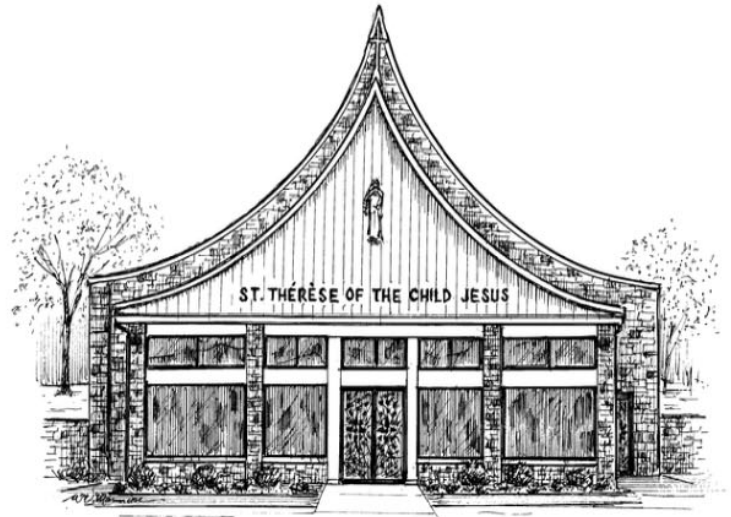


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father Brian Norris
Deacon Thomas McFee
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening:..... 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning:..... 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Parish Telephones

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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: Please contact the Parish Office for information regarding required instructional preparations.

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, Thursdays after the 7:45am mass, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: For the seriously ill, injured or those about to have surgery, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,
 10,
 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-
 11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Mk 16:1-7
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2024

Our theme this year is **“ENCOUNTERING CHRIST”**.
 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 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive:**Target is: \$21,294.00****Pledged: \$ 6,799.00****Our remaining goal: \$14,495.00****So far we have received 28 donations and have met 32% of our goals.**

All contributions received beyond our parish target will
 be used for our church projects.

Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with
 sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

Internet www.Masstimes.org OR call 1-410-676-6000.**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord****March 24, 2024**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
 becoming obedient to the point of death,
 even death on a cross. — *Philippians 2:8*

**Lenten Penance Service Schedule:****March 24**

-Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg – 4:00 PM

March 27

-Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly – 6:00 PM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to
 walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the
 eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the “Road of
 Sorrows,” in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for
 Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a
 way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the
 years, and today’s usual route was sketched by the
 Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans
 and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is
 the most favored day, although it is crowded then.
 Almost everyone begins at the Lion’s Gate in the Muslim
 Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
 It’s less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through
 crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food
 snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen
 stations along the way. The exact spots are not known,
 but what matters is the pilgrim’s unique ability to see
 even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something
 more than meets the eye.

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PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today’s
 liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking.
 We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of
 God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to
 come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do
 not know what they are saying. They think he is the
 promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free
 them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet
 understand, even the disciples, exactly where this
 triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do
 not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can
 follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that
 death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

March 30: Scarlett Conklin

Anniversaries:

March 26, 1994: C. Andrew & Dawn Schandelmeier

March 28, 1987: John & Gilda Kilcoyne

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

NIGHTS AT THE RACES

Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Holy Trinity-Eldorado Gym. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner is at 6:00 PM, and Horse Races start at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$40.00 includes: food, drinks and one horse, jockey or trainer. Receive \$15.00 in family fundraising credit for each ticket sold under the student's name. Stay after the races for an "after hours" get-together! Kentucky derby dress attire is highly encouraged. Contact Holy Trinity at 814-942-7835 for information.

EASTER DECORATING

We will be decorating the church for Easter on **Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 8:30AM**. If you would like to help, please call Judy Wilkinson at (814) 944-9515 or come to the church by 8:30 AM.

SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.
—Paul Claudel

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of : March 14 - 20, 2024	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 3,060.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 13.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 770.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 241.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,084.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 235.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 182.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 36.00
Easter:	\$ 110.00
Catholic Relief:	\$ 35.00
Holy Land:	\$ 25.00
SVDP:	\$ 35.00
School Support:	\$ 5.00
2nd Sunday:	\$ 560.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 451.41
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$5,758.41

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

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, March 24, 2024:

7:45 AM LARRY SPROUSE (Sprouse Family)

Tuesday, March 25, 2024:

7:45 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, March 26, 2024:

8:30 AM FRANK J. RIMBECK (Margaret A. Rimbeck)

Thursday, March 27, 2024:

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, **FOR VOCATIONS**

Friday, March 28, 2024:

3:00 PM- **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

7:30 PM- **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 29, 2024: Holy Saturday

8:30 PM EASTER VIGIL, FOR THE INTENTION OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

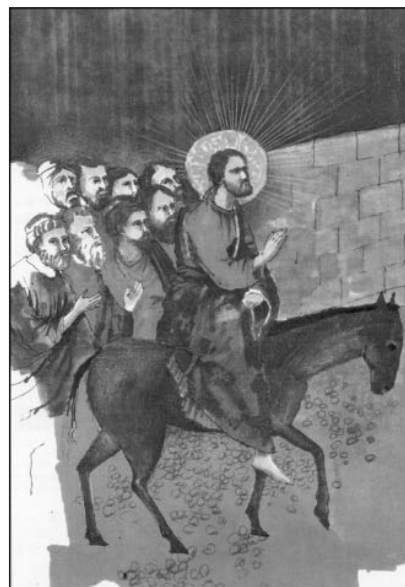
Sunday, March 30, 2024: Easter Sunday

8:00 AM FOR THE SICK, WIDOWED & SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH (St. Therese Conf/SVDP)

10:30 AM ANDREW DICKSON (St. Therese Conf/SVDP)

BLANKETS FOR HOPE

Do you have extra yarn or fleece fabric just shoved in a closet somewhere? Perhaps you would consider donating it to Blankets for Hope. This is a National Honors Society project for Owen McCarville. He and a team will be making crochet and fleece blankets, then taking them to the Hope Drop-in Center right here in Altoona. They will be distributed to the homeless in need. Also, if you would be interested in helping to make a blanket you are most welcome. Please contact Owen McCarville at (412) 865-8349 with any questions. There will be a box in the narthex of the church where you can drop off any materials by April 7. Thank you very much in advance!



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy Thursday, March 28th, 2024, 7:00 PM

Altar Servers:

- 1 Owen McCarville
- 2 Paul McCarville
- 3

Lectors:

1. Lou Gresik
2. John Bravin

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 1 Mary Beth Schmidhamer
- 2 Alice Strum

Good Friday, March 29th, 2024, 3:00 PM

Altar Servers:

- 1 Paul McCarville
- 2 Owen McCarville

Lectors:

- 1 Lou Gresik
- 2 John Bravin

Easter Vigil, March 30th, 2024, 8:30 PM

Altar Servers:

1. Owen McCarville
2. Paul McCarville
- 3.

Lectors:

1. John Bravin
2. Alice Strum

Eucharistic Ministers:

1. John Bravin
2. Mary Bravin

Usher/Greeters:

1. Barb Grimme
2. Judy Wilkinson

Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2024

8:00 AM:

Altar Servers:

1. Abraham Manfred
2. Reuben Manfred
3. Volunteer

Lectors:

1. John Bravin
2. Kathy Millward

Eucharistic Ministers:

1. Mary Bravin
2. Eileen Porta

Usher/Greeters:

1. Ken Klinger Paul Shank
2. Robert and Robbie Gallagher

10:30 AM:

Altar Servers:

1. Riley McGreal
2. Colin Etters
3. Volunteer

Lectors:

1. Barbara Fagan
2. Lou Gresik

Eucharistic Ministers:

1. Mary Beth Schmidhamer
2. Cathy Chirdon

Usher/Greeters:

1. Bob Chirdon
2. Cathy Chirdon

GOOD FRIDAY FASTING— On Good Friday, “for members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.”

HOLY WEEK- We are entering the most solemn time of the Church year, Holy Week. During this week we celebrate the final week of Jesus’ life before He sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins before rising from the dead on Easter. The liturgies this week are especially profound and are meant to help us enter into the final moments of Jesus’ life. On Thursday, we celebrate the institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. On the night of the Last Supper, after Jesus had transformed bread and wine into His Body and Blood, Jesus asked His disciples to “do this (the mass) in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19). On Good Friday, Jesus continued the sacrifice of His life by allowing Himself to be lifted up on the cross, just as He lifted up His Body and Blood during the Last Supper the night before. He sacrificed Himself to set us free from the shackles of sin and to give us access to eternal life with Him (John 3:14). At the Easter Vigil, we celebrate the most spectacular liturgy of the year as we remember Christ’s rising from the dead. We hear from a variety of Old Testament readings that are intended to help us see how Jesus is the culmination of the all the Hebrew Scriptures and their prophecies. I encourage all of you to attend as many of these most sacred liturgies as you can this year. There is no better way to remember the self-giving love of Jesus Christ than to participate in these liturgies that make present His love for you and for me. There is no obligation to attend our Holy Thursday or Good Friday services. The Easter Sunday masses fulfill your Easter Obligation just as well as the Easter Vigil. However, there is nothing like prayerfully entering into these three liturgies during Holy Week. See the previous page of the bulletin for our service times during Holy Week.

- Fr. Norris