

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

—MATTHEW 17:2-3



The Parish Community of Saint Therese's ~ Shavertown, Pennsylvania

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 31, 2022

**Do not be afraid to be saints.
Follow Jesus Christ who is the source
of freedom and light.
Be open to the Lord
so that He may lighten
all your ways.**

Pope John Paul II

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE A CATHOLIC MAN" 2022 EVENT

On October 8, 2022, The Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid" under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be favored with nationally known Catholic Speakers, among them are: Father Stan Fortuna, Dr. Ralph Martin and Kevin Wells. For reservations, payable to "Be A Catholic Man" and mail \$40.00 (early bird price \$30.00 till September 9th) to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, Pa. 18708; or Online at BEACatholicMan.com. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



**Calling All Men
of the Parish**

A new Men's Ministry is being formed at St. Therese's Parish. A 2000 study by the Barna Group found that 95% of Christian men have no male best friend to whom they can share their spiritual concerns.

An informational meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17th at 8AM in the church basement. No commitment is required, just come and see what we are all about. Call the rectory with any questions.



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 Sanctuary Candle will burn for **John Medura** for the week of July 31 through August 6 at the request of Jim & Kristin Gattuso.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon.* 9:00AM Raymond Schultz; Judy Greskiewicz
- Tues.* 9:00AM Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed.* 9:00AM John Medura; Jim & Kristin Gattuso
- Fri.* 9:00AM Flory Albert (Anniversary); The Hoover Family
- Sat.* 5:00PM George R Coombs; AnnMarie Gries & Family
- Sun.* 8:00AM Joseph J Gillis (Anniversary); Family
11:00AM Sr. Bridget Clark RSM; Caroline Fay

Rest in Peace

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:

Eileen Mullay, mother of Pam Ostroski, Beatrice Maricle, cousin of Maggie Manzoni, Ross DeNisco, father of Diane Molitoris, Michael Insalaco, brother of Vincent, and our friend Conrad Baut.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has in store for those who love Him.



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
for the week of
July 18 – July 24
\$7,674.25*

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 in August.
- ♦ August 13 & 14 registration after all masses in the Hall AND August 30 7-8PM in the Hall.
- ♦ Every family is asked to fill out NEW

registration forms. One new form for each child please.

- ♦ The fee is \$25 per student.
- ♦ Registration forms may be mailed in or submitted in person starting in August and can be found on our website. (see below)
- ♦ 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/>

...did you know that religious education classes begin when a child enters first grade? Successful completion of first grade is required for a child to enter second grade and prepare to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Information and the forms for registration can be found at www.stthereses-shavertown.com or by calling Kristin.

Funeral Mass



As promised, our website now includes information to assist our parishioners when planning a funeral mass. You will find it under the RESOURCES tab. Once opened, 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. We hope you find it helpful.

Mark Your Calendar

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 17—Men's Group Kick-off in Fr. Sammons Hall, 8-9 AM.

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.

Diocesan Happenings in August and Beyond



Retrouaille 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 Mental Health First Aid Certification
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING **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.

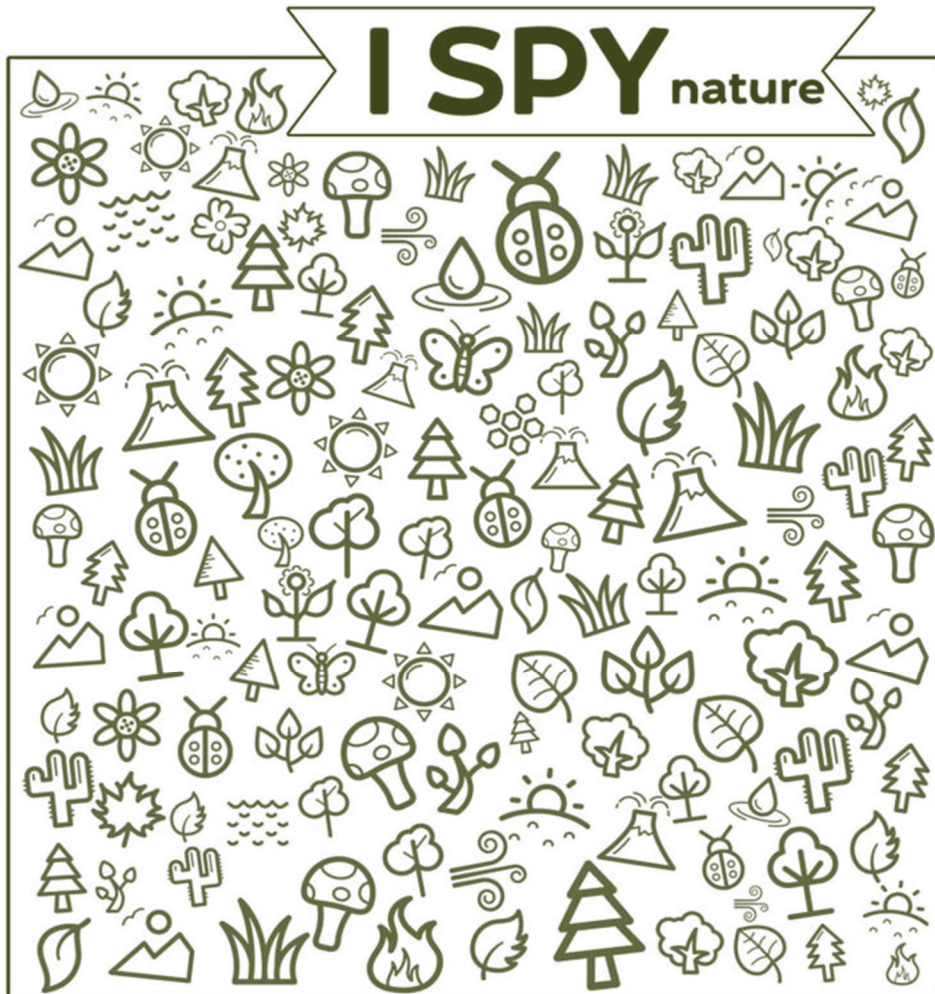
To register for the training please email Deacon Ed Shoener by August 10th : deaconed@stpeterscathedral.org



Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

November 4-6. This weekend retreat provides a compassionate 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 denisemengaklcsw@gmail.com, or leave a message at 570-239-6173.



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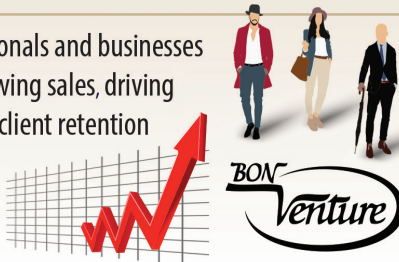
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