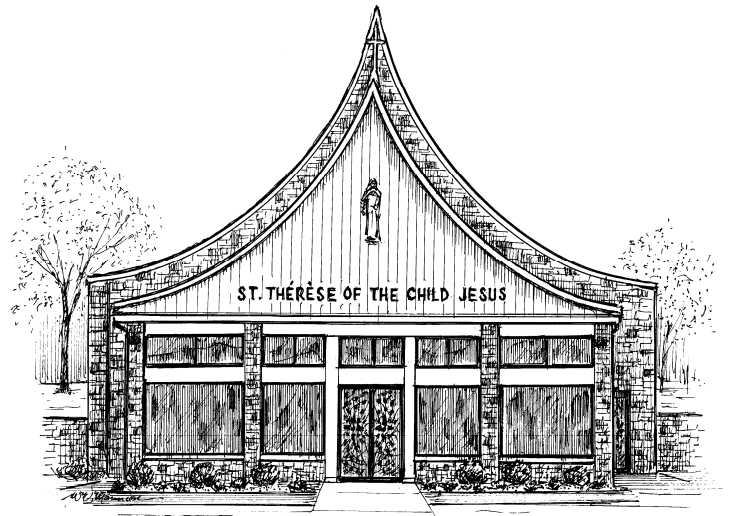


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**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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Fr. Kelley Hall: 814-944-7450
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Fax: 814-942-1873

Homepage: sttheresealtoona.com

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:45 AM, Wednesday at 8:30 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.



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: \$20,081.00

Our remaining goal: \$ 1,529.00

We are at 93% of our goal with 76 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.

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH

We are looking for people interested in serving as Parish Council member or Parish Finance Council member. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory.

MISSIONARY CO-OP

So far we have collected \$1,170.00 because of your generous donations! If you have not been able to donate so far you can write a check to the parish and write Mission Co-Op in the memo line and place the check in the Mission Co-Op envelope that you received with your envelopes.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

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

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, September 2, 2023.**

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION

Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine, Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA 16635. **Friday, September 8, 2023 at 7:45 AM and 12:05 PM Mass.** Msgr. Robert Saly is the celebrant and homilist.

5:30 PM Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine (please bring a lawn chair). Rev. Brian Norris is the celebrant and homilist. If there is inclement weather, the outdoor Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

Continuous Rosary between Masses

Food and exhibits in the church hall following morning mass, coffee and donuts in church hall. Food available 11:30 AM till 4:00 PM. Conclude the day with cake & beverages for everyone in the church hall.

Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration, PO Box 88, Duncansville Pa 16635.

WELCOME COMMITTEE BASKET RAFFLE

The Welcome Committee would like to thank the many parishioners who supported our fundraising effort by buying tickets for the basket raffle.

The lucky winners of the baskets were:

- #1 Theresa Tomlinson
- #2 Robert Gallagher
- #3 Abby Carreri
- #4 Patty Ruffer
- #5 Mindy Luciano
- #6 Ashley German
- #7 Owen McCarville
- #8 Nina McCarville
- #9 Karen Fields



YARD SALE SUCCESS!

Thanks to the all the volunteers who donated items to sell, baked goods and time & energy, we made \$7,000.00! This money will go towards the A/C for the Hall. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- August 22:** Jay Negri, Jr + Liam DeStefano
- August 23:** Kenneth Harkless + Lincoln Dom + Francesca Melgar + Kole Patton
- August 24:** Corey Stoltz
- August 26:** Daniel Smith + Sean Etters
- August 27:** Carmen McGunigal + Douglas Chadbourn + Jonathan Hasson + Kyra Cropsey

Anniversaries:

- August 22, 1987:** Wojtek & Iwona Dorabiala
- August 23, 1975:** Gary & Elaine Smithmyer
- August 25, 1989:** Rodney & Ronalee Bohner
- August 26, 1978:** Gerald & Patricia Rose

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes will begin on **September 10 at 9:00 AM**. You can register any new students the first day of class. You can pick up a calendar then also. Please call Mary Beth at (814) 515-2914.

The **confirmation prep meeting** is on **October 1, in Fr. Kelley Hall at 9:00 AM**. All 9th, 10 and 11th grade students must attend the meeting with at least one parent. Call Mary Beth if you have any questions or are unable to attend. This is for all public school, Catholic School and home-schooled students who belong to the parish.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of August 10 - 16, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,361.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 5.70
Monthly Collection:	\$ 1,500.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 371.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,237.70
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 88.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 197.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 30.00
Assumption:	\$ 148.00
Boscov's Fundraiser:	\$ 15.00
Other Receipts	\$ 464.00
Missionary Co-Op	\$ 50.00
2nd Collection	\$ 782.35
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 6,012.05

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, August 21, 2023: St. Pius**
7:45 AM IMELDA AYERS (Lisa & Mark Broadrick)
- Tuesday, August 22, 2023: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
7:45 AM ****NO MASSES****
- Wednesday, August 23, 2023: St. Rose of Lima**
8:30 AM ANTHONY L. HIMES (Stanley & Susan Galant)
- Thursday, August 24, 2023: St. Bartholomew**
7:45 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)
- Friday, August 25, 2023: Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz**
7:45 AM MARY ANN WEIGHT (Conrad Family)
- Saturday, August 26, 2023:**
8:00 AM FR. D.TIMOTHY GRIMME (Mark & Carol Sanker)
5:00 PM CHARLIE EHREDT [Birthday 7/10] (Roxanne Ehredt)
- Sunday, August 27, 2023: 21st. Sunday in Ord. Time**
8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
10:30 AM ANTHONY L. HIMES (Ruth, Gus & Mary Ann Subolt)
*moved from 6/23

MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2023

- 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.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

AUGUST 26 & 27, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
- 8:00 AM Colin Etters
- 10:30 AM Owen McCarville, Paul McCarville

READERS

- 5:00 PM Raymalee Frank
- 8:00 AM Heidi Manfred
- 10:30 AM Louis Gresik, Mary Beth Schmidhammer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Judith Wilkinson
- 8:00 AM Kimberly Etters
- 10:30 AM Deacon Thomas McFee

GREETERS/USHERS

- 5:00 PM David Mason, Judith Wilkinson
- 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Robert Gallagher, III
- 10:30 AM Dana Boslet, Marita Forr, Paul Hite, Dianne Hite

2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.

Couples may attend **Sunday, September 10 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 17 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.**

Both locations are handicap accessible.

Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshment/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through St. Therese Rectory office for either celebration by Tuesday, August 29.

40 DAYS OF LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

From September 27, 2023, to November 5, 2023 (6:00 AM-7:00 PM) you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days prayer and fasting vigil for the end of abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood on 817 Franklin St., Johnstown, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

To sign up, go to:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/johnstown>.

If you would like more information - especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Eileen Hunter at (814) 243-0202 or Thomasrhunter01@gmail.com.

LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF RALLY

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Join local leaders and 40 Days of Life volunteers as we gather together to kick-off the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign! The event will take place at the Roxbury Bandshell, and our speaker will be Christopher Pushaw, director of the Pro-Life Federation. This will be a time of prayer and fellowship as we seek God to guide and protect each and every volunteer, prayer warrior and person that is either on the front lines or sidelines of the campaign! This will also be a great opportunity to answer any and all questions you might have.

Invite your family, friends, and anyone who might be interested in learning more about 40 Days for Life. The address is 1430 Franklin ST, Johnstown, PA.



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