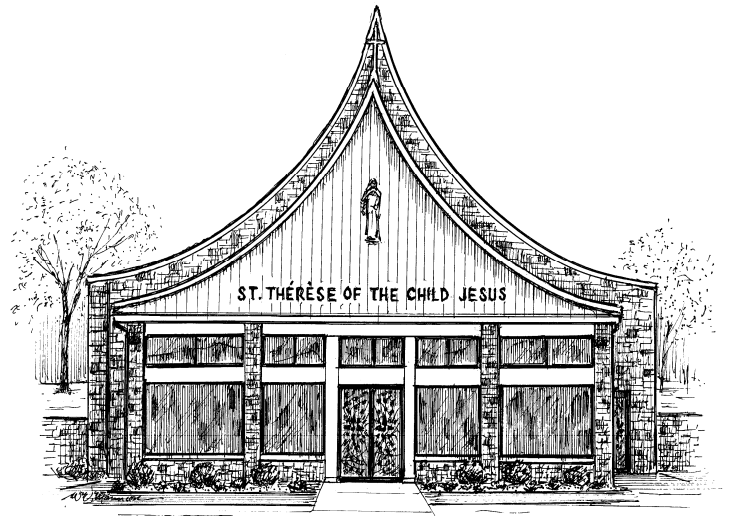


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



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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Middle School Campus:..... 814-942-7835
Fr. Kelley Hall: 814-944-7450
E-mail:sttheresealtoona@dioceseaj.org

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.

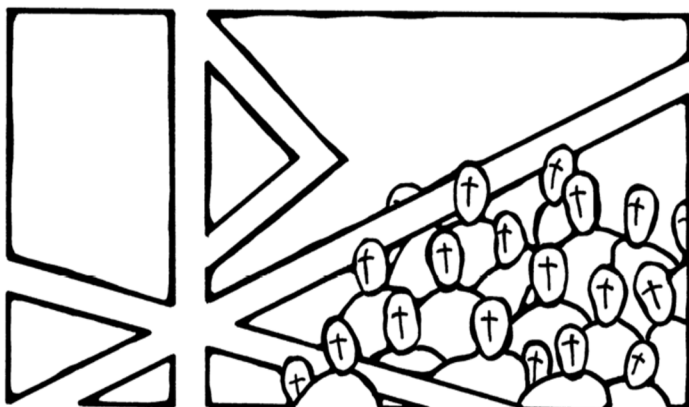
Weddings: Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (FOCCUS,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



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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.

FRIENDLY TRAVELERS PRESENTATION

Friendly Traveler's will have a presentation on **August 22, 2023**, at 5:30 PM in Fr. Kelley Hall. Come see about a trip to London, Normandy & Paris! Refreshments will be served. For more information contact:

Alice Sturm at 814-312-0156 or
Mary Jo Moloney at 814-946-5325

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

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

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.

PARISH FESTIVAL**ST. BENEDICT CHURCH, CARROLLTOWN**

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 28, 29, and 30.

Chicken Dinner with homemade chicken noodle soup, Sunday July 30, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Entertainment every day - with live bands, beer tent, Bingo, large basket auction, games, bake sale, ethnic foods, refreshments, petting zoo, and fireworks.

\$10,000 in Cash prizes to be awarded - July 31 thru August 4.

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/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!

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 6. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.

“THANK YOU”

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,
Thank you for the kindness and the hospitality you extended to me over the last few months. I appreciated the basket of goodies you sent to me; I thought it was Christmas!

May God bless you and Fr. Norris in your journey as a community of faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Gardner

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

July 24: Makenzie Raia + Ray Kauffman, Jr.
July 25: Phoebe Shatzer + Donna Clinger + Hampton Durbin
July 26: Bradley Floyd
July 27: Anthony Koehle, Jr.
July 28: David Mason + Mindy Patton + Abigail Fischer
July 29: Tracey Dom + Matthew Eckenrode
July 30: Lauren Ratay + Evelyn Carrieri

Anniversaries:

July 24, 1971: Kenneth & Deborah Klinger
July 24, 2004: Matthew & Heidi Manfred
July 30, 1983: Dr. Jay & Patricia Burlingame

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

"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

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of July 13 - 19, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 1,970.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 2.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 2,790.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 322.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 5,084.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 265.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 385.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 19.00
Missionary Co-op:	\$ 115.00
Fundraiser/Boscov:	\$ 10.00
SVDP:	\$ 170.00
2nd Sunday:	\$ 408.00
Fr. Grimme Nativities:	\$ 120.00
Closed Scrip Accts:	\$ 589.97
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 7,165.97

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 24: St. Sharbel Makhlof
 7:45 AM ROBERT & BARBARA MAYERNICK
 [Wedding Anniversary] (Estate)

Tuesday, July 25: St. James
 7:45 AM ANTHONY HIMES (Mary & Susie Smithmyer) *moved from 05/26/23

Wednesday, July 26: Sts. Joachim & Anne
 9:00 AM JAMES LUCIANO (The Byrnes Family)
 *moved from 06/12/23

Thursday, July 27:
 7:45 AM JESSE MYER (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)

Friday, July 28:
 7:45 AM JAMES HATCH FAMILY (Pat Hatch)

Saturday, July 29: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
 8:00 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (Eugene & Lorraine Adams)
 5:00 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM FOR THE SICK AND TROUBLED
 10:30 AM JOHN MAYERNICK (Marian Airhart Family)

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.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

July 29 & 30, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
 8:00 AM Michaela Etters
 10:30 AM Brennen Freiwald

READERS

5:00 PM Judith Wilkinson
 8:00 AM John Bravin
 10:30 AM Patricia Forr, Joann Kasun

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 PM Melvin Kepner, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
 8:00 AM Deacon Thomas McFee, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
 10:30 AM Alice Sturm, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

GREETERS/USHERS

5:00 PM Janet Luciano, Judith Wilkinson
 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Linda Guida
 10:30 AM Robert Chirdon, Cathy Chirdon
 Donna Hoover, Daniel Smith

ST. THERESE PARISH INSIDE YARD AND 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 Avenue & 5th Street, Altoona

Inside Yard and Bake Sale

Friday August 4 and Saturday August 5 - 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 Boscov's stores. Shopping passes will be sold in the Narthex after masses and in the office. **Proceeds will benefit St. Therese.***