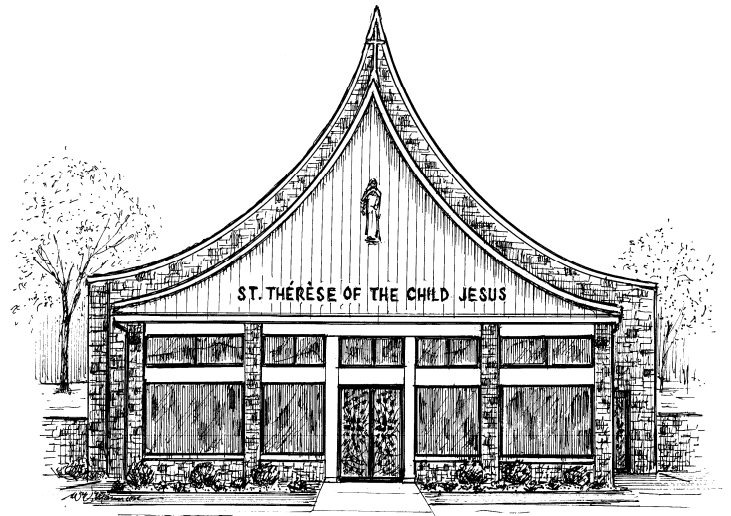


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**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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**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.

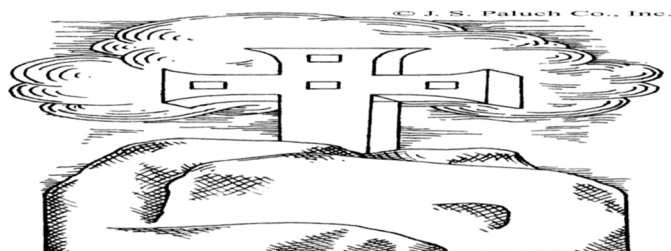
**Weddings:** Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation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



**NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

On Friday, September 1, 2023, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at **The Cathedral**. The special hour for St. Therese is 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. If you are concerned about the Covid virus, use your own judgement as to whether or not to attend. Hand sanitizer is available.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**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.

**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: \$20,681.00**

**Our remaining goal: \$ 929.00**

**We are at 96% of our goal with 78 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.

**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.

**UPDATING TELEPHONE NOS. AND EMAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.**

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:**

- August 28:** Kristy Stoltz + Quincy Swope
- August 29:** Matthew Fagan
- August 31:** JoEllen Beiswenger + Brendan Cobler
- September 1:** David Rito + Paul McCarville
- September 3:** Danny Ehredt, Jr. + Nathan Frank

**Anniversaries:**

- August 28, 2004:** Matthew & Bethany Miller
- September 3, 2005:** James & Natalie Reed

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



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Classes will begin on September 10 at 9:00 AM.** You can register any new students the first day of class. You can pick up a calendar then also. Please call Mary Beth at (814) 515-2914.

**The confirmation prep meeting is on October 1, in Fr. Kelley Hall at 9:00 AM.** All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students must attend the meeting with at least one parent. Call Mary Beth, if you have any questions or are unable to attend. This is for all public school, Catholic School and home-schooled students who belong to the parish.

**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of August 17 to August 23, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,192.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 5.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 885.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 335.10
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,417.10
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 110.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 733.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 34.00
Holy Day/Assumption:	\$ 560.25
Missionary Co-Op:	\$ 75.00
2nd Collection, A/C:	\$ 600.00
Donations:	\$ 1,292.14
Other Receipts:	\$ 5.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 6,826.49</b>

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



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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, August 28, 2023: St. Augustine**  
7:45 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Frances Kapfhammer)
- Tuesday, August 29, 2023: Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
7:45 AM NO MASS
- Wednesday, August 30, 2023:**  
8:30 AM R. JOHN MAYERNICK (Dave & Agnes Kirsch)
- Thursday, August 31, 2023:**  
7:45 AM IN THANKSGIVING (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)
- Friday, September 1, 2023: World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation**  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS (Rae, Joseph, Samantha & Francis Kapfhammer)
- Saturday, September 2, 2023:**  
8:00 AM Andy FDickson (Joan & Ronald Bennett)  
5:00 PM Fr. D. Timothy Grimme (Levri Family)
- Sunday, September 3, 2023: 22 Sunday in Ord. Time**  
8:00 AM JEANNE GALLAGHER (Larry Wills)  
10:30 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

**MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2023**

- 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.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

**September 2 & 3, 2023**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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

**READERS**

- 5:00 PM Barbara Fagan
- 8:00 AM Kathryn Millward
- 10:30 AM Alice Sturm, Patricia Forr

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Deacon Thomas McFee
- 8:00 AM John Bravin
- 10:30 AM Robert Kasun

**GREETERS/USHERS**

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

## **2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2023 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.

Couples may attend **Sunday, September 10 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 17 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral**.

Both locations are handicap accessible.

Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshment/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

**Reservations must be made through St. Therese Rectory office for either celebration by Tuesday, August 29.**

## **40 DAYS OF LIFE PRAYER VIGIL**

From September 27, 2023, to November 5, 2023 (6:00 AM-7:00 PM) you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days prayer and fasting vigil for the end of abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood on 817 Franklin St., Johnstown, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

**To sign up, go to:**

**<https://www.40daysforlife.com/johnstown>.**

If you would like more information - especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Eileen Hunter at (814) 243-0202 or [Thomasrhunter01@gmail.com](mailto:Thomasrhunter01@gmail.com).



### **THE ULTIMATE ACT OF STEWARDSHIP**

Including the **Independent Catholic Foundation** in your estate plans is the easiest way to make a lasting Impact of your Catholic Values. No amount is too small to benefit your parish, school or favorite ministry forever when designated to one or more of our permanent endowments.

Remember our St. Therese of the Child Jesus Foundation in your will. Visit our "Legacy Giving" web pages at [www.icfoundation.us](http://www.icfoundation.us) or call: (814) 201-2080.

## **CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF RALLY**

Saturday, September 23, 2023

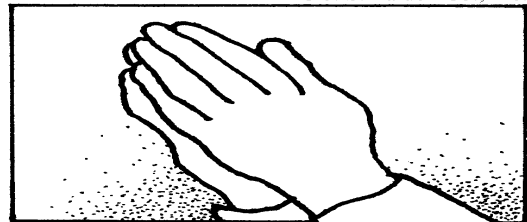
Join local leaders and 40 Days of Life volunteers as we gather together to kick-off the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign! The event will take place at the Roxbury Bandshell, and our speaker will be Christopher Pushaw, director of the Pro-Life Federation. This will be a time of prayer and fellowship as we seek God to guide and protect each and every volunteer, prayer warrior and person that is either on the front lines or sidelines of the campaign! This will also be a great opportunity to answer any and all questions you might have.

Invite your family, friends, and anyone who might be interested in learning more about 40 Days for Life. The address is 1430 Franklin ST, Johnstown, PA.

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue "The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks," which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or "special circumstances." In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored "to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers." The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

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# **PRAYER**