

The Parish Community of Saint Therese's

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Community

Hospitality: As a community of faith, St. Therese's Parish Community provides an atmosphere where we hope and pray that each person feels welcome and encouraged to grow in a deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

"All Are Welcome!"

Parish Membership: We welcome all who wish to join our parish. Please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience. We would like to meet with you and see that your presence in the parish is properly acknowledged and registered. We also would like to remind parishioners to notify the office of changes of address and/or telephone number.

Christian Initiation Process: This is a process by which believers become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This journey in faith is concerned with the total formation of the person into believing, living, praying and serving with the Church community. This gradual development climaxes in the celebration of Initiation at Eastertime. Our Inquiry Period is ongoing. For more information, contact the office.

Stewardship

God has entrusted us with many gifts: Time, Talent & Treasure. We hope and pray that all members will share their giftedness, to continue to "share the Good News of Jesus with all people" and "build up the Body in Love."

Worship

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am
Daily (Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri.): 9:00am

Baptism: This first of the Sacraments of Initiation is a significant part of the person, the family and the parish community. For this reason, we encourage the celebration in a community setting. Two options are offered monthly:

11:00am on the Second Sunday
12:00pm on the Fourth Sunday

Baptismal Preparation Classes: The parish provides a Baptism Preparation Program for expectant parents. Godparents are welcome to attend, though it is not required. If you are expecting a child, please call to register for this program. Classes are held on the 2nd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November at 6:30pm in the Rectory.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated weekly every Saturday at 4:00 to 4:30 PM, or anytime upon request and also in a fuller form seasonally throughout the year.

Marriage: In order to properly prepare for marriage, it is expected that the couple contact the pastor to arrange for an appointment prior to making other arrangements. This must be done **at least six months** prior to the desired date of marriage. One or both individuals should be members of the Parish for at least one year before marriage at St. Therese's.

Word

Catholic Schools: The parish community supports Catholic education in the Dioceses of Scranton. Families are encouraged to take advantage of these fine educational and formational institutions.

Religious Education Program:

Grades 1-6: 4:30 to 5:45pm Mon. & 5:45 to 7:00pm Tues.

Summer Session Events: 10/21/17, 12/9/17, 2/10/18, 4/14/18

Family/At Home Program: 9/30/17, 11/4/17, 1/6/18, 3/24/18, 5/12/18

Summer Session: July 9-20, 2018

Pre-School/K Classes: 11am Sunday

Grades 7 & 8: 5:45-7:00pm Tuesday
6:45-8:00pm Wednesday

Service

Hospitals/Nursing Homes and Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if your loved one is in a hospital, nursing home or confined to the home.

First Friday Calls: Each month, those unable to participate in Mass because of health or age are visited. Our Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion every Sunday to those confined to their homes.

Parish Bequests

As you think about sharing the fruits of your labor & your love with future generations, we would ask that you prayerfully consider the Church of Saint Therese.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

"The Light is ON for you."

**Mondays in Lent
6:00—7:00 PM**

**February 19 and 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26**

*Please come to the Sacrament of
Reconciliation this Lent*

For those wishing to take time away from the busyness of life and pray/reflect before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle, the Church will be open every Monday evening during Lent from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

The Altar & Rosary Society invites all women of the parish to attend our Feb. 7th meeting. We will meet in Father Sammons' Hall immediately following the 9:00 AM mass. Light refreshments will be served. A donation of non-perishable items for the Back Mountain Food Pantry will be appreciated.

BEST LENT EVER

Do you want to be inspired and rediscover the genius of Catholicism? If so, then "Best Lent Ever" is the resource for you!

It's a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

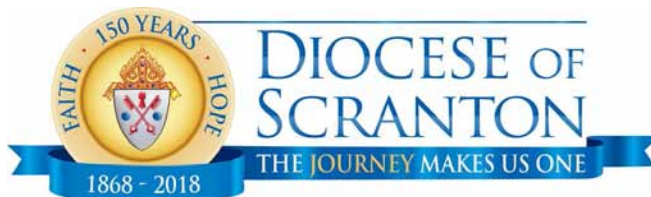
All you have to do is sign up at BestLentEver.com/ParishSignUp. Starting Ash Wednesday, participants will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into their everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.

Discover how to open your heart and give it to God in the
BEST LENT EVER!



Calendar of Events

Monday	4:30pm	CCD Classes (JPPII Center)
Tuesday	5:45pm	CCD Classes (JPPII Center)
	6:45pm	Bell Choir Practice (H)
	7:30pm	Choir Practice (H)
Wednesday	9:30am	Altar & Rosary Society (H)
	5:30pm	Finance Council Meeting (R)
	6:45pm	CCD Classes (JPPII Center)
Friday	6:30pm	Back Mt. Free Medical & Legal Clinic (65 Davis St.)
Saturday	10:00am	Summer Session Event 3 (H)
Sunday	11:00am	Pre-K/K
	11:00am	Baptisms



Little Sisters of the Poor :

The Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our parish on the weekend of February 10 & 11. The Little Sisters of the Poor care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service which they received from Jeanne Jugan. They welcome the elderly as they would Jesus Christ Himself and serve them with love and respect until death.

Daily Mass Cancellation

Daily mass is canceled when classes are canceled in the Dallas School District. If school is delayed, please call 570-696-1144, Extension 13, after 7:30 A.M., to find out if mass is canceled or not.

In icy or snowy conditions, please use the new parking lot and enter the Church through the lower level (ramp entrance). The front plaza and side entrances will be blocked off and should not be used until we are able to shovel and/or salt them.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated and necessary.



The Social Justice meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th, at 6:30 in the Rectory meeting room. Please feel welcome to come and see.

PENNY WARS FOR THE POOR:



Our congregation is participating in the 19th Annual “Penny Wars for the Poor”, a charitable challenge to all local faith communities to see which congregation can collect the most pennies. All proceeds will be donated to C.E.O. Proceeds will be used to help needy families with children, and disadvantaged senior citizens. We have 40 days and 40 nights to “pool our pennies”. A container in which to deposit your pennies will be located in the vestibule of the church. Let’s give our idle pennies a purpose and make every “red cent” count!

MISSION 2018 SCHEDULE

We are happy to offer the following opportunities for worship and prayer during our upcoming **PARISH MISSION**:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 -

7:00 PM Opening Mission Mass and homily by Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ. Fellowship in Father Sammons Hall immediately following mass. (This mass satisfies your Sunday obligation.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 -

9:00 AM Mass and homily by Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ.
 3:00 PM Holy Hour for Vocations with Fr. Jim.
 5:00 PM Activity with Religious Ed students at Gate of Heaven.
 6:00 PM Confessions.
 7:00 PM Mission Mass and homily by Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ. Fellowship in Father Sammons Hall immediately following mass.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 -

12:00 PM Soup and Scripture Study in Father Sammons Hall.
 5:45 PM Reflection by Fr. Paul with 7-8 grade CCD students.
 7:00PM Closing Mission Mass and homily by Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ. Fellowship in Father Sammons Hall immediately following mass.

Eucharistic Wine: In Memoriam

The altar wine blessed at our weekend liturgies is being offered as a memoriam for a loved one. If you are interested in memorializing a family member or friend who has passed away, please call the rectory 570-696-1144 for information and details.

In Memoriam

The Eucharistic Wine consecrated at our masses on the weekend of February 3 and 4 is donated in loving memory of Mary Vetashick by John & Joanne Vetashick.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM Kevin Osipower (Birthday); Osipower Family
- Tue. 9:00AM **NO 9:00 AM MASS**
- Wed. 9:00AM Altar & Rosary Society
- Thu. 9:00AM Yolanda Tomaselli; Hedy & Joe Mc Graw
- Fri. 9:00AM Walter T. Bobola; Lynn & Mike Brislin
- Sat. 5:00PM John Mc Cormick; Fay Family
- Sun. 7:30AM Helen Covert; Hospitality Ministers
- 9:00AM Charles & Catherine Zapalsky; Rakos Family
- 11:00AM Patrick Mazzaccaro; Wife & Children



The prayers and support of the parish are extended to the families of the following in the midst of their grief and mourning: Joseph Saraceno, father of Mary Saraceno Wright.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: The next Baptismal Preparation Class for expectant parents will be held on Tuesday, **February 13th at 6:30 pm** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Most parents prefer to attend this **mandatory** session prior to the birth of their child. Please call the rectory office to register.

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANTS

February 10-11, 2018

- Saturday **5:00PM**—Fr. Alco
- Sunday **7:30AM**—Fr. Paisley
- 9:00AM**—Fr. Paisley
- 11:00AM**—Fr. Paisley

The Office for Parish Life/Family Life wishes to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 10th.** The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Fr. Jim before March 12.

CHILDREN'S MISSION CHOIR

Any child interested in singing in our MISSION CHOIR is asked to have their parent call Terri in the parish office on or before Monday, February 12. The choir will rehearse on Sundays, February 18 & 25 at 9:45 am in the church and sing at the Mission Mass on Monday, February 26, at 7:00 P.M. Aileen Whalen will direct.

BOOK CLUB ANYONE?

We are launching a new kind of book club at St. Therese's! Join other parishioners to read a selection and then engage in interactive dialogue designed to both educate and affirm the individual's faith experience.

Our first selection will be Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus by Father James Martin, S.J.

The group will meet at 6:30 on four Thursday evenings in March in the rectory basement: March 1--Chapter 1/ March 8--Chapters 2 & 3/ March 15--Chapters 4 & 5/ March 22--Chapters 6 & 7.

Please RSVP on or before February 23 by calling Terri in the office at 570-696-1144. The book can be purchased independently or when registering with the parish.

Curious but cannot commit to group meetings? No need to register. Just join the discussion through the book club's Facebook group. Search the "Church of St. Therese's Parish Book Club" and request to join. Reflection questions and additional material will be posted on the page. It will be a great supplemental tool to enhance the reading experience.

We hope you'll join us on this new and exciting adventure!

Commitment of Treasure

"Give to the Most High God, as God has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and God will give back to you sevenfold."
Sirach 35: 9-10

Collection Date:	Sunday, 1/28/2018		
Adult Offertory	\$10,265.00		
Children's Offertory	\$47.71		
Loose Offertory	\$597.50		
Adult Env.	439/1,308	Child Env.	46/200

Stewardship of Faith

Share the gift of faith by inviting a family member or friend to Church!

Attendance weekend Eucharist (Jan. . 27-28, 2018)

5:00pm	254	7:30am	165	9:00am	204	
11:00am	270	SFC	75	Total	968	

Neighborhood News



St Frances Cabrini Lenten Food Sale will be held on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Featured items are homemade Clam Chowder for \$8/qt., and Revello's Old Forge

Red Pizza (par-baked) for \$15 a tray. Orders may be placed by calling Diane in the parish office at 570-696-3737 between the hours of 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. Order deadline is Wednesday, February 7. Orders may be picked up on Wednesday, February 14 between the hours of 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Register for the 2018-2019 school year at Holy Redeemer High School. Appointments for class scheduling are available February 8, 12 and 13 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Call today for an appointment or to arrange for a day to shadow a student. Guidance Department: 570-829-2424.

ATTENTION: High School Students

The Diocese of Scranton is hosting a peer-facilitated, faith-based leadership retreat for High School students and College Freshmen. The retreat will take place at Camp Ladore in Waymart, PA., from Friday, Feb. 16 to Sunday, Feb. 18. Registration is available at www.dioceseofscranton.org. For more information contact Tyler Osipower at tosipower@yahoo.com or Francis Zelinka at 570-696-1144 (Ext. 20).

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!!!

*Youth ages 4 and up are invited to join us for
a supervised evening of fun while parents enjoy a night out!*

(Supervised by the members of the Back Mountain Catholic Junior High Youth Group & Adult Advisors)

Who: Children Age 4 and up.
When: Saturday, February 17th
Where: Saint Therese's Church Hall
Drop off Time: 6:30 PM
Pick Up Time: 9:00 PM
Cost: Your Donation
Bring: A sleeping bag and pillow!



Schedule of Evening:
6:30 PM Gathering Activity
6:45 PM Games: Simon Says, Hokey Pokey, Limbo, etc.
7:00 PM Craft Activity!
7:15 PM Snack Time!
7:30 PM Children's Movie on the "Big Screen"
9:00 PM Parent Pick Up



Any questions call Francis 570-696-1144 (ext 20)

SIGN UP!

Please return slip no later than **Thursday, February. 15th** to:
Francis Zelinka
St. Therese's Church Rectory
64 Davis Street
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Participant's Name _____ Age _____
Allergies _____
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