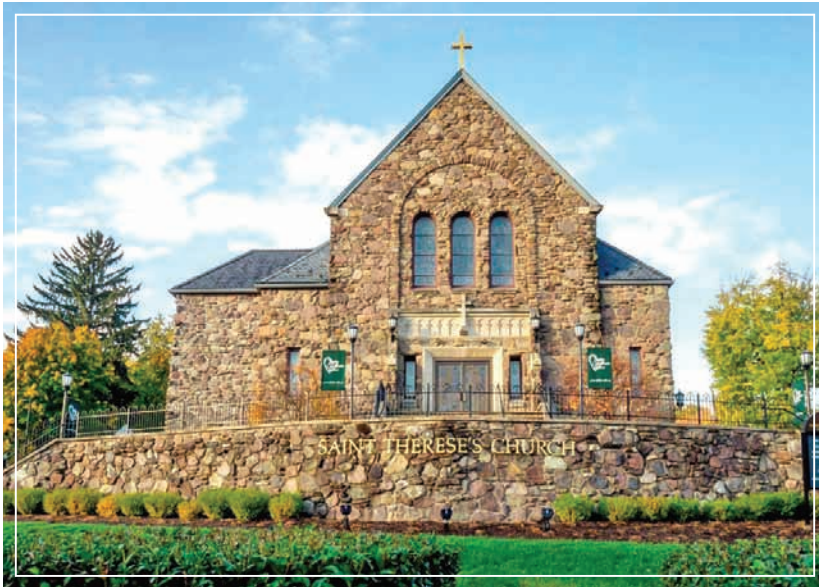


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

Shavertown, Pennsylvania --- 570-696-1144 --- www.stthereses-shavertown.com



OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. James J. Paisley, *Pastor*

Weekend Assistance:

Rev. James Alco

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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-----5:00 pm

Sunday-----8:00 & 11:00 am

Daily (Mon., Wed., Fri.)-----9:00 am

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:

11:00 am on the Second Sunday

12:00 pm 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 6:30 pm 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:

Monday Program: (Grades 1-6) 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

Tuesday Program: (Grades 1-8) 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm

Wednesday Program: (Grades 7-8) 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm

Home-School Program: (grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6) Independent learning opportunity with weekly chapter assessments. Includes four Saturday sessions from 10:30am--12 noon (October 9, December 11, February 12, April 9).

Summer Session: (Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6) June 20-July 1, 2022 Monday-Friday, 9 am - 12 noon

SERVICE

Hospitals/Nursing Homes & 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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 24, 2022



Thank You!

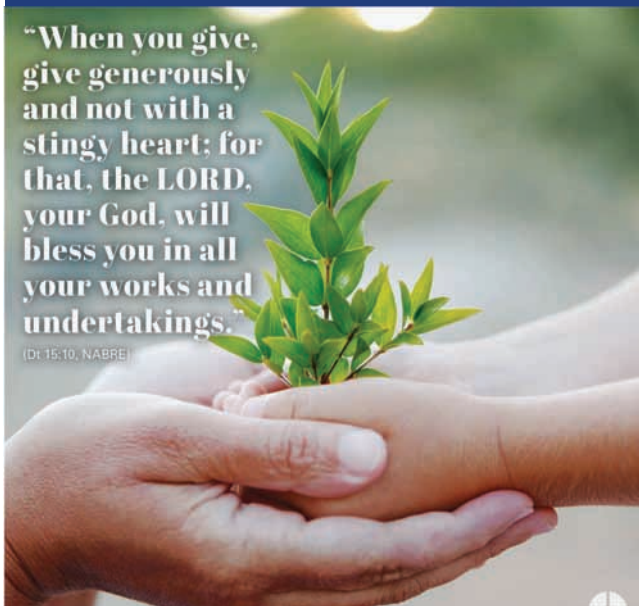
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“When you give,
give generously
and not with a
stingy heart; for
that, the LORD,
your God, will
bless you in all
your works and
undertakings.”

(Dt. 15:10, NABRE)

Thank you God for all
Your blessings to me
and my family. For the
strength You give me
each day and for all
the people around me
who make life more
meaningful...





BAPTISMAL PREPARATION:

The next Baptismal Prep Class is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 9th at 6:30pm** in the rectory basement. Please call Terri at 570-696-1144 if you are interested in attending.

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.



The prayers and support of the parish are extended to the family and friends of the following in the midst of their grief and mourning: our parishioner Ellen Mettler.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for a **special intention** for the week of July 24 through July 30 at the request of Donna & Shawn Casey.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM A Special Intention; Donna & Shawn Casey
- Tues. 9:00AM Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed. 9:00AM Kevin Rogers (birthday); Mom & Dad
- Fri. 9:00AM Amy Ziess; Kristin Osipower
- Sat. 5:00PM Arya Travinski; Rosemary Evans
- Sun. 8:00AM Irene B. Paisley (anniversary); Fr. Jim
- 11:00AM Richard Adamchick; Family



Anna Carol Shipula

Daughter of Anthony & Amanda

Peter Henry Frey

Son of Peter & Jessica

Kiera Josephine Driscoll

Daughter of Matthew & Lauren

Luella Kathryn Lenahan

Daughter of Connor & Danielle



*You are a precious child of God.
Welcome to your faith family!*



Charitable Bequest

Gift from your will or trust

When you write or review your Will or Trust, please consider leaving a charitable bequest to Saint Therese's Parish. Ask your attorney to include such words as these:

"I give, devise or bequeath to Saint Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown, PA 18708, for its general purposes, all (or state fraction or percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal".

*The parish collection
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July 11 – July 17
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Diocesan Happenings in August and Beyond



Retrouville Weekend—August 19-21. Offered to help couples through difficult times in their marriage. For information please call 631-338-5413 or visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/>



Mental Health FIRST AID

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Mental Health First Aid Certification

Saturday, August 27 8:30AM-3:30PM

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is hosting a Mental Health First Aid training at the Diocesan Center in Scranton. Lunch will be provided.

To register for the training please email Deacon Ed Shoener by August 10th :

deaconed@stpeterscathedral.org



Rachel's VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

November 4-6. This weekend retreat provides a com-

passionate and confidential opportunity to those suffering from the impact of abortion to encounter our God of Mercy on a journey of spiritual and psychological healing.

For information contact denisemengaklcs@gmail.com, or leave a message at 570-239-6173.



Returning This Fall!

Our annual outdoor mass at Francis Slocum State Park will return on Sunday, October 9th.

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us!



Fr. Sammons Hall
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This year's Summer Session CCD students successfully completed a service project in addition to their learning. They collected donations of men's shorts and made cards and posters for the Veteran's at the VA to help brighten their July 4th holiday. Way to go kids!!

CCD Religious Education Registration

Things to know about CCD 2022-23

- ♦ Registration for M, T, & W evening classes, At-Home, and Summer Session (2023) will begin August 13 & 14.
- ♦ Every family is asked to fill out a NEW registration form.
- ♦ Registration forms may be mailed in or submitted in person.
- ♦ Evening classes will start in mid September and conclude in late April.
- ♦ Teachers and teaching assistants are always needed. (This program is at it's best when we have enough volunteers.)
- ♦ For more information call Kristin at 570-696-1144 Ext.29

Attention Moms, Dads, and Legal Guardians!

All the information you need about this coming CCD School Year is on St. Therese's website, including the NEW registration form!

<https://stthereses-shavertown.com/religious-education/>



We will soon be adding information to our website to assist our parishioners planning a funeral mass. You will be guided to choose readings, intercessions, and songs that resonate with you or your loved one to make it a special and meaningful mass.

The Bells are Ringing!



The electronic bell system in our church was installed in the mid 1990's. Unfortunately, it has been malfunctioning in the recent past and needs to be replaced. A new system should be up and ringing in the near future. We hope you'll enjoy the new sounds.

Mark Your Calendar

- July 28**—Mass of Remembrance 7PM at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton.
- July 30-31**—Human Trafficking Event on the plaza after masses.
- August 9**—Baptismal Prep Session in the rectory meeting room.
- August 13 & 14**—CCD Registration after all masses in Fr. Sammons Hall.
- August 16**—Life Line Screening 8:30 -5:30 in Fr. Sammons Hall.
- August 30**—CCD Registration 7:00PM—8:00PM in Fr. Sammons Hall.
- September 19, 20, 21**—First days of CCD Classes for the 2022-2023 CCD School Year at the St. John Paul II Center.
- October 9**—Outdoor Mass at Francis Slocum State Park.

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