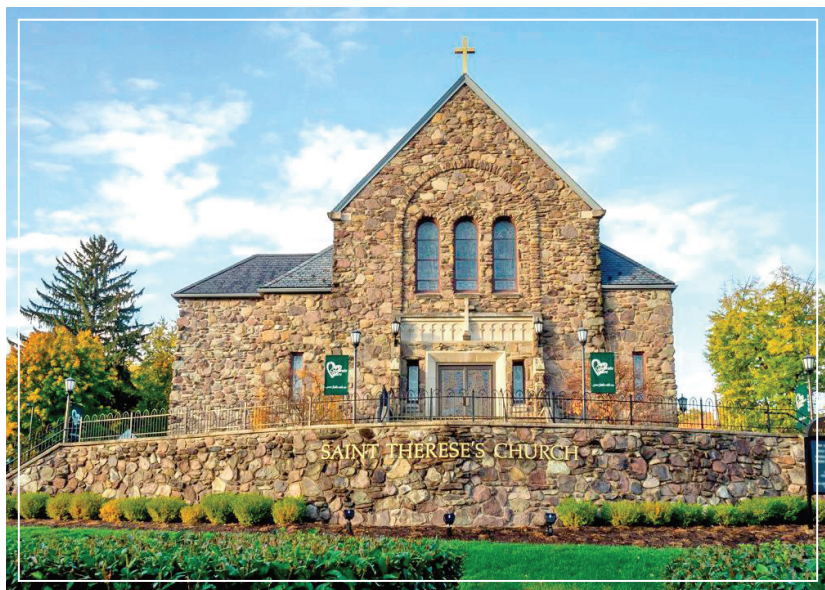


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. James J. Paisley, *Pastor*

Weekend Assistance:

Rev. James Alco

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Beverly Harostock, *Sacristan*

Gary Karwaski, *Sacristan*

Carol Kaleta, *Director of Liturgy*

Dave Mikolosko, *Custodian*

Kristin Osipower, *Director of Religious Education*

Darlene Payne, *Parish Secretary & Ministry Support*

Aileen Whalen, *Director of Liturgical Music*

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) 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

Tuesday Program: (Grades 1-8) 5:30 pm to 6:45 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. 2, 2023 & April 13, 2024)

Summer Session: There will be no summer session this year.

SERVICE

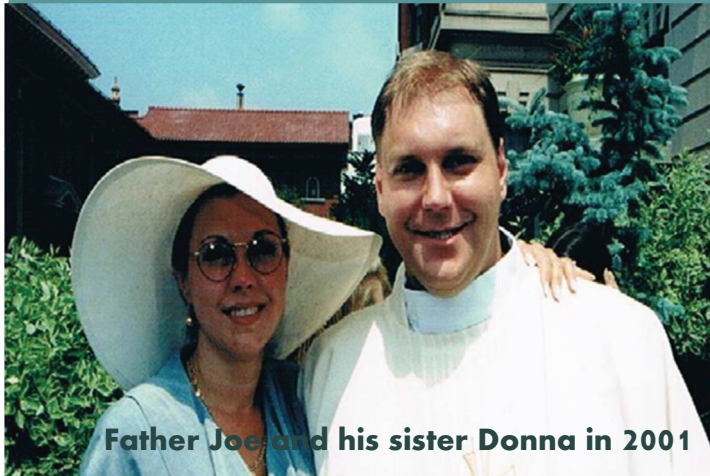
Hospitals/Nursing Homes & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if your loved one is in a hospital, nursing home or confined to the home.

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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, August 13, 2023



Father Joe and his sister Donna in 2001

Getting
to know
Father Joe,
and his
journey
to and in
the
Priesthood

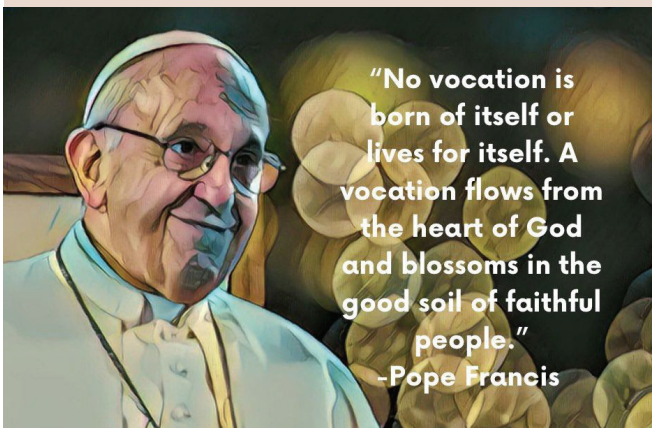


"I felt called to be a priest right after I had my first Holy Communion. My grandmother was a devout and faithful disciple and she really inspired me when I was young. When I was in grade school I used to make my family "attend mass" where I played the "priest and organist" all at once. I knew some pretty awesome priests growing up, they modeled a great sense of the priesthood and I know that really made an impact on me.

I grew up playing the organ in churches from the age of 12: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Pittston, St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament in Pittston, I was music director of Holy Name of Jesus in Swoyersville as a young adult. (I also filled in from time to time at St. Therese's when I was in the Seminary.) Music is a big part of my life, singing however, is not.

I took a break from the idea of being a priest when I reached my teenage years and tried to forget about it. Still, it kept popping up as my 'true calling' as I went to college and worked into my mid 20's. With the help of my High School priest Father Joe Gilbert and the pastor of the church where I was playing the organ, Msgr. Sempa, my thoughts of joining the priesthood were brought back to life. Together we went to the seminary in Dalton and they pretty much dropped me off there!

I entered St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton and went to the University of Scranton where I majored in Philosophy and Communications for 2 years. I studied at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC for the next 4 years. Catholic U was a progressive seminary program. I was highly influenced by the Jesuits at the University of Scranton and Georgetown. I was ordained a priest in 2001 and served as a High School teacher at Sacred Heart in Carbondale. I was then an assistant at Our Lady of the Snows in Clarks Summit and then pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Lake Silkworth after 2 years of ordination. From there I was sent to Swoyersville to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where I have been for the past 12 years. "



"I have waited all my life for a pope like Pope Francis, who is calling for the church to be more merciful and loving. I think we are so blessed to have him." *Father Joe*



What
are
these
tracks
about?
Find
out
next
week!!

**"Goodbyes are NOT forever.
Goodbyes are NOT the end.
They simply mean I'LL MISS YOU,
until we MEET again".**

Q & A with Father J.

A "Question and Answer" session at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15th in the church 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.



The Feast of the Assumption

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

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Aug. 14, at 7:00 P.M. and on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 9:00 A.M. All are welcome.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Christopher Alexander** (Birthday) from August 13 to August 19 at the request of Melissa and Scott.



The Altar Candle will burn in memory of **Matthew Harostock** on Tuesday, August 15 at the request of a friend, and in memory of **Len Greskiewicz** on Saturday, August 19 at the request of his wife, Judy.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon.** No 9:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Vigil of the Assumption
Fred Mihal; Luksic Family
- Tues.** 9:00AM Feast of the Assumption
Matthew Harostock; A Friend
- Wed.** 9:00AM Joseph Stevens;
Sandra Karrott & Family
- Fri.** 9:00AM Daniel Fetko;
Jan & Carol Olenginski
- Sat.** 5:00 PM Edwin Walsh(Birthday); Family
- Sun.** 8:00AM JoAnn & Roger Howard;
The Balonis Family
11:00 AM Joshua Balara; Andrew Menig



Father Mark DeCelles

We are happy to announce that Bishop Bambera has appointed Fr. Mark DeCelles as Associate Pastor of St. Therese's and St. Frances Cabrini, effective Sept. 1, 2023.

Fr. Mark will also serve as Chaplain of Misericordia University and Assistant Director of the Diocesan Diaconate Program.

Welcome Father Mark!

Saint Therese's Free Legal Clinic

Every other Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to Noon

Upcoming dates include:

September 2 & 23 October 7 & 21

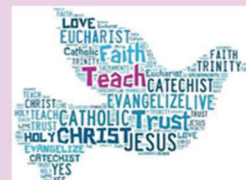
November 4 & 18 December 2 & 16

or call: 570-696-1144 ext 13 for dates and times



Will You Be A Catechist?

Have you ever considered becoming a catechist for our Religious Education Program?



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.

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

**The parish collection for the week
of July 24—July 30**

\$12,968.00

VANCO total for July

\$5,335.24



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

“Caring for our Common Home”

WHEN: Sunday, September 17, at 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: Frances Slocum State Park, Pavilion 3 at the lake.

**WHY: An opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge our
Promise to care for the earth, our common home.**

**WHAT: Outdoor Mass (satisfies your Sunday obligation).
Blessing of the land and water.**

A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Back Mt. Trail.
Please RSVP to Darlene at 570-696-1144 (Ext. 10) by September 12

Our next “Holy Hour” is
scheduled for
Wednesday, August 16,
at 6:30 P.M. in the church.

Dear Parishioners of
Saint Therese's:

We would like to send our
most heartfelt thanks to all of
you for taking such good care
of our brother these last 17
years.

Leaving home is never
easy, but we know he leaves
his Saint Therese family with
many happy memories. We
could not ask for anything
more.

Again, thank you all for
your generosity of heart. It
will never be forgotten.

Love,
Francine and Carmela

“Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings, Oh my!”

Believe it or not. I've been getting a lot of
requests to come back to bury, baptize, or
marry folks at St. Therese's and St. Frances
Cabrini... and I haven't even left yet! :)

Due to my new schedule at St. Ann's, I'm
truly sorry to inform you that I won't be able to
come back for funerals or baptisms... at least
not for a while. I hope to officiate at some of
the weddings that are scheduled through De-
cember. After that, I can't make any promises.

I hope you know how much I appreciate your
request for my presence at your sacred
services, but I feel in my heart that it is best if
you turn to Fr. Joe or Fr. Mark for assistance in
these matters.

For those of you who might want to stop by
for mass at St. Ann's on occasion, please feel
free to friend me at JimPaisley@facebook.com.
I will post my mass schedule each week on my
personal Facebook page once I arrive in
Scranton.

Thank you for understanding.

With all my love and gratitude, *Father Jim*

Those who wish to keep in touch from time to time are welcome to
contact Fr. Jim at: Saint Ann's Basilica Parish 1250 St. Ann St. Scranton, Pa. 18504
email: giacomo42@aol.com, phone: 570-342-5166, or on Facebook @
[JimPaisley@Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/JimPaisley)

Rest in Peace

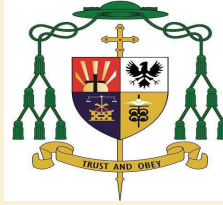
*The prayers and support of the
parish are extended to the
family and friends of
James Gavin, husband of Deborah
in the midst of their grief and mourning.*

*Always loved,
never forgotten.*

RELIGIOUS
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
EDUCATION

Things to know about CCD 2023-24

- ♦ Registration for M, T, & W evening Classes, and At-Home will be held August 19, 20 after all masses in the Hall AND August 28 7-8 PM in the Hall.
- ♦ Every family is asked to fill out NEW registration forms. One new form per **family** please.
- ♦ The fee is \$25 per student.
- ♦ Registration forms may be mailed in or submitted in person starting in August and can be found on our website. (see below)
- ♦ Evening classes will start at the end of September and conclude in early May.
- ♦ **Teachers and teaching assistants are always needed.** (This program is at its best when we have enough volunteers).
- ♦ For more information call Kristin at 570-696-1144 Ext 20.
- ♦ All the information you need about this coming CCD School Year is on St. Therese's website. <https://stthereses-shavertown.com/religious-education/>



The Catholic Diocese of SUNYANI

The Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa, was established in 1973. The Diocese is situated in poor rural areas, where most of the people are peasant farmers. These areas have fallen behind the rest of the country in education, basic infrastructure, and healthcare delivery.

The Diocese believes in the holistic development of the human person. Thus, it focuses on the following areas: primary evangelization, provision of safe drinking water, quality healthcare delivery, and education. In addition to preaching the gospel, we try to:

- **Drill water wells to provide clean safe drinking water in our rural communities.**
- **Establish schools at the grade, high school, and tertiary levels to provide quality catholic education.**
- **Open new parishes, which involves building new churches and rectories.**
- **Support the seminary education of our college seminarians; and**
- **Organize workshops on awareness and prevention of diseases.**

The coronavirus pandemic and the challenging economic conditions have destroyed and halted almost all economic activities in the country. The diocese has been affected financially so much that we count on friends like you for support.

Sharing some of our experiences as a mission Church with your parishioners will ignite their missionary spirit.

Rev. Fr. George Kyeremeh will preach the missions in our parish on August 12 and 13 at all the masses.

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