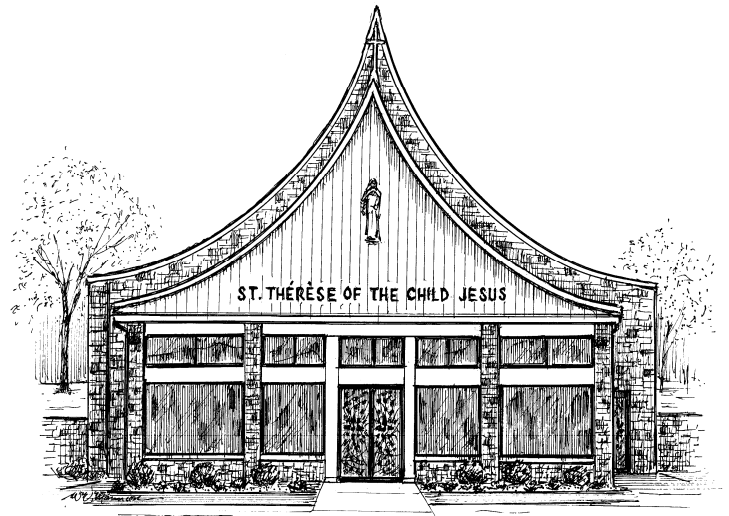


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**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

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

*Teach us to number our days aright,
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 — Psalm 90:12*

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.**

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.

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.

NO ONE'S ENEMY

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. —St. Eusebius of Vercelli

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- August 7:** Madison Noel
- August 8:** Quinn Clapper + Owen Vassa +
Conor McKinney
- August 10:** James Carrieri + Gilda Kilcoyne +
Donald Hennaman, Jr. + Tray Boore +
Matthew Williams
- August 11:** Alice Sturm + Mary Lauren Farrell
- August 12:** Mary Alice Kauffman + Gavin
Schlecht + Emily Farrell
- August 13:** Thomas Forr + James Luciano +
Raymond Adams, Jr.

Anniversaries:

- August 8, 1987:** Kevin & Peggy Bush
- August 9, 2008:** Matthew & Emily Lonero
- August 10, 1974:** Timothy & Peggy Thomas

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 27 - August 2, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,081.20
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 3.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 816.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 166.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,066.20
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 30.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 1,186.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 22.00
Assumption:	\$ 15.00
2nd Collection:	\$ 100.00
SVDP:	\$ 575.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 4,994.20

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, August 7, 2023: Sts. Sixtus II & Cajetan**
7:45 AM MARY ANN WEIGHT (Susan Kaye)
- Tuesday, August 8, 2023: St. Dominic**
****NO MASS****
- Wednesday, August 9, 2023: St. Teresa Benedicta**
8:30 AM BRANDON TSIKALAS [Anniversary]
(Paula Hall)
- Thursday, August 10, 2023: St. Lawrence**
7:45 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (Rae, Joseph,
Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)
- Friday, August 11, 2023: St. Clare**
7:45 AM KAREN LITZINGER (Rae, Joseph,
Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)
- Saturday, August 12, 2023: St. Jane Frances**
8:00 AM JEAN GALLAGHER (Wayne & Cathy
Gallagher)
5:00 PM JOHN MAYERNICK (Eileen Porta)
**Moved from 5/30/23
- Sunday, August 13, 2023:**
8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
10:30 AM JAMES TURIANO (Choir)

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

August 12 & 13, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM Makayla Silver
- 8:00 AM Edith Manfred
- 10:30 AM Macyn Behe

READERS

- 5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte
- 8:00 AM Kathryn Millward
- 10:30 AM Jay Burlingame, Andre McCarville

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Deacon Thomas McFee, VOLUNTEER,
VOLUNTEER
- 8:00 AM Vickie Gallardy, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER
- 10:30 AM Patricia Forr, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER

GREETERS/USHERS

- 5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson, Theresa Plunket
- 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Robert Gallagher, Jr.
- 10:30 AM Kristine Hennaman, James Greco,
Mary Kauffman, Raymond Kauffman Jr

BREAKFAST CEREAL COLLECTION

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

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

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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.

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 or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment (814) 361-2000.

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 or Paula Campbell at paulacampbell@comcast

ANGELORUM

Is a choir of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena of Allentown, PA: A group brought together and fueled by a strong faith and love for God and our beautiful gifts of music. We desire to use our talents in order to spread the "message" of God's endless love, presence, and mercy to those who listen.

Find us on website: <https://angelorumvoices.com>

Youtube: (55) Angelorum - YouTube

Facebook and Instagram: [@angelorumvoices](https://www.instagram.com/angelorumvoices)

ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL

St. Patrick Parish Festival, 731 Patrick Lane, Newry PA, **Friday & Saturday, August 11, 12** from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Sunday, August 13 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Food, games, free entertainment, flea market, baked goods, quilt & craft booth.

FROM FATHER NORRIS

MASS INTENTIONS

Now that we as a parish are returning to a regular schedule of weekday Masses, we have open slots for mass intentions. Offering a Mass for a deceased loved one is one of the Church's most ancient traditions for honoring our beloved dead. There are records of Masses of offered for loved ones as far back as AD 180!

The Mass is a participation in the sacrifice of Jesus offering himself at the Last Supper and on the Cross. Therefore, having a Mass said for a deceased loved one is the most powerful form of intercessory prayer that we can offer up. Masses can also be offered for living family members and friends on their anniversaries, during difficult times in their lives, or on their birthday. Masses can also be offered for spirited intentions like an increase in priestly and religious vocations in our parish and diocese, something we definitely need!

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please fill out a mass intention form in the church or stop by the office.

The usual donation for a mass intention is \$10.00.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Votive candles are an ancient tradition in the Church. We are not worshiping the saints by lighting a candle before an image or statue of the saint. Instead we are asking for their intercession. These candles are lit as an act of prayer asking the saints to pray for us to the Lord God for our general holiness or for a specific intention. Our custom at St. Therese is to have a parish staff member light the votive candles for you each Thursday. To have a votive candle lit for your intention please fill out a votive candle envelope or stop by the office.

Due to an increase in candle prices, votive candles are \$3.00 per candle.

COMMUNION CALL AND HOMEBOUND LIST

Our parish maintains a list of parishioners who are homebound or in nursing care facilities that I (Fr. Norris) use for making communion calls. The St. Vincent DePaul Society also uses this list to send our homebound parishioners' cards and baskets. This list is also used to have masses celebrated for the intentions of our homebound parishioners. If one of your loved ones is no longer able to attend mass and is homebound or in a nursing care facility, please call the office if you would like them to be added to our list.

Additionally, if one of your loved one's is in the hospital and you would like me (Fr. Norris) to visit them please call the office. The hospital does not alert me when a parishioner is in the hospital.

HICKEY ENDOWMENT FUND

We received a \$10,638.48 annual grant from the Donald J. & Ann Shelly Hickey Endowment Fund for the general needs of the parish. It is administered by the Independent Catholic Foundation (ICF), Altoona, in an investment portfolio reflecting the ethical, moral, and social teaching of the Catholic Church.

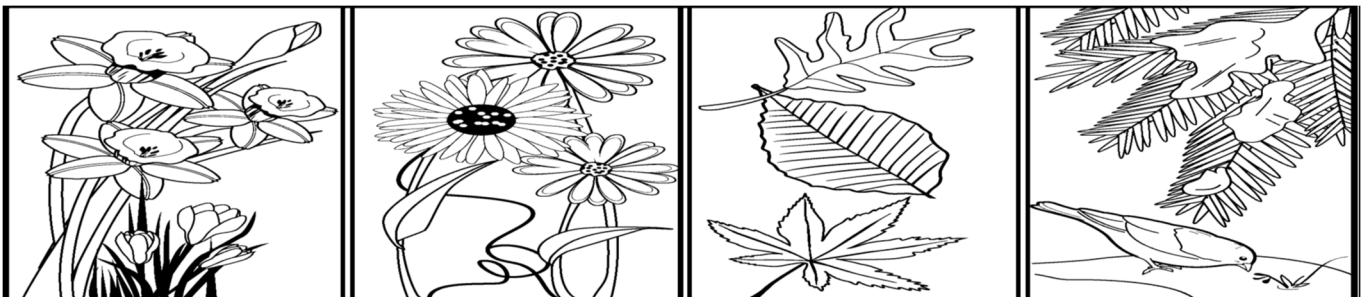
To learn more about the ICF, visit its website at:

www.icfoundation.us

We want to express our gratitude to the Hickey Family for the generous donation that started this fund that continually blesses the St. Therese Parish each year with around \$10,000.00 for general operations.

St. Therese also has another endowment with the ICF called the St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish Endowment Fund to which anyone can donate. Donating to this fund or setting up a bequest in your will to donate to this fund is a great way to contribute to the future of this parish.

Thank you to all who have contributed to these funds so far!



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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