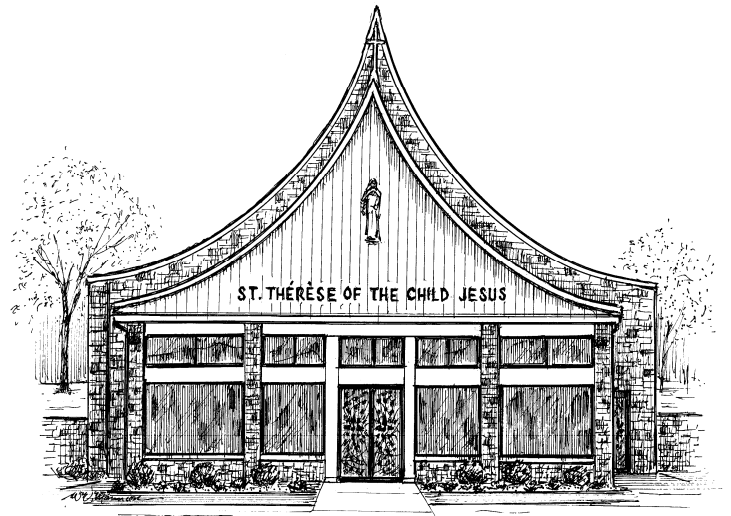


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



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
Middle School Campus:..... 814-942-7835
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Fax: 814-942-1873

Homepage: 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.

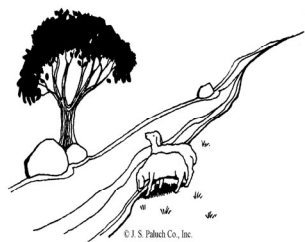
Weddings: Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (FOCCUS,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



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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: \$ 1,410.00

Our remaining goal: \$20,200.00

All contributions received beyond our parish target will be used for our church projects.

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

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, 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 OR call 1-410-676-6000.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Every Wednesday there will be a Rosary and Benediction led by Deacon McFee at 6:00 PM, intentions for Father Grimme.

PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL

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

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 - Thursday, March 30 at 5:30 PM

St. Mary, Hollidaysburg - Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 PM

***Note: St. Therese - NO PENANCE SERVICE.**

You are encouraged to attend one at another church.

Confirmation is May 9th.

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.

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Effective this Holy Thursday, Bishop Mark has directed that parishes may begin distributing Holy Communion under both forms. Parishioners who feel comfortable receiving from the chalice are invited to do so. It is important to remember that the complete presence of Jesus Christ's resurrected body, blood, soul, and divinity is present under each of the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. It is also important to remember that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- March 20:** Mindy Luciano
March 21: Rickey MacIntyre + William Waksmonski
March 22: Karlee Tyler + Adelaide Geishouser
March 23: Michael Fouse + Anberlyn Petrecca
March 25: Allys Schmidhamer

Anniversaries:

- March 26, 1994:** C. Andrew & Dawn Schandelmeier

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BASKET RAFFLE

- A wine and gift basket will be raffled off before Saturday & Sunday masses beginning, March 18, and will continue until after Easter mass on April 9. The tickets will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Please come to the Narthex to join in your support for the St. Vincent Conference at St. Therese. Good luck on winning!
- Also on Sunday, March 19, a reminder that a celebration for all of those who have and continue to serve St. Vincent de Paul Society through serving the poor and homeless in our community. Refreshments in Narthex after mass at 11:30 AM. This is a great time to thank those who serve and find out how you can possibly serve!

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of March 1 - 7, 2023:	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 3,563.30
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 4.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 712.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 69.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,348.30
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 226.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 452.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 17.00
Black & Indian:	\$ 78.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 1,163.00
Catholic Relief:	\$ 219.00
Second Collection:	\$ 220.00
Fish Fry #3:	\$ 3,853.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 1,351.04
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 11,927.34

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25, 2023: Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:00 AM BARBARA MAYERNICK [Anniversary 3/21] (Estate)
 5:00 PM MARJORIE JACKSON [5TH Anniversary] (Family)

Sunday, March 26, 2023: 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
 10:30 AM PHILIP HALL (Linda Ziance)

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE PALMS FLOWERS

The palms have been ordered and should arrive soon. If you are interested in making flowers, please contact the rectory at (814) 942-4479.

EASTER LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please call the office or use the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex by April 2.

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.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

March 25 & 26, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
 8:00 AM Abraham Manfred
 10:30 AM Cadence Carruthers

READERS

- 5:00 PM Albert Schlecht
 8:00 AM John Bravin
 10:30 AM Mary Beth Schmidhamer, James Greco

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Judith Wilkinson
 8:00 AM Deacon Thomas McFee
 10:30 AM Eileen Porta

GREETERS/USHERS

- 5:00 PM Leonard Haduck, Janet Luciano
 8:00 AM Robert Gallagher, Jr., Linda Guida
 10:30 AM Dana Boslet, Kristine Hennaman, Raymond Kauffman, Jr., Mary Kauffman

HISTORY OF ST. THERESE' OF THE CHILD JESUS CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

The fall of 2002 St. Vincent de Paul Society "invitation to serve" program in Altoona/Johnstown diocese attempted to add new conferences at St. Mary's, St. Mark's and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishes.

Three new conferences were organized at St. Therese', St. Rose, and St. John the Evangelist parishes.

Leaders at that time for our parish were:

President: Mike Miller
Vice President: Kris Hennamen
Secretary: Sandy Young
Treasurer: Mary Ellen Burke
Spiritual Advisor: Tom Whelan

Other members included:

Bill Bear, Sonny Consiglio, Yvonne Dinsel, Tom and Marita Foor, Linda Irvin, Chris Kepner, Emma Kneidinger, Barbara Mayernick, Cathy Sander, Terry Shea, and Dan and Bridget Sheedy.

Out of the above mentioned, Kris Hennamen and Mary Ellen Burke have 20 years of active, continuous service.

November 2022, was the first parish collection on Thanksgiving Day at mass. The following Sunday, the parish began a regular Fifth Sunday Collection, which continues to the present day.

At the end of 2002, our parish generously contributed \$81,680.12! Which has been used to serve the poor.

In 2004, the conference began an annual flea market and make sale, adding an additional \$31,457.29 toward the needs of the less fortunate.

With additional fundraisers, our conference has supported those in need in our community by over \$113,000!

We also, have had generous donations of goods for the homeless and those suffering with food shortages due to low income. We have made mats for the homeless and some of our members work at the St. Vincent de Paul store or Needs office.

Through your generous contributions, devoted time and talents, and prayers by our members, we have made a huge difference in the lives of the poor whom we serve in our community.

A huge "THANK YOU", for a job well done! God Bless you for your charitable contributions!