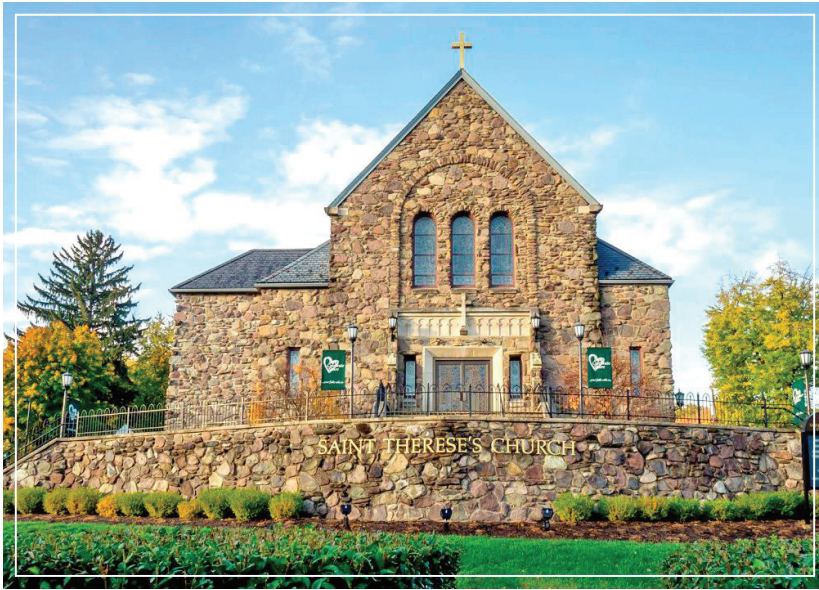


# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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## OUR PASTORAL STAFF

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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.

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 21, 2022*

## The KNOT Prayer

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, and might nots that find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life.

ALL of the am nots that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.

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# ∞ Mass for ∞ Suicide Healing & Remembrance

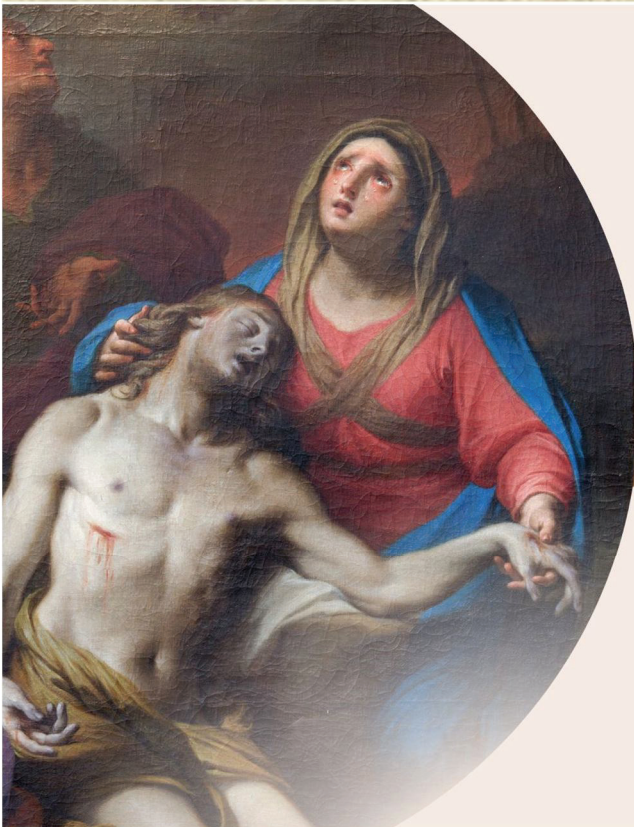
Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 12:15 p.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Principal Celebrant

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton

In observance of Suicide Awareness Month in September, the Diocese of Scranton will offer a Mass to remember loved ones lost to suicide and healing for those who still grieve their passing. All are welcome.

The Mass will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), YouTube channel, and social media.



## "Making a HUGE Comeback".

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our spectacular Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be making a comeback next summer.

The pandemic has prevented us from gathering our kids for this annual extravaganza since 2020. Boy, has it been missed!!!

Thanks to the willingness of Denise Wettstein, who has agreed to spearhead this effort, planning will begin shortly for "Great Big Beautiful World" in 2023!

Denise has had years of experience in Religious Education and is eager to jump in and get things rolling.

Needless to say, we will be looking for countless volunteers, young and old alike, to assist us with this undertaking. Stay tuned!

May God bless the work of our hearts and hands as we begin our journey to Vacation Bible School - Summer 2023.



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 Carlin, wife of Frederick.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for **Daniel Levitsky** for the week of August 21 through August 27 at the request of Janet, Linda, Karen, & Suzanne Mihalek

## Worship

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon.** 9:00AM Jean Brennan (Birthday); Joseph Speziale  
**Tues.** 9:00AM Mass at St. Frances Cabrini  
**Wed.** 9:00AM Helen Shoback (Birthday); The Shoback Family  
**Fri.** 9:00AM Ron Balonis (Birthday); Family  
**Sat.** 5:00PM Mary L. Metz; Carol & Tom Ford  
**Sun.** 8:00AM Margaret M. Woychick (Anniversary); Lou & Darlene Woychick  
11:00AM Stephen Tometchko (Anniversary); Ted & Diene Ruch



St. Therese's Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, September 7

at 6:00PM in Father Sammons Hall for a covered dish supper meeting. Bring your favorite dish to share and your own place setting. A wonderful buffet is always enjoyed by all who attend. All women of the parish are invited. The hostesses will be Andrea Mosca and Mary Ann Kwak.

Donations for the Back Mountain Food Pantry are appreciated. Hope to see you there!



**Charles Fett Petroski**

Son of John & Caitlin

**Gavin James Wyberski**

Son of Michael & Briana

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

The parish collection  
for the week of  
August 8 – August 14  
\$10,243.35

## CCD Religious Education Registration

### It's REGISTRATION Time!!

In-person registration Tuesday, August 30  
7PM-8PM in Fr. Sammons Hall.

Mail-in registrations can be done throughout  
the month of August. (Mail or drop off)

All Religious Education forms and information  
can be found on our website; [stthereses-shavertown.com](http://stthereses-shavertown.com) under the  
Resources tab. Questions? Contact Kristin Osipower, Director,  
at 570-696-1144 ext 29 or to [kosipower@stthereses-shavertown.com](mailto:kosipower@stthereses-shavertown.com)

## CCD classes start September 19, 20, & 21



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Dear Fr. Paisley,

Thank you for your recent donation! We have received your gift of \$1,565.00 made on 5/22/22.

Our relief work on the front lines for earthquake victims, internal refugees, gunshot victims of violence, and many other forms of outreach to the population, have been a significant part of our time and budget. During all this, we also have had to deal with staff who were wounded, kidnapped and killed. We take our hats off to them and bow low before their memories, and we pledge to work for a better Haiti and a better world for their children, in their honor.

In spite of all your own problems, challenges, and worries, we thank you for standing with us and with the people. We keep you in our hearts and prayers as together we pledge to build a better world.

God bless you,  
Father Rick Frechette CP DO

[www.stlukehaiti.org](http://www.stlukehaiti.org)

God bless all the little  
children in the world.

### *Day of Remembrance For Aborted Children Saturday, September 10*

*The tenth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 65 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973.*

*The event on Sept. 10 will include a Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton.*

*The pro-life gathering will take place at Mount Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for the Unborn," located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies. All faithful are invited.*

Diocese of Scranton

# UP & OVER

Middle School Retreat

September  
23rd to 25th

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for more information or  
to register



## Synod Report Now Available

To learn more and to review the  
synthesis report, please visit the  
[Synod on Synodality](#) page on our

diocesan website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Donate blood in memory of



**Mark  
Malloy  
Jr.**

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Mark the next time your outside  
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**Saturday, Sept. 17**

**9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

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Use sponsor code **Mark Malloy**

Or call:

**1-800-RED CROSS**

**(1-800-733-2767)**



## 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 9<sup>th</sup>) to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, Pa. 18708;

or Online at [BEACatholicMan.com](http://BEACatholicMan.com). Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com).

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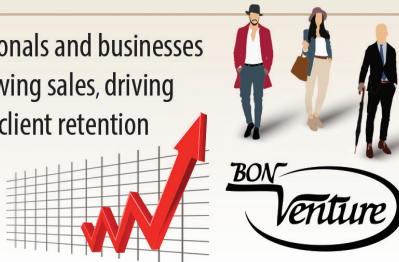
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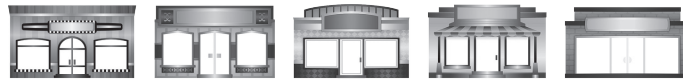
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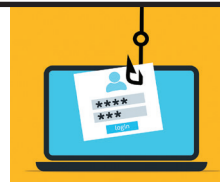


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