

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 18, 2022

“Teaching is a beautiful job; as it allows you to see the growth, day by day, of people entrusted to your care. It is a little like being parents, at least spiritually. It is a great responsibility.”

~ Pope Francis

A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

LOVING GOD, CREATOR OF ALL THINGS,
YOU CALL US TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU AND
OTHERS.

THANK YOU FOR CALLING ME TO BE A CATECHIST,
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS
WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO ME.

MAY ALL THOSE WITH WHOM I SHARE THE GIFT OF FAITH
DISCOVER HOW YOU ARE PRESENT IN ALL THINGS.

MAY THEY COME TO KNOW YOU, THE ONE TRUE GOD,
AND JESUS CHRIST, WHOM YOU HAVE SENT.

MAY THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE MY HEART
AND LIPS,

SO THAT I MAY REMAIN CONSTANT IN LOVING AND
PRAISING YOU.

MAY I BE A WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL AND A MINISTER OF
YOUR TRUTH.

MAY ALL MY WORDS AND ACTIONS REFLECT YOUR LOVE.

AMEN.

St. Therese's Parish
appreciates the time and
dedication put forth by our
Religious Education teachers.

*Have a wonderful
school year!*

Grade 1 – Mary Nancy Kelly
Diane Molitoris,
Tina Crahall (aide)

Grade 2—Beverly Harostock
Beth Karwaski (aide), Liz Serbin
Erika Raven (aide), Peggy Harvey

Grade 3—Rachel Kon,
Karen Ansilio

Grade 4—Caitlin Weaver, Dorothy
Hansen, Kerri McKeown (aide)

Grade 5—Kelly Bryk
Megan Madjeski

Grade 6—Judi Withrow,
Denise Wettstein

Grade 7—Melody Ferkel,
Dianne Ruch, Amy Huntington

Grade 8—Wayne Williams,
Maria & Doug Ratchford,
Michelle Johnson

Youth Aides—Cassie Elgonitis,
Natasha Corba

Substitutes—Kim Leary, Adriana
Stephens, Sondra Humenansky,
Susan Allen, Nicole Romeo,
Dede Scafella

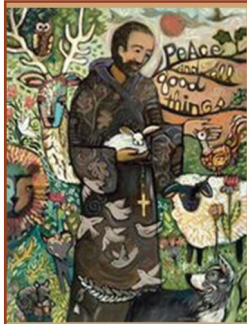
Hallway Help—Mary Ann Knorr

Just as God has
brought you together in love,
so He will guide you
with His love.

Congratulations

*Megan Millo &
Mark Calore*

May the Lord bless your union and
bring you continued happiness.



In commemoration of the
feast of St. Francis of Assisi,
we will be blessing the animals
on Sunday, October 2 at 12:30
P.M. in the Church parking lot.
Participants are welcome to
bring their pets for this special
blessing in honor of St. Francis,
Patron Saint of Animals.

This annual event will be held rain or shine.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in
memory of **Joe & Jean Brennan** for the
week of Sept. 18 - Sept. 24 in remem-
brance of their wedding anniversary at
the request of their family.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon.* 9:00AM Joseph Saunders (Birthday);
Family
- Tues.* 9:00AM Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed.* 9:00AM Sharon & William Trakemas;
Donna & Sharon Casey
- Fri.* 9:00AM For our Teachers & Students as
they start a new Religious Education school
year.
- Sat.* 5:00PM Randolph Taddei; Jerry & Carole
Paxton
- Sun.* 8:00AM Agnes & Francis Manzoni; Their
Grandchildren
11:00AM Mary Palko (Birthday);
Daughters & Grandchildren



CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

Sundays @ 9:30 A.M.
in Fr. Sammons Hall

First Sunday singing at Mass is
Sunday, October 2 @ 11:00 A.M.



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:
Harold Stella, father of Gina
Konnick, and Louise Brader,
mother of Beth Calpin.

MEN'S GROUP

OF ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

Calling all men
of the parish!
The next meeting
will be held on
Saturday,

September 24th at 8AM in Fr. Sammons Hall.
No commitment is required.
We have an opportunity to create
something great! Join us!

*The Mission of the St. Therese's Parish Men's
Group is to help men become better Catholics,
fathers, husbands, and spiritual heads of their family;
to encourage men to grow in the knowledge and
practice of their Catholic faith; to help men seek
Christ through the mass, prayer, scripture reading,
and the sacraments; and to enable them to know,
love, and serve God, family, and neighbor.*



Our next "Holy Hour"
is scheduled for
Wednesday,
September 21,
at 6:30 P.M.
in the church.

*The parish collection for the week of
August 29—September 4*

\$13,717.40

September 5 – September 11

\$11,546.00

August VANCO Total - \$5,691.14

SEASON OF CREATION MONTH

SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4

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'.

"The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast" [Evangelii Gaudium 261]. For this reason, the ecological crisis is also a summons to profound inner conversion...Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

The next Creation Care Ministry meeting is Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 P. M. in the rectory basement. You are welcomed to join us.



The Return of 'The Celebration of Ministry'.

Following a 3 year hiatus, the Stewardship Committee is thrilled to announce that our 'Celebration of Ministry' will return on Friday evening, October 7. All those who perform a ministry or service in the parish are welcome to attend. Please contact Terri in the office if you have not received an invitation in the mail. This year's theme is 'The Seasons of Ministry'. An array of specialty foods and beverages representative of Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall will be available for your enjoyment. Father Jim will present a humorous and instructional segment on 'Floral Arranging' and "How to decorate and un-decorate for the Holidays'. It's certain to be a fun-filled evening for all!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Reminder...
Religious

Education classes
start this week.

All in-person classes are held at the John Paul II Center (former Gate of Heaven School). Parents may walk their child into school for the first day of class. Emails for the At-Home Program will be sent on Thursday, September 22. Families are reminded to check their email and child's folder often for updates from the Office of Religious Education. Please call Kristin Osipower at 570-696-1144 ext. 20 with any concerns. We look forward to another great year of classes!

Prayer Service for an end to the War in Ukraine

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

2:30 P.M.

**Cathedral of St. Peter
(315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton)**

Led by:

Fr. Myron Myronyuk

Pastor, St. Vladimir
Ukrainian Catholic Church
of Scranton

&

**Most Reverend
Joseph C Bambera**

Bishop of Scranton

* A good will offering will be collected at the end of mass.



Dates to Remember in September

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)
Tuesday, 9/27 Creation Care Meeting 6:30 (Rectory)



The Grief Journey

Grief Journey Ministry

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and your heart is weary, please join us to travel the road of grief toward

healing, together. The sessions will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Lake Silkworth on

September 19, 26/October 3, 10 from 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Please call the O.L.M.C. office at 570-477-5040.

Registration is helpful but not necessary.

(Please note: this is not professional counseling service.)

All things are possible through God

Sunday in the Park with God...and each other!

“Caring for our Common Home”

**St. Therese’s Outdoor Mass
 Sunday, Oct. 9th
 at 1:00 PM**

(This satisfies your Sunday obligation.)

in Pavilion #3 at Frances Slocum State Park.

- ◆ Blessing of the land & water
- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Eco-friendly items & info.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Back Mt. Trail

RSVP to 570-696-1144 by 10/3

*St. Therese,
 pray for us.*



Parish “Feast Day” Opportunities to Celebrate & Share



In honor of the Feast of our Patroness, St. Therese, the following activities are scheduled for our parish:

- * **A nine-day novena to St. Therese can be prayed from September 23 through October 1. Copies are available in the vestibule.**
- * **A special homily and blessing with a First Class Relic of St. Therese will take place at all masses on Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2.**
- * **Special bookmarks will be distributed at mass on October 1/2 .**

Please join us to celebrate the life and ministry of one of the Church’s greatest Saints, our beloved Therese.

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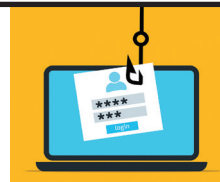
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