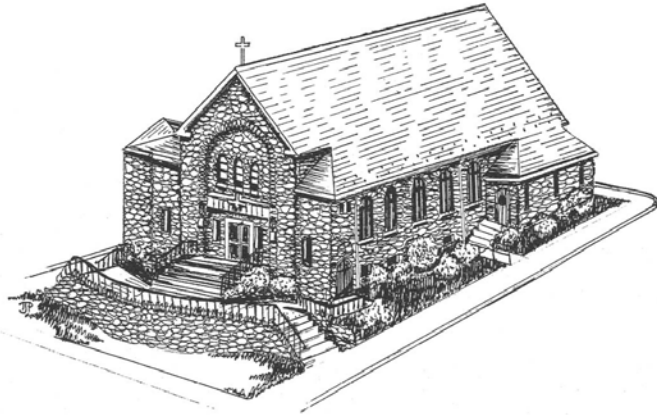


The Parish Community of Saint Therese's

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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 Eastertide. 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 (NEW TIME) 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.

Our Pastoral Staff

Rev. James J. Paisley, Pastor
Weekend Assistance:
Rev. John Albosta
Rev. James Alco

Karen Attanasio, Assistant Coordinator of Religious Education
Terri Besecker, Parish Secretary & Director of Stewardship
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John Grassi, Custodian
Beverly Harostock, Sacristan
Carol Kaleta, Director of Liturgy
Denise Williams, Coordinator of Religious Education
Francis Zelinka, Youth Minister

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

10 Great Dates to ENERGIZE your Marriage

(A program to help spark romance with memory making evenings)

Dates are held the fourth Saturday of each month, beginning **January 27th**. Topics do not build on each other. Therefore, you do not need to attend every month to benefit and you do not need to commit to all 10 dates.

Dates **start at 6:30 pm** in Father Sammons Hall. The night begins with a 15 minute DVD, before you leave for your personal date. Date ideas include dinner, taking a walk, taking a drive, etc. Anything that will allow discussion time with each other.

There is **no fee** to attend, and the Parish will provide the accompanying book for free.

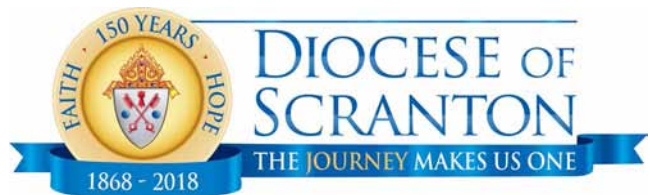
“It’s never too early or too late to start dating your spouse again”

Please RSVP by Monday, January 22nd to Terri Besecker at (570) 696-1144



Calendar of Events

Monday	4:30pm	CCD Classes (JPPI Center)
	6:30pm	PPC (R)
Tuesday	5:45pm	CCD Classes (JPPI Center)
	6:45pm	Bell Choir Practice (H)
	7:30pm	Choir Practice (H)
Wednesday	6:45pm	CCD Classes (JPPI Center)
Friday	6:30pm	Back Mt. Free Medical & Legal Clinic (65 Davis St.)
Saturday	6:30pm	Ten Great Dates (H)
Sunday	11:00am	Pre-K/K
	12:00pm	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.

An opportunity to serve: If you would like to prepare a meal for the homeless women at Ruth’s Place on **Monday, January 29th**, look for the sign-up sheet on the poster in the vestibule of the church this weekend. Put your name and phone number on the item you will donate. Items needed will be entrees, side dishes, salads, breads or rolls, desserts and drinks. You will then be contacted by a member of the Social Justice Committee to confirm your selection. Prepared food can be dropped off at 5 PM in the church parking lot (*elevator side*). Members of the committee will deliver the meals to Ruth’s Place. For further information call Sue at 570-407-0092. Monetary donations are accepted and can be noted and placed in the collection or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you.

Thank you!

I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners and friends who sent Christmas cards, gifts and goodies!

May God bless all of you for your generosity and kindness!!

*Love,
Father Alco*

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.

There will be a **Junior High Youth Group meeting on Sunday, January 21st, from 12-1:30 pm in St Therese's church hall.**

Please join us for some prayer, games, and food! All students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are welcome!

2018 Children's Envelopes

Children's offertory envelopes have been distributed but are still available by calling Terri at the Rectory office: 570-696-1144. Please recycle any unused 2017 envelopes. Thank you.



Preschool/Kindergarten Program



There is a Preschool—Kindergarten Program available in the Church hall during the 11:00 Mass each weekend. Please contact Denise Williams to register your child at (570) 696-1144 ext. 29.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2018



Members of our 8th grade Confirmation Class will participate in this effort to glorify God and care for "the least of our brothers and sisters." We ask that everyone give **One Dollar** as they leave mass on the weekend of the "big game" - **February 3rd & 4th**. All proceeds will benefit the Back Mountain Food Bank.

**Help to Strengthen and Heal Marital Relationships
Retrouvaille Program (To Re-Discover)**



A program that helps couples who may be experiencing tension, stress and loneliness in the marriage relationship. Program helps couples, even those separated and divorced to better communicate and resolve conflicts in their relationships. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website:

www.helpourmarriage.org for more information or to pre-register. All calls confidential. Cost of program is by donation. March 2-4, 2018 at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Contact Nettie and Bob Goldate at 570-587-0415.

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 January 20 & 21 is donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Graf & Mroz families by the Mroz Family.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM Josephine Galli; M/M Raymond Wasko
- Tue. 9:00AM **NO 9:00 AM MASS**
- Wed. 9:00AM Yolanda Tomaselli; M/M Nicholas Perrige
- Thu. 9:00AM Special Intention; Michael & Beverly Harostock
- Fri. 9:00AM Christine Koziel; Son, David
- Sat. 5:00PM Lou Orloski; 5:00 Friends
- Sun. 7:30AM Edward Petty; Tom & Alice Van Horn
9:00AM Rita Masley (Anniv.); Family
11:00AM Douglas Ayers; Schuler Family

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANTS

January 27-28, 2018

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

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.

Baptized in Christ



The parish family of St. Therese's welcomes **Piper Delaney Withrow** into the community of faith.

Welcome and God Bless.

The Knights of Columbus Council #8224 will be holding a First Degree Initiation Ceremony on **Tuesday, February 20** at the Gate of Heaven Parish Center starting at 7:00 p.m. Men wishing to join the organization should contact Grand Knight Bill Leandri at 570-417-1212 or via email wleandri@aol.com.

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.

Thank you all so much for your continued support and generosity during the holiday season. The lovely gifts were truly appreciated by the women we serve. Thank you for brightening their holiday!

~ Haley & the Staff of DVSC

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: To be considered for inclusion in the weekly bulletin, all items should be submitted by the Friday (10 days) prior to publication. Information can be mailed to St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown, Pa. 18708, faxed to 570-696-1210 or preferably emailed to rfallon@stthereses-shavertown.com.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be celebrating a **Regional Prayer Meeting on Monday, January 29th, at 7:30 pm**, and ALL ARE WELCOME to attend. The meeting will be held at Queen of Apostles Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. There will be praise and worship with our combined music ministry, a witness by Tom Gentry, and a teaching by Karen McLain. The evening is being hosted by Burning Bush Prayer Group of Scranton, and refreshments will be served. Please come and join in the celebration of the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!!

CANCELLATION INFORMATION

For information relative to the cancellation of Mass, Religious Education classes, or Parish meetings/activities due to inclement weather, kindly dial 570-696-1144 Extension 13.

Due to inclement weather the figures for the Commitment of Treasure and the Stewardship of Faith will be printed in our next bulletin.

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!

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night will be held Jan. 24, at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Feb. 8, 12, and 13 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

XLT (Exalt!), will be held Fri., Jan. 26, from 7-9 p.m. at Misericordia University, 301 Lake Street, Dallas. The event, co-sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music, a dynamic talk, the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation, and a social. All are welcome to attend. Please call 570-780-2996.

MISSION 2018

We're hosting our first-ever PARISH MISSION...
and you're ALL invited!

What exactly is a Parish Mission, you ask?

It's 3 days where we come together as Catholics to sing, pray, listen, learn, and celebrate all that makes us one!

Father Paul McDonnell, O.S.J., will lead us in word and worship beginning on Sunday, February 25, at 7:00 P.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 27.

OUR THEME IS:

EMBRACED BY OUR CREATOR: FINDING GOD IN A BUSY WORLD.

There will be opportunities for confession, a Holy Hour for Vocations, Soup and Scripture, an activity for our CCD children, and much more.

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MISSION 2018.

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