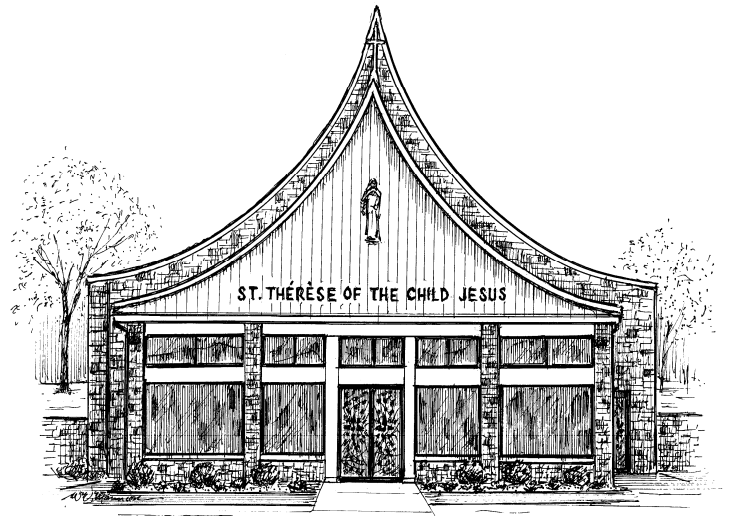


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**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.]  
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## Holy Trinity Regional Catholic School:

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**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.

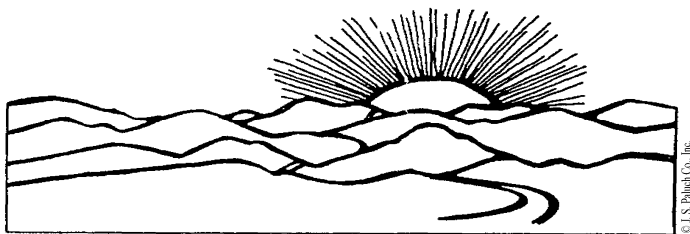
**Weddings:** Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation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

### MISSIONARY CO-OP

So far we have collected \$1,120.00 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. Below is a “Thank you” from the Sisters.

### A “THANK YOU” FROM MISSIONARY CO-OP

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary wish to thank you for your generous response to our mission appeal. Your interest and concern is a real source of encouragement to us and our various missionary endeavors throughout the world. Please be assured of a continuous remembrance in the prayers of all the Sisters. May God continue to bless you and your families.

### FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

For nationwide Mass times and locations:  
 Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://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.

### “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*

### RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, September 8, 2023**

Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Lilly will be having a Rummage Sale in the Hall on Thursday, August 17 & 18, from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday, August 19, from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All are welcome!!

### FROM THE YARD SALE COMMITTEE

*Friendship is not a big thing.*

*It's a million little things.*

*To our friends that helped to make this years yard sale a success.*

*Thank you!!*



**Birthdays:**

- August 14:** Russell Montgomery
- August 15:** Charles Ehredt + Mary Bravin + Theresa Seidel + Isabella Miller + Mason Curfman
- August 16:** Daniel Chirdon
- August 17:** Thomas Wilt
- August 18:** Carter McGreal + Amanda McFee + David McCarter
- August 19:** Judy Negri + Brennen Freiwald
- August 20:** Jean Bellavance + Kevin Malicky + Melissa Scharf

**Anniversaries:**

- August 16, 1980:** William Mary Camberg
- August 16, 1969:** Alan & Elaine Temofonte
- August 17, 1996:** Kevin & Nicole Malicky
- August 17, 1991:** Samuel & Robin McClure, Jr.
- August 19, 1972:** James & Mona Greco

**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, please call Mary Beth Schmidhamer at (814)515-2914.

**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of August 3 - 9, 2023:	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	<b>\$ 2,801.00</b>
Sunday Offertory Students:	<b>\$ 4.90</b>
Monthly Collection:	<b>\$ 2,540.00</b>
Loose Collection:	<b>\$ 206.25</b>
Total Offertory:	<b>\$ 5,552.15</b>
Twin Parish Collection:	<b>\$ 170.00</b>
Christmas Club:	<b>\$ 420.00</b>
Votive Candles:	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
Assumption:	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
Other Receipts:	<b>\$ 1,469.04</b>
Donations for A/C for Hall:	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
2nd Collection:	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
Mission Co-Op:	<b>\$ 665.00</b>
SVDP:	<b>\$ 20.00</b>

**TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$ 8,501.19**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, August 14, 2023: St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
7:45 AM PATRICIA MONTGOMERY (St. Therese Conference/SVDP)  
5:30 PM JOHN MAYERNICK (Brothers & Sisters) (Moved from 6/30/23)
- Tuesday, August 15, 2023: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary**  
12:05 PM JEANNE GALLAGHER (Diana Fanale)  
6:30 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
- Wednesday, August 16, 2023: St. Stephen**  
8:30 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (Eileen Porta)
- Thursday, August 17, 2023:**  
7:45 AM MIRIAM AIRHART [Birthday] (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)
- Friday, August 18, 2023:**  
7:45 AM MARY ANN WEIGHT (Conrad Family)
- Saturday, August 19, 2023: St. John Eudes**  
8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)  
5:00 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
- Sunday, August 20, 2023: 20th Sunday in Ord. Time**  
8:00 AM JEAN GALLAGHER (Eugene & Lorraine Gallagher)  
10:30 AM CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA (State Court)

**MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 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 19 & 20, 2023**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
- 8:00 AM Abraham Manfred
- 10:30 AM Kayla Blough

**READERS**

- 5:00 PM Albert Schlecht
- 8:00 AM John Bravin
- 10:30 AM James Greco, Eileen Porta

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte
- 8:00 AM Deacon Thomas McFee
- 10:30 AM Paulette Gresik

**GREETERS/USHERS**

- 5:00 PM Leonard Haduck, Janet Luciano
- 8:00 AM Linda Guida, Kenneth Klinger
- 10:30 AM Robert Chirdon, Cathy Chirdon, Donna Hoover, Daniel Smith

## **ASSUMPTION OF THE MARY (AUGUST 15TH)**

On August 15th the church celebrates the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven. This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation meaning all Catholics are expected to attend mass on this day to celebrate this important feast.

The teaching that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven was defined as a dogma (the highest level of doctrine) by Pope Pius XII on November 1st, 1950. Pope Pius wrote: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The dogma of the Assumption builds upon the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (celebrated on December 8th) which teaches that Mary was conceived without original sin and did not fall into personal sin. The dogma of the Assumption of Mary teaches that at the end of Mary’s earthly life, her body was taken up (assumed) into heaven.

Why do we as Catholics profess a dogmatic belief in the Assumption of Mary? First, we believe that heaven is the only fitting place for Mary’s body to reside, because she is the New Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant held the Ten Commandment Tablets, the Staff of Aaron (the first Israelite high priest), and a jar of Manna (the bread God gave the Israelites). Mary is the New Ark because within her womb resided Jesus the Word Made Flesh, the New High Priest, and the Bread of Life! As St. John of Damascus wrote in the 8th century: “The living, spiritual ark of the Lord has ‘gone up to the resting-place’ of her Son (Ps 131:8 [LXX])” (John of Damascus, “A Discourse on the Dormition of Our Lady,” c. AD 740).

The second reason why it is fitting for Mary to reside body and soul in heaven, is her role as the Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. In ancient Israel, it was not the king’s wife who ruled at his side, but his mother. We see this in 1 Kings 2:19: “Then Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, and the king stood up to meet her and paid her homage. Then he sat down upon his throne, and a throne was provided for the king’s mother, who sat at his right.” Mary is the Queen Mother of Heaven sitting at her son’s right side. The 1 Kings passage continues: She said, “There is one small favor I would ask of you. Do not refuse me.” The king said to her, “Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you” (1 Kings 2:20). Like any good son, Jesus listens to the requests of His mother Mary as we see in the Wedding Feast at Cana where Jesus turns water into wine at Mary’s request (John 2:1-12). Additionally, the Church has traditionally taken Revelation 12:1 to refer to Mary residing in Heaven: “A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” From her throne in heaven, Mary hears our requests, especially those made in the praying of the rosary, and brings them to her Son Jesus.

**To hear more about the Assumption of Mary and to celebrate this great Solemnity please join us at one of the usual Holy Day masses. The mass schedule for the Assumption is as follows: 5:30 PM vigil (Aug 14th), 12:05 PM and 6:30 PM masses on August 15th.**