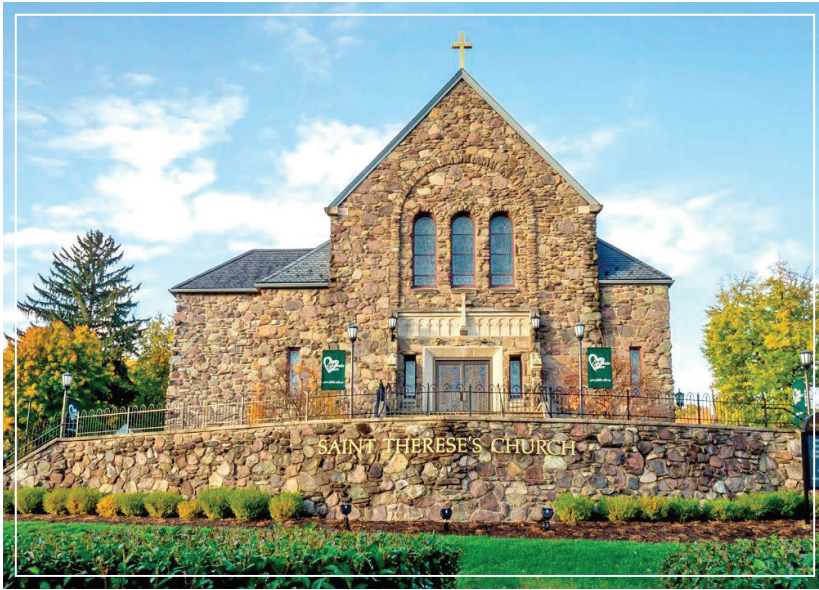


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. James J. Paisley, *Pastor*

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Cathe Zwolan, *Business Manager*

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 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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16, 2023

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

Exodus 33:14

Good-bye is not forever.

"Goodbyes are NOT forever.

Goodbyes are NOT the end.

**They simply mean I'LL MISS YOU,
until we MEET again".**

Those wishing to say "so long" to Fr. Jim before he leaves for
St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton will have two opportunities to do so.

Father will celebrate the 4:00 P.M. mass on *Saturday, August 19*, and the 9:30 A.M.
mass on *Sunday, August 20*, at St. Frances Cabrini and will be at the door as people
leave. He will impart a special blessing on all those in attendance at the end of mass.

You are also welcome to wish him well at a light reception in the Church hall after the
5:00 P.M., 8:00 A.M., and 11:00 A.M. masses at St. Therese's on *Saturday, August 26*,
and Sunday, August 27.

Father will impart a special blessing at the end of all three masses.

Q & A with Father J.

Since I announced my reassignment to St. Ann's Basilica, there have
been a number of questions sent my way.

Consequently, I would be happy to host a "Question and Answer" session at
6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15th in Father Sammons Hall for anyone who
would like to know a little more about my *future* at St. Ann's, my *past* at St.
Therese's and St. Frances Cabrini, and my *present* state of mind and heart.
I will do my best to answer all your questions and hope to clarify anything and
everything that pertains to our lives as members of St. Therese's and St. Frances
Cabrini.

I hope to see you on the 15th.

Father Jim

Will You Be A Catechist?

Have you ever considered becoming a catechist for our Religious Education Program? Being a catechist means more than just teaching facts about our Catholic faith. A catechist is someone who is willing to nurture and guide another person as they learn to becoming a follower of Jesus. It is someone who loves their faith and wants to share that joy with others.

Planning for the 2023-24 Catechetical Year is underway, and our parish is looking for volunteers to join our team of catechists to teach our youth in grades 1-8. Our faith will only be passed on to the next generation if we have individuals willing to share it.

Will you become a catechist?

Contact Kristin Osipower (570-696-1144 or kosipower@stthereses-shavertown.com) to learn more about this very rewarding parish ministry.



The Feast of the Assumption



Tuesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Mass will be celebrated on Monday evening at 7 PM and on Tuesday at 9 AM. All are welcome.

Baptism

Grace Marie Balavage

Daughter of Joseph and Candace

Jaicee Rae Howard

Daughter of Joseph and Rachel

Reese Lynae Feaster

Daughter of Aaron and Jessica

You are a precious child of God.

Welcome to your faith family!



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Patrick and Lois DeGennaro** from July 16 to July 22 at the request of their children.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM** Debbie Balonis (Birthday); Family
- Tues. 9:00AM** Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed. 9:00AM** Mary Ann Walsh; The Bradbury Family
- Fri. 9:00AM** Jack & Bernadine Martin; Marie & Richard Sabatura
- Sat. 5:00 PM** Al Hudak; Wife Betty
- Sun. 8:00AM** Deceased Members of the DeCesaris Family; Family
- 11:00 AM** Leona Castor; Lanza Family

Our 3 in 1 daily lottery began on July 1!

Please consider purchasing a \$50 ticket & supporting your parish.

Call Darlene in the office for details! (You may still purchase after the game begins.)

You would just have less chances to win.)

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

The parish collection for the week of June 26—July 2

\$14,487.75

June Vanco Total

\$4,841.15

July 3—July 9

\$12,583.70

1730...

BUT WHO'S COUNTING?

I thought I might share a few statistics with you to show you just how busy we've been as a parish since my arrival here in **2006**. During the past **17** years, almost to the day, I have been privileged to baptize **825** children. I have been honored to celebrate **275** weddings. And sadly, but with the hope of eternal life in my heart, I have presided over **630** funerals. These sacred events have given me the opportunity to be with you in good times and in bad...in happy and in sad. It is a gift I will forever cherish and never forget. I could not be more grateful. As we wind down our time together as pastor and parishioners, please be assured of my daily prayer that Saint Therese's will remain the vibrant, welcoming, caring and compassionate parish you have shown me since **July 6, 2006**.

With love and gratitude,

Father Jim



Rest in Heavenly Peace

*The prayers and support of the parish are extended to the family and friends of **Margaret Reinert**, our beloved parishioner, **Ruth Landers**, cousin of **Judy Palka**, and **Michael Ferrara**, son of **Frank & Jean** in the midst of their grief and mourning.*

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



The next Baptismal Prep Class is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 8 at 6:30 pm** in the rectory basement. Please call Darlene at 570-696-1144 if you are interested in attending.

IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

With summer in full swing, we would like to remind everyone that we should dress and act appropriately in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It is something which we often take for granted, but even the wording on some T-shirts can be inappropriate attire for the Eucharist. And while socializing after Mass is always a good thing, it is important that we retain a respectful mood and tone. Whenever walking directly past the Blessed Sacrament, it is proper to genuflect, except at Communion time when the Eucharist is within you. If you cannot genuflect, a simple bow is appropriate. Thank you for your respect in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

**Bee A Good Steward
Opportunity #3**

**St. Joseph's Center
Festival in Scranton**



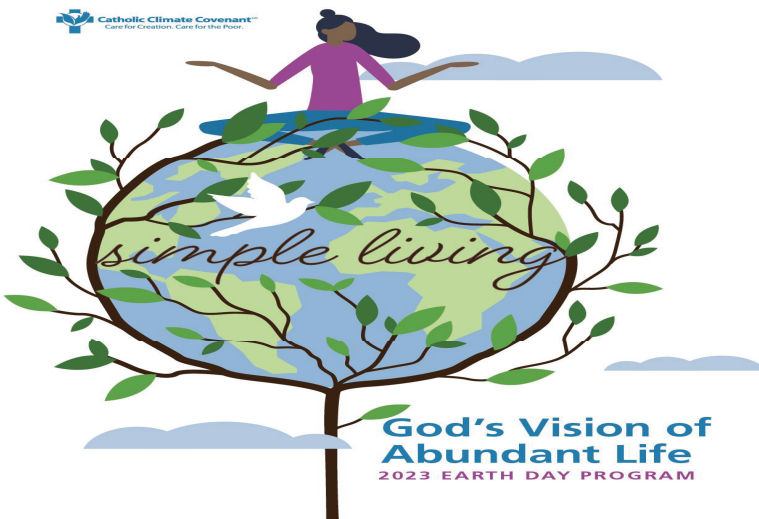
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Stands— **30 people are needed.**

July 29 from 3:45 PM to 7:00 PM

You may call Darlene at the rectory
to sign up. 570-696-1144

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**The Season of
Simple Living:**

*Commit to reducing the use of
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lawn. Plant more native trees
and plants.*

Saint Therese's Free Legal Clinic
Every other Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to Noon
Next clinic is Saturday, July 22.

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An estimated 2 million children
are kidnapped every year
and forced into the world's
trafficking trade.

"Sound of Freedom", was
released on July 3, is a true
story of a man who gathered a
team of people 10 years ago,
(Operation Underground
Railroad), to save the children.
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been saved. Tim Caviezel, who
portrayed Christ in "The Pas-
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