

VOCATION AWARENESS SUNDAY

In which direction is God leading you?



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2023

WORLD DAY
of PRAYER
for
VOCATIONS

All vocations are intended by God
to manifest His love in the world.

—Thomas Merton, *No Man Is an Island*

What is A Vocation?

Vocation in a religious context is how God calls you to serve Him in the world. God calls you through Baptism and Confirmation to serve Him in a specific way of life. You can follow God's call as a single person, married person, ordained priest or a vowed religious. It is important to first determine which way of life God is calling you to. This process of determining God's call for your life is known as discernment.

How do I know what my vocation is?

The best way to discern your vocation is in prayer. Prayer, simply put, is having a real conversation with God. Spend quiet time with God reflecting on His call for your life. Don't look for an earth-shattering message that says "**This is what you are to do!**" God generally does not communicate like that. God wants to speak to you, but you have to take time to listen for His quiet voice. Don't be afraid to ask. God will answer.

I think God is calling me to the priesthood, but I am also attracted to married life.

Great! That's exactly how a healthy priestly vocation manifests itself. An attraction to marriage and the desire for a family is a normal, healthy part of every young man's life. A true calling to the priesthood should always come in addition to a desire for family life, not instead of it. It is a common misconception that men become priests because they don't want to get married or because they don't like women. This is absolutely untrue! All good priests would also make good husbands and fathers. And more importantly, all good priests have some level of desire for married life. If they didn't, then the promise to live an unmarried, celibate life would be meaningless, because it would involve no sacrifice.


How can I find out more about the priesthood without being obligated to join?

Once you have discerned that God may be inviting you to be an ordained priest or vowed religious, speak to a vocation director from either the diocesan vocation office or the Religious Community you may be interested in. Contacting these individuals is all part of the discernment process. You do not need to be absolutely certain of God's call before you speak with a vocation director. They are aware of the struggles and questions you may be experiencing at this point in your discernment. They will be patient and help you prayerfully consider what the next step may be for your life.

After contacting the vocation director the next step may be to spend time at a House of Formation, attend a seminary or enter a religious community. These are more formal types of discernment and many people will help you along the way to hear and follow God's call.

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's

Pray
for
Vocations



Celebrate



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

With the Diocese of Scranton
Sunday, June 4th 2023 at 2:30 PM

To register, please visit

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wedding-anniversary-2023-registration-form/>

or call: Bridget Guarnieri

570-207-2213 ext. 1133

Registration Deadline is May 7



May through
October
Calendars are out!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers!
WE APPRECIATE YOU!



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Emil & Gregg Goryeb from April 30 to May 6 at the request of their family.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM** William Davies (Anniversary); Wife & Family
- Tues. 9:00AM** Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed. 9:00AM** St Therese's Altar & Rosary Society
- Fri. 9:00AM** Michael Balberchak; Family
- Sat. 12:00 PM** Intentions of the First Holy Communion Class; Parish Family
- 5:00 PM** Rose Oliver; Husband
- Sun. 8:00AM** Florence Bryan; Stanley & Anna Galiembeski
- 11:00 AM** Intentions of the First Holy Communion Class; Parish Family

COMING
SOON

"3 in One"

Lottery Game

Begins July 2023

Call the rectory to reserve your favorite numbers!



The Altar & Rosary Society invites all women of the parish to attend our May 10th meeting. We will meet in Father Sammons Hall immediately following the 9:00 mass.

Final preparations will be made for our **Bake Sale** on the weekend of **May 20th & 21st.**

Light refreshments will be served by Bernie Luksic.



Donations to the Bake Sale (Homemade or Monetary) will be greatly appreciated!



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The parish collection for the week of April 17 — April 23
\$9,225.15

Baptism

Kelly Marie Chandler

Daughter of Kyle and Jillian

You are a precious child of God.

Welcome to your faith family!

**Bee A Good Steward
Opportunity #1**

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**Volunteers to pack meal boxes for children
and /or the elderly.**

**Approximately 30 people are needed on
Saturday, May 27, from 9:00 - Noon.**

A second shift may be added if needed.

You may call Darlene at the

rectory to sign up! 570-696-1144

**Or look for the Sign Up Sheet in the
vestibule one month prior to the event.**

**GREAT
BIG
beautiful
WORLD**

Spring is here and before you know it, preparations will be in high gear to make this an exciting Bible School experience for the children.

**The VBS team is in need of a few
carpenters and volunteers with art skills
who can ready our scenery
for the event.**

If you can help, please contact:
Denise Wettstein, Director
vbssttherese@yahoo.com
or 570-579-5119.

Rest in Peace

*The prayers and support of the
parish are extended to the
family and friends of
Rose Oliver, wife of Gerald
and Ida Marino, wife of Michael
in the midst of their grief and mourning.*

Always loved, never forgotten.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The "Men's Group" of Saint Therese's will host a "Men's Prayer Breakfast" on Saturday, May 13, from 8:00 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. in Father Sammons Hall. A free-will offering will be accepted.



The format for the event is as follows:

- 8:00 A.M. - Arrival and writing of personal petitions.
- 8:10 A.M. - Opening Song, Opening Prayer, and Litany of Saint Joseph.
- 8:20 A.M. - Continental Breakfast and Faith Sharing of the Sunday Scripture at table.
- 8:40 A.M. - Keynote Speaker:
Father Paul McDonnell OSJ
- 9:00 A.M. - Prayer over the Box of Petitions
- 9:10 A.M. - Closing Prayer and Song

Those interested should contact the rectory at 570-696-1144 on or before Monday, May 8.

Men's Silent Retreat

The "Men's Group" of Saint Therese's has reserved the Retreat House at Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery, Pine City, N.Y., for the weekend of June 16-18.

It will be a "men's only" SILENT RETREAT with the opportunity to participate in prayer with the monks as they chant the psalms throughout the day. *Limited space is available.* If interested, please call Ted Mike at 570-406-6163 or email him at theodoremike@gmail.com

Our prayers & best wishes are extended to the following young parishioners as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time on Saturday, May 6th, and Sunday, May 7th, 2023.

May God bless you all as you receive your



Church of Saint Therese 2023

John Bryk	Maura Jayne	Dominic Plummer
Mason Chiapuzzi	Jude Koch	Ava Provow
Brady Davis	Philip Krachun	Hunter Ratchford
Matthew DeSanto	Jackson Lada	Gio Ricci
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Victoria Falcone	Mark McKeown III	Eliana Sutliff
James Ford	Jakub Mead	Seraphina Weaver
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Malena Glynn	Emily Neher	Maeve Withrow
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May you always know the *peace* of Jesus,
the *light* of his love,
and the *joy* of his life within you.



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