

# 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 Eastertime. 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 assignments. Includes two Saturday sessions from 10:30 am - 12 noon in Fr. Sammons Hall (Dec. 3, 2022 & Mar. 25, 2023)

**Summer Session:** (grades 1,3,4,5,6) Mon. - Fri., June 19 - June 30, 2023, 9 am - 12 noon

## SERVICE

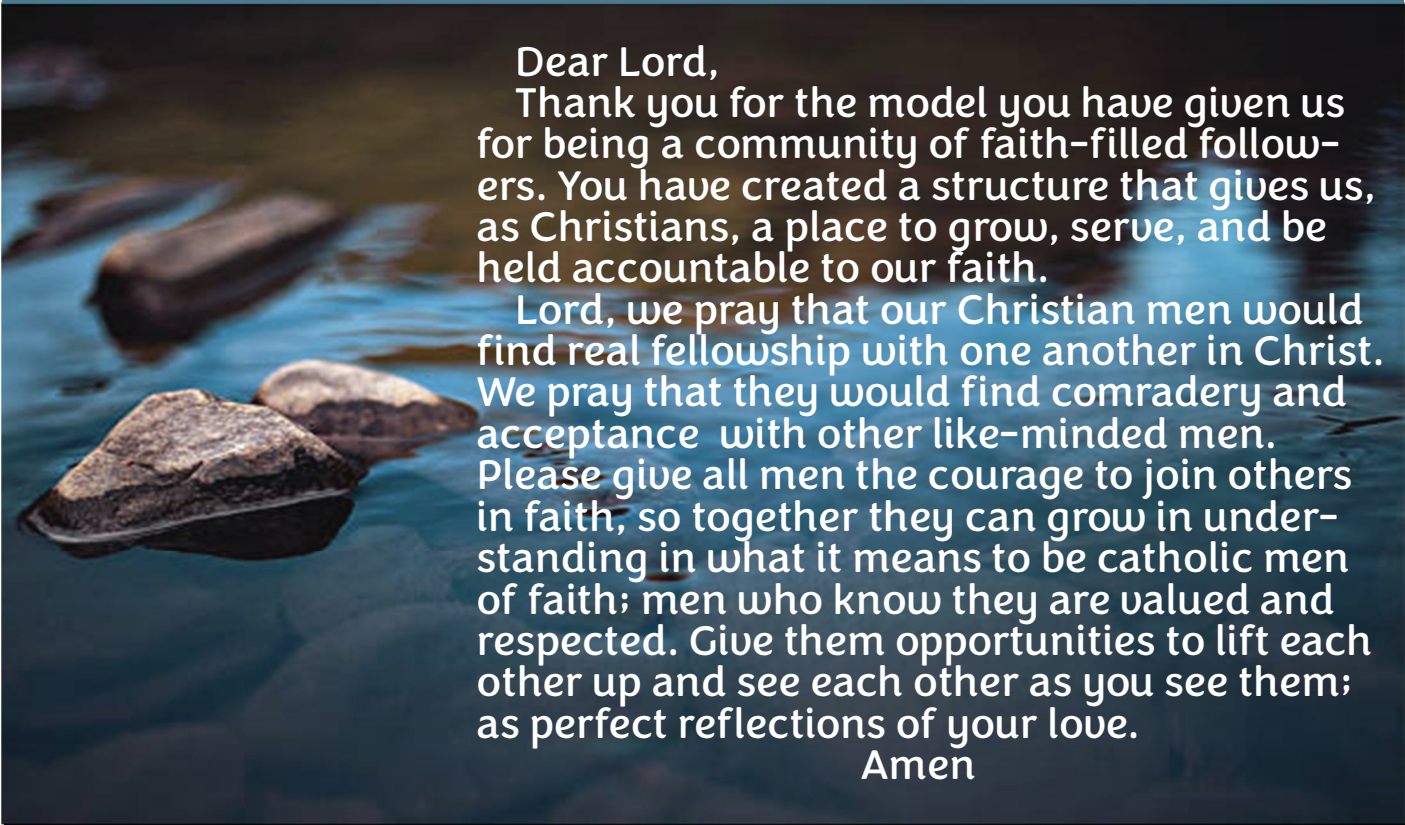
**Hospitals/Nursing Homes & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the office if your loved one is in a hospital, nursing home or confined to the home.

**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.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 4, 2022



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the model you have given us for being a community of faith-filled followers. You have created a structure that gives us, as Christians, a place to grow, serve, and be held accountable to our faith.

Lord, we pray that our Christian men would find real fellowship with one another in Christ. We pray that they would find comradery and acceptance with other like-minded men. Please give all men the courage to join others in faith, so together they can grow in understanding in what it means to be catholic men of faith; men who know they are valued and respected. Give them opportunities to lift each other up and see each other as you see them; as perfect reflections of your love.


Amen



MEN'S GROUP  
OF ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

Calling all men of the parish!  
An informational meeting will be held on  
Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 8AM in Fr. Sammons Hall.  
No commitment is required.  
We have an opportunity to create  
something great! Join us!  
Call the rectory with any questions.

### 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).



# CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

Sunday, September 11 @ 9:30 A.M.  
in Fr. Sammons Hall  
First Sunday singing at Mass is  
Sunday, October 2 @ 11:00 A.M.  
Anyone interested in this joyful  
ministry is more than welcome!  
For additional information, contact  
Aileen Whalen @  
awhalen@stthereses-shavertown.com  
or call the Rectory at 570-696-1144

## Mark Your Calendar

Our annual **outdoor mass** at Frances  
Slocum State Park (Pavilion #3)  
**Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 P.M.**



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in  
memory of the Deceased Members of  
the DeCearis Family for the week of  
September 4 through September 10.

## Worship

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM Elizabeth Andrusisian; Scott & Janeen Lyle
- Tues. 9:00AM Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed. 9:00AM St. Therese's Altar & Rosary Society
- Fri. 9:00AM Deceased Members of the DeCesaris Family
- Sat. 5:00PM Emilio & Anna Pedriani & Barbara Tino; Frank Pedriani
- Sun. 8:00AM Chris Alexander (Anniversary); Theresa McLaughlin  
11:00AM Deceased members of the Janosik & Kolessar Families; Marge Janosik



St. Therese's  
Altar & Rosary Society  
will meet on  
Wed., 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!



*Calling all snowbirds! Don't forget  
to call the rectory to stop your  
envelopes while you're away. Third  
class mail isn't forwarded so they  
will just be returned to us. Thank you in advance.*

# Baptism



*Rio Jordan Moulton*

Son of Robert & Gianna

*Ben Thomas Ashley*

Son of Brett & Leigh



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

*The parish collection  
for the week of  
August 22 – August 28  
\$9,489.27*

## CCD Religious Education Registration

### It's REGISTRATION Time!!

Last call for Religious Ed Registrations! In order to properly prepare for the upcoming school year, we ask that you please submit your child's registration materials ASAP. All forms can be found at

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

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



September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation marks the beginning of the Season of Creation which extend through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

We continue our journey through the Season of Creation with reflections from Laudato Si'.

*Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good, because lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life. Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise, interminable and nerve-wracking distractions, or the cult of appearances?*

*Many people today sense a profound imbalance which drives them to frenetic activity and makes them feel busy, in a constant hurry which in turn leads them to ride rough-shod over everything around them. This too affects how they treat the environment.*

### Attention St. Therese's Ministers!

It's been a long time,  
but it's finally back!

Our annual  
MINISTRY  
CELEBRATION!!

If you volunteer your time to our church, our liturgy or to our parish family, you are invited to this celebration.

Mark your calendars for  
Friday, October 7th.

More information soon.

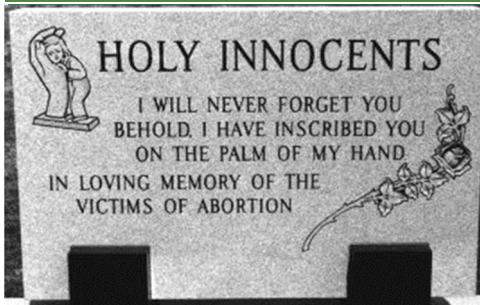


# Dates to Remember in September

- Monday, 9/5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED
- Tuesday, 9/6 Stewardship Mtg. 6:30 PM (Hall)
- 9/6 Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 & 7 PM (Rectory)
- Wednesday, 9/7 Altar & Rosary Covered Dish 6 PM (Hall)
- Saturday, 9/10 Youth Group Activity 1-5 PM (Hall)
- Monday, 9/12 Finance Council Mtg. 5:30 PM (Rectory)
- 9/12 Social Justice Mtg. 6:30 PM (Rectory)
- Saturday, 9/17 Men's Group Kick-off Mtg. 8AM (Hall)
- Sunday, 9/18 Catechetical Sunday
- Monday, 9/19 Parish Pastoral Council 6:30 PM (Rectory)
- 9/19 CCD Classes 4:30-5:45 (G of H JP II Center)
- Tuesday, 9/20 CCD Classes 5:45 - 7:00 (G of H JP II Center)
- Wednesday, 9/21 CCD Classes 6:45-8PM (G of H JP II Ctr)
- 9/21 Parish Holy Hour 6:30 PM (Church)
- Saturday, 9/24 EM Training 9:30-2:30 (Hall)

## A Prayer for Our Students

Dear God, thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our students prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide, and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity, knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone.



## 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. All faithful are invited.

## UP & OVER

Middle School Retreat

September 23rd to 25th

at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas, Pa.

Visit [Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org) for more information or to register

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Donate blood in memory of



**Mark Malloy Jr.**

From his parents:

Please help us honor and celebrate our son's memory by rolling up your sleeves and giving the gift of life! Marky was happiest when he was outside enjoying nature. By giving blood you are allowing up to 3 other people to continue to create cherished memories with their loved ones. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY**, and think of Mark the next time you're outside enjoying nature.

Dallas Middle School Gym.

Saturday, Sept. 17

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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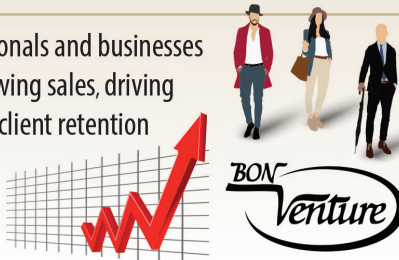
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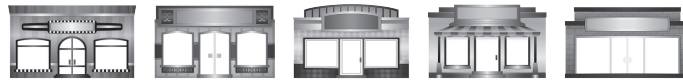
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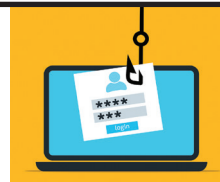


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