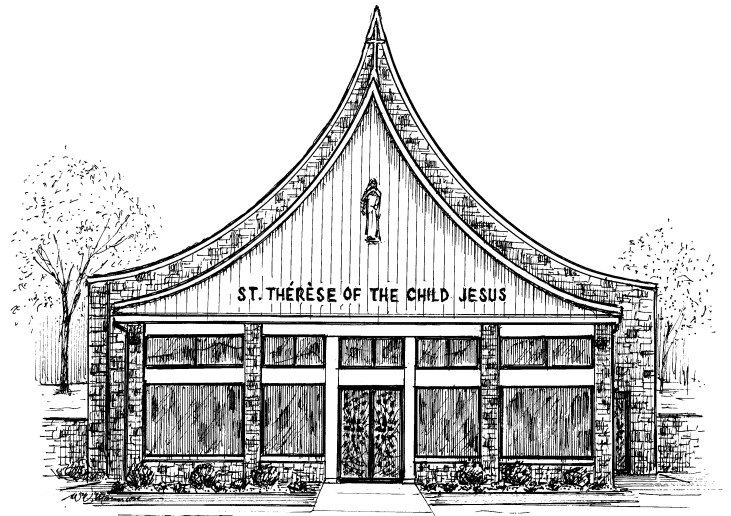


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father Brian Norris  
Deacon Thomas McFee  
2301 Fifth Street  
Altoona, PA 16601-3863**

## Weekend 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:

Fairview School Campus:..... 814-381-7011  
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**Weekday Masses:** Monday at 7:45. No mass on 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 Catholic School, grades Pre-school through 5th grade, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, grades 6th through 12th.

**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.



**Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 2018**

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
— Romans 8:31b

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Keep in touch with us via email and text!



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TO 84576



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[stthereseofjesus.flocknote.com](http://stthereseofjesus.flocknote.com)

**LENT AEROBIC DANCING CLASSES**

Dancing to Christian music on Thursdays at Noon for six weeks beginning **February 15th** at Groove Fitness Studio, 539 E. 25th Ave (Ivyside Plaza). This class is included in all Groove Fitness Studio insurance programs and punch cards. Teacher is Cathy Chiridon. Pay per price class is \$7.00.

**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.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

On Friday, March 1, 2024, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at St. Mark's Church. 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.



**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

Holy spirit Ministry will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, March 16, at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. is \$20, if registered by February 26, 2024, \$25 afterward. Students are free. Lunch and Dinner provided. **Deadline to register is March 6, 2024.** To register contact 814-931-0192 or email: [holyspiritministry20@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritministry20@gmail.com). All are welcome!  
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO**

Casino is located in Bethlehem, Pa. The Mount Carmel Church Social & Administration Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino on **Saturday, April 6.** We will be leaving the Church Parking lot at 8:30 AM and departing the Casino at 7:00 AM. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. We get back \$30 in slot play (Casio bonus subject to change). To receive this bonus, please bring to the Casino a valid photo Id. There are Outlets attached to the Casino complex. Please call the Parish Office during the week at 814-942-8501, to make your reservations.



**LENTEN FISH FRY**

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish

Father Kelley Hall (25th Ave & 5th St)  
Fridays during Lent.

February 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15, 22  
4:00 PM until 7:00 PM or fish runs out.

- A choice of Baked or Fried Fish
- Macaroni & Cheese or French Fries
- Stewed Tomatoes
- Cole Slaw or Apple Sauce
- Plus Dessert

**EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT  
READY TO GO ORDERS call  
582-895-1741**

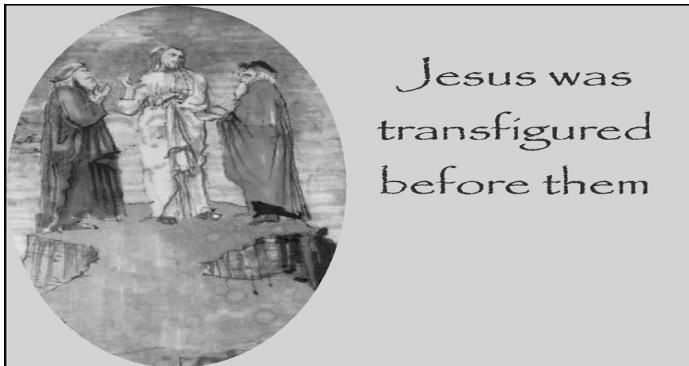
**Cost: \$14.00– per Dinner**

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:**

- February 26:** Danielle Rimbeck + Morgan Lynn
- February 27:** Lorraine Adams + Linda Irvin + Paula Hall + Deb Henry + Timothy Hench, Jr. + Wayne Killinger, Jr. + Samantha Conrad + Daniel Ehredt, III
- February 28:** Danielle Garneau
- February 29:** Mikayla Cropsey
- March 1:** Elaine Temofonte + Andrea Karnes + Corbin Stroh + Dylan Hench + Holden Conklin + Charles Yonushonis, Jr.
- March 2:** Lisa Stahlman + Francis Gormish + Evie Norton + Marley Norton
- March 3:** Connor Gibbons

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



Jesus was transfigured before them

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**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of February 8-4, 2024	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,808.70
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 7.30
Monthly Collection:	\$ 445.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 263.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,524.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 50.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 219.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 700.24
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 368.87
Black & Indian:	\$ 195.00
School Support:	\$ 10.00
2nd Sunday:	\$ 200.00
Other:	\$ 210.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 5517.11</b>

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, February 26, 2024:**  
7:45 AM LARRY SPROUSE (Ken & Debbie Klinger)
- Tuesday, February 27, 2024:**  
7:45 AM **NO MASS**
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024:**  
8:30 AM MR. & MRS. JOHN MOTTNER (Eileen Porta)
- Thursday, February 29, 2024:**  
7:45 AM MR. & MRS. JOE ECKENRODE (Tom Eckenrode & Family)
- Friday, March 1, 2024: World Day of Prayer**  
7:45 AM MS. ROSALIE MOORE (Tom Eckenrode & Family)
- Saturday, March 2, 2024:**  
8:00 AM EDWARD J SHERIDAN (Hatch Family)  
5:00 PM MARY LOUISE HASSON [Birthday] (Jack & Cathy Reilly)
- Sunday, March 3, 2024: 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY  
10:30 AM MSGR. ROY KLINE (ESTATE)

**WELCOME COMMITTEE**

Please support the Welcome Committee as we will be selling handmade crafts at the Fish Fries. We have handmade microwave insulated bowl covers and handmade oven handle towels among other crafts.

**IMPRESSION**

When we try to make an impression, that's the impression we make. —Anonymous

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**March 2 & 3, 2024**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00 PM Alana Cropsey
- 8:00 AM Camryn Colledge, Mya Colledge
- 10:30 AM CCD Mass

**READERS**

- 5:00 PM Barbara Fagan, Melvin Kepner
- 8:00 AM Eileen Porta, Kathryn Millward
- 10:30 AM CCD Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte, Judith Wilkinson, Deacon Thomas McFee
- 8:00 AM John Bravin, Andrew Potopa, Mary Bravin
- 10:30 AM Amber Bott, Marklin Myers, Lou Gresik

**GREETERS/USHERS**

- 5:00 PM Barbara Grimme, Judith Wilkinson, Dave Mason, Leonard Haduck
- 8:00 AM Robert Gallagher Jr, Robert Gallagher III, Marjorie Beiswenger
- 10:30 AM CCD Mass

## **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL MONTHLY UPDATE (GOD PROVIDES!) -**

We received from our 5th Sunday collection what we needed to pay for neighbors in need in January. We helped the following:

- ◇ A man in the cove who is mentally challenged and needed help with his electric bill. The SVDP Needs Office paid part of his bill, and we paid \$187.00
- ◇ A neighbor had a MVA and got behind on rent by half a month. The SVDP Needs Office paid half and we paid \$200.00 to prevent eviction.
- ◇ A Neighbor lost his job, behind on rent. Needs paid part, we paid \$195.00 to prevent eviction.
- ◇ A couple with children needed help with a security deposit. The SVDP Needs Office paid part of the deposit and we paid \$300.00.
- ◇ A neighbor with children from Williamsburg needed help with the electric bill. Williamsburg's SVDP paid \$300.00, St. Rose SVDP paid \$200.00, and we paid \$200.00. Needs paid \$283.00

## **WARMING SHELTER AT OVERFLOW CHURCH UPDATE -**

The warming shelter is serving approximately 15 to 24 people each night with many having stayed over 21 days. We are 6 weeks into the initiative and it has been a beautiful journey with our homeless neighbors. Many are getting connected with agencies to help with drug, alcohol abuse, housing and food needs, phones, and showers. They are also being covered in prayer. Conversation with volunteers have been a tremendous gift to both the neighbors in need and our volunteers. Please continue to pray for this initiative and the next steps as the city of Altoona moves forward, in cooperation with agencies and churches, to serve the homeless with long term shelter, housing and job needs.

God bless all who support us in prayer or contribution. Also, thanks to all of you in our parish who are helping with the shelter on Monday nights!

## **THEOLOGY ON TAP -**

Please join us for a Young Adult Theology on Tap Event on March 7th at Jethro's Restaurant and Bar in Altoona. Theology on Tap is an event designed to bring together young adult Catholics (ages 21 - 39) into one community. The premise of the event will be a social time and then a brief theological talk by Father Brian Norris. The plan is for this to be a monthly event with new speakers each month.

## **DR. EDWARD SRI EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENT-**

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown proudly presents: DR. EDWARD SRI, a nationally recognized theologian and speaker, for a 2-day event celebrating the national Eucharistic Revival. The event will take place at Mount Aloysius College at the Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center.

Friday April 19th, Dr. Sri will give 2 talks from 7pm-9:30pm that will be open to High School Students, College Students, and Young Adults. His topics will be: Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love and When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul.

Saturday April 20th, Dr. Sri will speak to the general public in 3 talks from 9am-12:30pm. His topics will be: Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ; When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul and Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age. Sign up for this awesome event on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) or mail in a form available at each parish in the diocese (available on the narthex tables). Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna: email [llamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto:llamagna@dioceseaj.org) or phone at 814-742-7894.



# STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference

-J&J (JOURNEY TO JESUS)-

**Sunday, March 3rd, 2024  
11:30 AM-5 PM**

**Mount Aloysius College Bertschi Center, Cresson**

*Join us for a day of faith and fellowship, which includes lunch, dynamic speakers and Mass with Bishop Mark.*



Scan Here  
to Register!

## FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER COOPER RAY

Speaker, Musician,  
Husband and  
Father

Fr. Michael Pleva



**INSPIRING AND FAITH-  
FILLED TALKS FROM  
TWO DIOCESAN PRIESTS**

Fr. Brian Norris



## PANEL DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL CATHOLIC MEN ON FIRE WITH THEIR FAITH

Brandon Peters



Jeff Phillipin



Roy Holtz



John McInyre



Sean O'Dowd



No cost for attendance. Open to all high school, college and adult males.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 23RD

Register online or by mail with the form at your parish. Online registration encouraged due to limited seating.

## Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Men's Conference 2024 Registration Form

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Form Mailing Address:

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Attn. Men's Conference

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

2713 West Chestnut Avenue

Altoona, PA 16601

NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS \_\_\_\_\_

*\*There is no registration fee, but there will be a free will offering at the conference to help defray event costs.*

Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants may register either by mailing this portion of the form or online by scanning the QR code or going to [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

Please direct questions to *Teresa Buterbaugh* at 814-695-5579 ext. 2677 or [tbuterbaugh@dioceseaj.org](mailto:tbuterbaugh@dioceseaj.org)

A Day Away to Reflect:  
2024 Lenten Women's Retreat

# *Communing with Jesus in the Eucharist*

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30 AM- 12:00 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd

Register by emailing Amy Timan

[atiman@dioceseaj.org](mailto:atiman@dioceseaj.org)

*Joining in the Eucharistic Revival, spend  
a day away from your routine to commune  
with Jesus. Through presentations, adoration,  
small group discussions and private prayer you  
will renew your relationship with our Lord.*

Facilitator, Karen Blaisdell

