

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
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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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

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.



The Altar & Rosary Society invites all women of the parish to attend our February 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 (JPPI Center)
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	9:30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (C)
Sunday	11:00am	Pre-K/K

Community



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.

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.



Mercy Volunteer Corps is seeking qualified Candidates for the 2018 - 2019 Volunteer year.

Mercy Volunteer Corps promotes social change by placing and supporting volunteers for one year of service with people who are poor and marginalized in the United States and South America.

There are positions available in education, health care and social services.

We invite you or someone you know to consider this opportunity. To learn more or apply, contact us at 215-641-5535.

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.

In Memoriam

The Eucharistic Wine consecrated at our masses on the weekend of January 27 & 28 is donated in loving memory of Rita Masley by Family.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM Celestine Everhart; Children
Tue. 9:00AM **NO 9:00 AM MASS**
Wed. 9:00AM Kevin Rogers (Anniv.); Mom & Dad
Thu. 9:00AM Joseph Habersky; Jim & Clara Mc Kay
Fri. 9:00AM Ann Balavage (Birthday); Jim & Chris Balavage
Sat. 5:00PM Walter Maciejczyk (Birthday); Alan & Mary Angeli & Sons
Sun. 7:30AM Lois De Gennaro (Birthday); Dominick & Ruth Fino
9:00AM Maureen Bilhar-Piekara; May & Carol Blaskiewicz
11:00AM Regina Helfrich; Clare Dominik

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANTS

February 3-4, 2018

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

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in our Church on **Friday, February 2nd, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 PM**. All are welcome to come and spend some time in prayer with our Eucharistic Lord.

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.

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.



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, 1/21/2018		
Adult Offertory	\$8944.00		
Children's Offertory	\$62.50		
Loose Offertory	\$619.25		
Adult Env.	470/1,297	Child Env.	51/200

Stewardship of Faith

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

Attendance weekend Eucharist (Jan. . 20-21, 2018)

5:00pm	282	7:30am	160	9:00am	180	
11:00am	260	SFC	75	Total	957	

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).

Good Shepherd Academy, 316 N. Maple Ave., Kingston will have an **Open House** on Sunday, January 28, from 1:30—3:00pm. For more information, please call 570-718-4724.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be celebrating a Regional Prayer Meeting on Mon., Jan. 29, at 7:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! The meeting will be held at Queen of Apostles Hall, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca. Please come and join in the celebration of the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!!

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.

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 on Sunday, February 25 - Monday, February 26 - and Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 o'clock each evening.

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.

Join us and let your spirit soar as we come together for

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