

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 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: 10/13/18, 12/1/18, 2/9/19, 4/20/19

Family/At Home Program: 9/29/18, 11/3/18, 12/15/18, 3/16/19, 4/27/19

Summer Session: July 8-19, 2019

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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018

Religious Education Registrations

Registrations for the 2018/19 Religious Ed year will take place after all Masses on the weekend of August 4 & 5 in Father Sammons Hall. You may also register your children on Wednesday evening, August 8th from 6:00—8:00 PM in Father Sammons Hall. We will need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if this is his/her first year in the program. Any questions, please contact Denise Williams at 570-696-1144, ext. 29.



Calendar of Events

Monday	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting (R)
	7:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting (R)
Tuesday	6:30pm	Baptismal Prep Class (R)
Wednesday	6:00pm	CCD Registration (H)
	6:30pm	Stewardship Meeting (R)
Friday	6:30pm	Back Mt. FREE Medical & Legal Clinic (65 Davis St.)
Sunday	11:00am	Baptisms (C)

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Schedule

St. Therese's:

7:00pm Tuesday, August 14
9:00am Wednesday, August 15

St. Frances Cabrini:

6:00pm Tuesday, August 14
8:00am Wednesday, August 15

Community

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: The next Baptismal Preparation Class for expectant parents will be held on **Tuesday, August 7th, at 6:30PM** in the rectory basement. Most parents prefer to attend this **mandatory** session prior to the birth of their child. Please call the rectory office to register at 570-696-1144.

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...



Relax! God put the wiggle in the children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other's heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

With summer in full swing, we would like to remind everyone that we should dress and act appropriately in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It is something which we often take for granted, but even the wording on some T-shirts can be inappropriate attire for the Eucharist. And while socializing after Mass is always a good thing, it is important that we retain a respectful mood and tone. Whenever walking directly past the Blessed Sacrament, it is proper to genuflect, except at Communion time when the Eucharist is within you. If you cannot genuflect, a simple bow is appropriate. Thank you for your respect in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

**Eucharistic Ministers,
Lectors & Altar Servers:**

The next liturgical schedule for **September - December** needs to be prepared and should be ready in August. Any minister needing a change in Mass preference or knowing weekend dates they will not be available, should contact Carol Kaleta at 570-696-1144, extension 11 or ckaleta@stthereses-shavertown.com. Please let us know if your phone number or email address needs to be updated.

Fireside With the Saints



Join us as we get to know different saints around the campfire with s'mores and friends.

Open to all high school students!

At the Zelinka House: 5906 Main Rd
Hunlock Creek, PA 18621

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Date:

Friday, August 17th - St. Louis DeMonfort

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Since Geisinger will no longer provide us with patient information when we call, we NEED YOU to contact Terri in the Parish Office (696-1144) when you or a loved one is hospitalized. Father Jim and the members of our Hospital Visitation Ministry will be happy to pay a visit. Please DO NOT hesitate to call us!



The Knights of Columbus Dallas Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 7th, at the GOH Parish Center.

ON BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Roman Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RICA), provides a wonderful and meaningful opportunity for interested persons to learn about the faith and traditions of Catholicism, while preparing for full reception into the Church. Call Father Jim at 570-696-1144 for information and details.

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.

**AVAILABLE DATES THROUGH YEAR END
FOR WINE MEMORIALS:**

August 18/19

October 13/14, 20/21

In Memoriam

The Eucharistic Wine consecrated at our masses on the weekend of August 4 & 5 is donated in loving memory of Edmund Narkiewicz by Family.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM Gertrude Mroz, Celebrating 89th Birthday; Husband, Edward
- Tue. 9:00AM **NO 9:00AM MASS**
- Wed. 9:00AM Joseph J. Gillis (Anniv.); Family
- Thu. 9:00AM William H. Isopi; Family
- Fri. 9:00AM Mike & Margaret Kaschak; A Friend
- Sat. 5:00PM Thomas Wisieski; Clare Dominik
- Sun. 7:30AM Joseph Gries; Maurita & Bob Elias
- 9:00AM Mary Jo Kolessar; Joe Kolessar
- 11:00AM Kay & Ed Kale; Noonan Family

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.

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANTS

August 11-12, 2018

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

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Gardening Help Needed

A fellow parishioner is looking for someone to help her with gardening and weed-pulling every 2 weeks or so during the summer. Payment will be provided. For information and details, contact Terri in the office at 696-1144 (Ext. 10).



Full time labor position at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton

Job duties include handling of funerals, grass cutting, installing markers and foundations, snow removal, and general maintenance. Hours are Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, and Saturdays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Benefits include medical insurance, paid vacation, sick time, personal time and 15+ holidays. Please contact Mount Olivet at (570) 696-3636 or email us at mtolivet-cem@dioceseofscranton.org. Applications will be accepted until July 30, 2018.

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 seven-fold.”
Sirach 35: 9-10

Collection Date:	Sunday, 07/29/2018		
Adult Offertory	\$9,971.00		
Children’s Offertory	\$53.77		
Loose	\$652.75		
Adult Env.	451/1,349	Child Env.	38/200

Stewardship of Faith

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

Attendance weekend Eucharist (July 28-29, 2018)

5:00pm	236	7:30am	196	9:00am	206
11:00am	230	SFC	75	Total	943

Coming this September to Saint Therese’s.

The Adult Faith Formation Team will host a new Scripture Study/Faith Sharing Program called “Insights”. Very much like “Arise”, this program consists of Prayer, music, the Sunday Gospel, reflection questions, and suggestions for Action. Mary Anne Susek will facilitate the first session which will be held on Sunday, September 23, at 6:30 P.M. in Father Sammons Hall. Subsequent sessions will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month through January. It is not necessary to attend all of the sessions and a booklet will be distributed at the door. There is no charge for this program

The Faith Formation Team is working on a number of other spiritual opportunities for our parishioners, including: a tour of the Church, an Advent Taize Prayer Service, another Book Club, and more. Stay tuned!



Gate of Heaven

Summer Youth Music Camp



August 6-10 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon daily

Youth Liturgy on Sunday, August 12 at 11:30am, followed by an ice cream social.

The theme of this year’s camp is **“Celebrating Our History.”**

St Therese's Parish,
with the support
of our new
Environmental
Ministry,
is
GOING GREEN!!

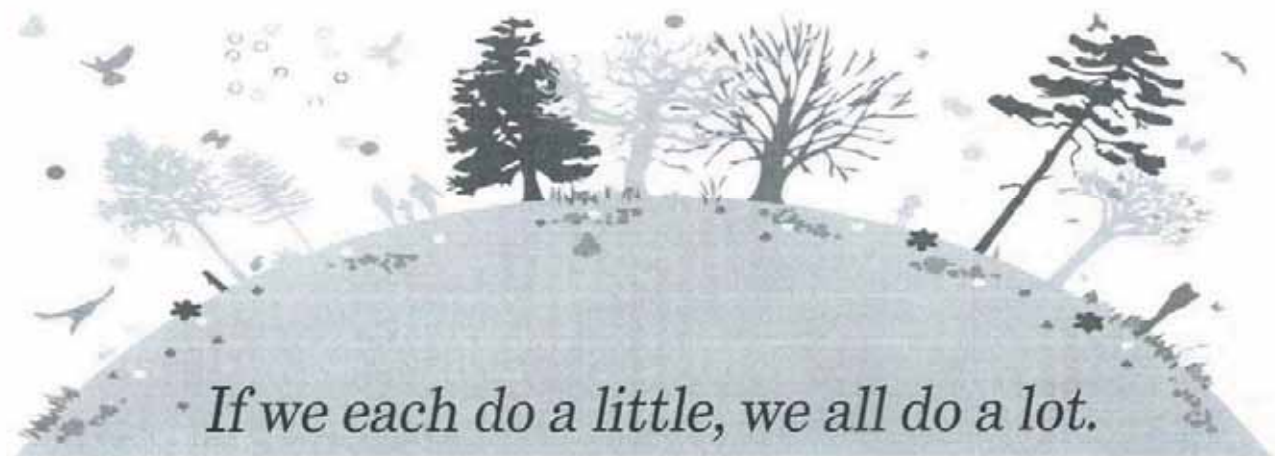
And we hope you'll join us!!



Doing our best to help Mother Earth has always been a focus of our Social Justice Committee. To facilitate their efforts, the Environmental Ministry was created.

Going Green is an Earth-friendly approach to living. This means the choices you make in your day-to-day life are in the best interest of the environment.

In the coming weeks and months the Environmental Ministry will offer us easy ways to 'Go Green', starting with a reduction in the amount of disposable plastic we use. Watch the bulletin for suggestions on how we can make little changes in the way we do things at home and as a parish. Every little bit helps.



If we each do a little, we all do a lot.

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