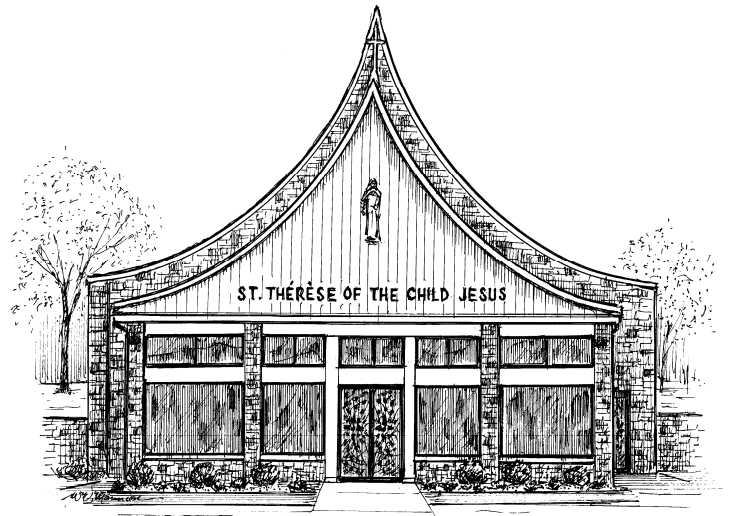


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**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:

Fairview School Campus:..... 814-381-7011  
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**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.

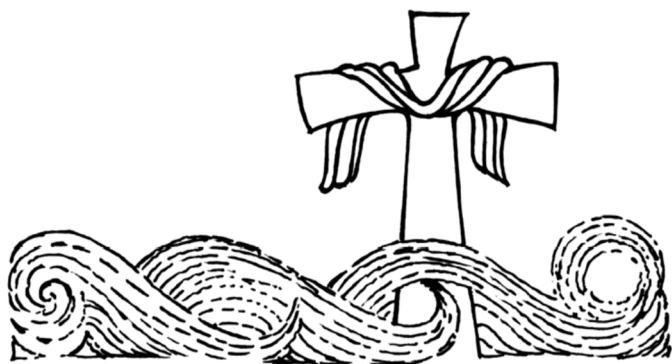
**Weddings:** Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (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.



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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.

**SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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

**SPECIAL MASS WITH BISHOP MARK**

All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at 7:00 PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on **Sunday, August 6**. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.

**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.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

On **Friday, August 4, 2023**, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**. The special hour for **St. Therese** is **10:00 PM to 11:00 PM**.

**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 and Litany will be prayed in the church on the First Saturday of each month, after the 8:00 AM mass. **The next date will be Saturday, August 5, 2023.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Registration for the new school year will be held after all masses the weekends of **August 5 and 6 and August 12 and 13**. If you won't be available those weekends, please call Mary Beth Schmidhamer at (814) 515-2914.

**Classes will begin on September 10** at 9:00 AM in the Holy Trinity School.

We are in need of substitute teachers, primarily for the middle school grades. If you are interested or know anyone who would be be, please call Mary Beth Schmidhamer at (814)515-2914.

**OUR NEXT SESSION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT**

Have you, your family or friends experienced a significant loss through death? Dealing with your loss, whether recent or in the past may still be difficult. The Parish Family of St. John and St. Rose would like to help. *The Journey Through Loss Support Group* will be holding weekly meetings beginning on **Wednesday, August 23**. We meet in the St. Johns Parish Center from 6:30-8:00 PM.

This six week program is designed to acknowledge the pain and loss, and offer positive ideas for coping. If you are interested or know anyone interested in attending the journey *Through Loss Support Group*, contact Mary Petrak at (814)502-6076. This is a Catholic/Christian faith based program. All denominations are welcome.

**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH PICNIC**

St. Augustine Catholic Church, Dysart, PA, will hold their Annual Church Picnic on **Sunday, August 6**. The Picnic will feature a Chicken BBQ dinner, with homemade noodle soup served from 11:00 AM to ?.

Cost of dinner is \$12.00. The dinner will be served take-out style. There will be kids' games, theme baskets, bingo, and raffles. Please join us.

**ADVERSITY**

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

—Horace

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays:

- July 31:** Caidence Cover  
**August 1:** Emma Lonero + Wyatt Swope  
**August 2:** Thomas DeBarnardis + Zoe Seller  
**August 3:** Steven Barr + James Greco + Larry Sprouse, Jr. + Jennifer Hoover + Brandy Mercer  
**August 4:** Noel Villadolid + Tammy Fasick + Brandon McClellan + Braxton Eckenrode  
**August 5:** Jeffrey Farrell + Makayla Silver + Michael Ehredt + Mason Ehredt  
**August 6:** Theresa DeAngelis + Paul Shank + Brent Lynn + Lily Stahlman

## Anniversaries:

- July 31, 1991:** Mark & Lisa Broadrick  
**August 3, 1991:** John & Anne Adams  
**August 6, 1981:** Daniel & Roxanne Ehredt, Sr.

## "FIRE" RALLY

**A Summer Catholic Revival!** Will be held on the **first 3 Tuesdays in August**, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg, beginning at 7:00 PM each evening. Four dynamic speakers include Bob & Marci Sutton (August 1), Fr. Mark Begly (August 8) and Fr. Alan Thomas (August 15 & includes the Holy Day Mass). Music will be led by Holy Spirit Ministry. The event is co-sponsored by the Altoona-Johnstown Cursillo Movement, the Alpha Movement, and Holy Spirit Ministry. A **Ministry Fair** representing more than 15 local diocesan groups with evangelistic outreaches will be held at 6:00 PM prior to the Rally each evening.

Refreshments and fellowship will be provided and all are welcome. No registration is required and is free of charge.

"Were not our hearts burning within us..." Luke 24:33

## FATIMA DEVOTIONS

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on **Sunday, August 13, 2023**, at 6:30 PM in Gardens (In case of inclement weather we will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University).

The presider will be Fr. Malachi Van Tassell. We are looking forward to seeing you.

## WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of July 20 - 26, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,837.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 2.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 480.00
Loose Collection:	80.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,399.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 185.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 583.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 20.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 610.00
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<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 4,797.00</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, July 31, 2023: St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
 7:45 AM HATCH GRANDCHILDREN BLESS TO KNOW THEIR VOCATIONS (Pat Hatch)
- Tuesday, August 1, 2023: St. Alphonsus Liguori**  
 7:45 AM NO MASS
- Wednesday, August 2, 2023: St. Eusebius**  
 9:00 AM JOHN BISHOP (Ray, Joseph, Samantha, & Francis Kaphhammer)
- Thursday, August 3, 2023:**  
 7:45 AM JEAN GALLAGHER (Wayne & Cathy Gallagher)
- Friday, August 4, 2023: St. John Vianney**  
 7:45 AM PATRICIA MONTGOMERY (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)
- Saturday, August 5, 2023: Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major**  
 8:00 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (Joan of Arc Court, Catholic Daughters)  
 5:00 PM SPERO TSIKALAS [Anniversary] (Paula Hall)
- Sunday, August 6, 2023: Transfiguration of the Lord**  
 8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY  
 10:30 AM J. PHILIP HALL (Paula Hall)

## MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>

- 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.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

August 5 & 6, 2023

## ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM VOLUNTEER  
 8:00 AM Reuben Manfred  
 10:30 AM Ellie Kauffman, Samuel Kauffman

## READERS

- 5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson  
 8:00 AM Heidi Manfred  
 10:30 AM Sandra Lear, R. Thomas Forr

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Albert Schlecht, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER  
 8:00 AM Mary Bravin, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER  
 10:30 AM Deacon Thomas McFee, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

## GREETERS/USHERS

- 5:00 PM Leonard Haduck, David Mason  
 8:00 AM Kenneth Klinger, Robert Gallagher, III  
 10:30 AM Dana Boslet, Marita Forr  
 Dianne Hite, Paul Hite

### **ST. THERESE PARISH INSIDE YARD & BAKE SALE**

HELP US RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO REPLACE  
THE AIR CONDITIONER IN FR. KELLEY HALL

Do you have items that no longer serve a purpose in your household but are still in good condition. Please consider bringing these unneeded items to our parish sale.

**Location:** Father Kelley Hall at 25th Ave & 5th Street, Altoona.

#### **Inside Yard and Bake Sale:**

**Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5 at 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

\*Please no clothing, furniture, or large appliances.

#### **Donation days:**

Saturday July 29 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monday July 31 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday August 1 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Wednesday August 2 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday August 3 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

\*\*Bake sale donations can be made Thursday August 3 or morning of sale days

### **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
7. 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!**

### **BREAKFAST CEREAL COLLECTION**

**A special request from Bishop Mark.** For several years, Mrs. Judy Savine in cooperation with the St. Vincent De-Paul 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.

### **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**

**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.**

### **DIVORCED BUT NOT ALONE**

Please join us for a social on **Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM** in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall in Port Matilda, if you are in the process of divorce or been divorced for years. Come and meet others who understand. The gospel offers hope for life. Asking for help is one of the bravest things you can do. For more information please contact Marcella Fickes at [mfickes@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mfickes@dioceseaj.org) or Paula Campbell at [paulacampbell@comcast](mailto:paulacampbell@comcast)

### **BISHOP'S NIGHT OF VOCATIONS**

#### **Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?**

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the **"Bishop's Night of Vocations"** on **Wednesday, October 4** at 7:00 PM at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg.

**Reservations** for this event are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000.

**The deadline for reservations is August 4.** For more information on the Permanent Diaconate, please visit us online at [www.dioceseaj.org/diaconate/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/diaconate/) or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036.

All are welcome!

### **LAND OF PEACE MISSION**

On the weekend of **November 4-5, 2023**, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission a non-profit organization will be visiting our Parish speaking about the Christians and the ongoing situation in the Holy Land. They will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, to raise funds to help support our fellow brothers and sisters. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Please visit our website at: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org).

### **ANNUAL MISSIONARY CO-OP PLAN APPEAL**

A Representative of the **Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary** will be with us on the weekend of **August 5 & 6, 2023**. The community was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with the women of community working in nine countries of Africa and in Brazil. They serve in all forms of education, medical work, pastoral work, community development and agriculture and assisting trafficked women, internally displaced families and the homeless. They are a strictly missionary group with no institutions in the United States or Canada, so therefore rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the Society for Propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people here to support their sisters on mission. The Sisters ask for your prayers of support as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. You will be remembered in their daily prayer.

If you would like to read more about them, their website is: [www.mshr.org](http://www.mshr.org).

### **JOIN US FOR OUR CLASSES**

**Sacred Scripture & Synoptic Gospels**, taught by Deacon Michael Russo via Zoom. Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 PM 10 weeks, starting **August 22**.

**Moral Theology**, in class, taught by Fr. James Crookston at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg. Thursdays 6:30-9:00 pm, 7 weeks, starting **August 24**.

**To register visit:**

[www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry) or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment (814) 361-2000.