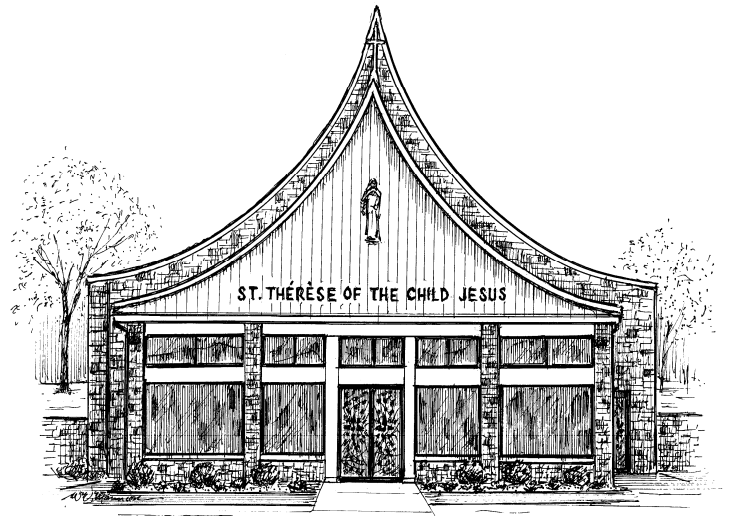


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



Deacon Thomas McFee,
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

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

Happy
Mother's
Day



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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: \$12,930.00
Our remaining goal: \$ 8,680.00

We are at 60% of our goal with 56 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.

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH

Will take place after 10:30 AM mass on Sunday, May 28. The more hands we have, the faster we will be done!

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

For nationwide Mass times and locations:
 Internet www.Masstimes.org OR call 1-410-676-6000.

PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL

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

MAY DAYS

May Days at the Basilica of St. Michael - May 27 and 28, at Our Lady of Loretto Hall, featuring live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Kathy at (814)472-5815 to join), Basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food and beverages.

Saturday, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Proceeds from the weekend festival benefit Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall, Pickin' for Wishes, Project healing Waters Fly Fishing, and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

FISH FRY ITEMS FOR SALE!

We have Beer battered fish and French fries for sale!

Beer Battered Fish: 10 lbs. - Regular price: \$83.00
 - **Sale price: \$60.00**

French Fries: 5 lb bags - Regular price: \$8.50
 - **Sale price: \$6.00**

We will also consider taking your best offer. If interested call the Rectory.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God,
 that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
 which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
 and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.
 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.

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- May 15:** Eileen Porta
May 16: Tracey Ingold + Sally Montgomery
May 17: Margy Baumgartner
May 18: Sandra Zlupko + Mason Hasson
May 19: Linda Drabic + Evan Rimbeck
May 20: Vicky Gallardy & Brittany Brenneman
 Chase Cover + Zachary Malicky +
 Cadence Carruthers + Brody Gartmann
May 21: Lisa Broadrick + Roger Foor, Jr. +
 Nathan Przybys

Anniversaries:

- May 16, 1970:** Frank & Margaret Rimbeck
May 18, 1974: Sandra & Scott Hoover
May 20, 1995: John & Donna Clinger
May 20, 1978: Robert & Joann Kenner

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 Father Kelley Hall.

Donations can be dropped off at Fr. Kelley Hall on Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For questions, please contact Cathy Chirdon at (814) 931-4635.

****COMING IN AUGUST...ST. THERESE YARD SALE!!!**

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of (dates):

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,610.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 3.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 2,483.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 26.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 5,122.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 98.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 598.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 22.00
Easter:	\$ 25.00
Ascension:	\$ 93.00
Mother's Day:	\$ 220.00
Holy Land:	\$ 10.00
SVDP:	\$ 85.00
Catholic Communications:	\$ 78.00
2nd Collection:	\$ 50.00
Donation:	\$ 300.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 1,392.04
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 8,093.04

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 20, 2023: St. Bernadine of Siena
 5:00 PM MARY LOU HASSON & EMMA MAE REILLY (Jack & Cathie Reilly)

Sunday,

8:00 AM KIERA CHIRDON (Hap & Jan Durbin)
 10:30 AM CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA (State Court)

****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.



LITURGICAL + ROLES

MAY 20 & 21, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
 8:00 AM Reuben Manfred
 10:30 AM Caleb Fasick

READERS

5:00 PM Albert Schlecht
 8:00 AM Kathryn Millward
 10:30 AM R. Thomas Forr, Eileen Porta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 PM Christine Kepner
 8:00 AM Deacon Thomas McFee
 10:30 AM Janet Durbin

GREETERS/USHERS

5:00 PM Janet Luciano, David Mason
 8:00 AM Robert Gallagher, Jr., Robert Gallagher, III
 10:30 AM Marita Forr, Kristine Hennaman, Donna Hoover, Daniel Smith

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.

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 or in person Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM or by phone 814-944-9434.

MOTHER'S DAY

Also known as Mothering Sunday, it naturally evolved into **honoring your mother** as well. And devotion to Mary, the mother of God and our spiritual mother, in the month of May gives this holiday depth for Catholics that goes far beyond giving flowers or candy on Mother's Day.

UPDATING TELEPHONE NOS. AND EMAILS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

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.

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