaye)

Friday, 21, 2023: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:45 AM FRANK KAPFHAMMER [Anniversary 6/16] (Rae, Joseph, Samantha, Francis)

Saturday, 22, 2023: St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM IMELDA AYERS (Lisa & Mark Broadrick)
5:00 PM ANTHONY L. HIMES (Larry & Grace Field)

Sunday, 2, 2023: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
10:30 AM SPIRITUAL & TEMPORAL WELFARE
PATRICIA HATCH [Birthday]
(Patricia Hatch)

ST. THERESE YARD SALE

Friday, August 4 & Saturday 5, 2023, at Fr. Kelley Hall from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM both days. Please show your support by volunteering your time, donating items, purchasing items, or helping to set up and or clean up after the sale. Sign up sheets to volunteer to help will be in the back of the Church.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

July 22 & 23, 2023 Updated/Revised

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM VOLUNTEERS
8:00 AM Edith Manfred
10:30 AM Macyn Behe

READERS

5:00 PM Raymalee Frank
8:00 AM Heidi Manfred
10:30 AM Jay Burlingame, Alice Sturm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 PM Albert Schlecht, Volunteer, Volunteer
8:00 AM John Bravin, Volunteer, Volunteer
10:30 AM Deacon Thomas McFee, Volunteer, Volunteer

GREETERS/USHERS

5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson, Judith Wilkinson
8:00 AM Linda Guida, Kenneth Klinger
10:30 AM Dana Boslet, James Greco, Dianne Hite, Paul Hite

FR NORRIS' RECEPTION:

Thank you to the Welcome Committee, Finance Council, and St. Therese Parishioners for your warm welcome after all of the masses last weekend! I am very grateful for your hospitality, and I enjoyed speaking with many of you after those masses. I am looking forward to getting to know you all as we continue to meet after masses and at parish events. Please continue to introduce yourselves when we talk, so that I can put names to faces!

FR. NORRIS BIOGRAPHY:

Last weekend I explained my connection to our parish patroness St. Therese of the Child Jesus. I would now like to give you a little biographical history of my life.

I was born in Harrisburg PA in 1995. When I was 4, we moved to Duncansville PA and my family has lived there ever since. My parents are Daniel and Beth Norris, and I have three younger sisters Katie, Erin, and Meghan Norris. Growing up, my family attended St. Mary's Parish in Hollidaysburg., and my siblings and I all attended Hollidaysburg Catholic School.

I do not remember this, but apparently, I told people at my first communion that I wanted to be a priest. I can remember memorizing the priest's prayers at mass at a young age and I always enjoyed altar serving. When I was in 7th and 8th grade, I attended Camp Zacchaeus (our diocesan overnight summer camp), and that experience led me to start discerning the priesthood off and on in High School. I attended Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School from 2008-2013. There I played football, I was a thrower on the track team, and I was in the drama club. I also discussed minor seminary with my pastor Fr. Tony Legarski during my senior year of high school, but he suggested that I go to college.

I attended Saint Vincent College in Latrobe PA and graduated with a BA in Theology and a BA in Criminology. I was a good Catholic my freshman year of college. I did not miss any Sunday masses or holy days. However, as a sophomore I missed mass during our football team's training camp and then didn't go to mass for almost a year. At the end of that period of time I felt very lost and empty and went back to mass. There I experienced the warmth of God's love and forgiveness, which led me to recommit myself to our Catholic Faith. By the end of my junior year of college I was discerning the priesthood again, and I began to speak to the vocation's director, Fr. Matthew Reese, about entering the seminary. I was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in the spring of 2017 and I was sent to St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore MD.

I spent five years at St. Mary's Seminary with summer assignments within our diocese at parishes in Johnstown and Cambria County. I was ordained to the priesthood on May 28th, 2022. From July 1st, 2022, until July 3rd, 2023, I served as the assistant pastor at St. Rose of Lima and St. John the Evangelist Parishes in Altoona as well as serving as the Sacramental Minister at Bishop Guilfoyle. Now, I am excited to serve as your administrator, and to get to know all of you at St. Therese of the Child Jesus parish.

To hear more about my conversion story in college please watch my witness talk from the Latest "Beginning Again" Eucharistic Revival Conference this past spring which was shared on the Diocese's Facebook page on June 7th. Go to the Diocesan Facebook page or type in this link to view the video: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=215952984611280>.

Peace,

Fr. Norris