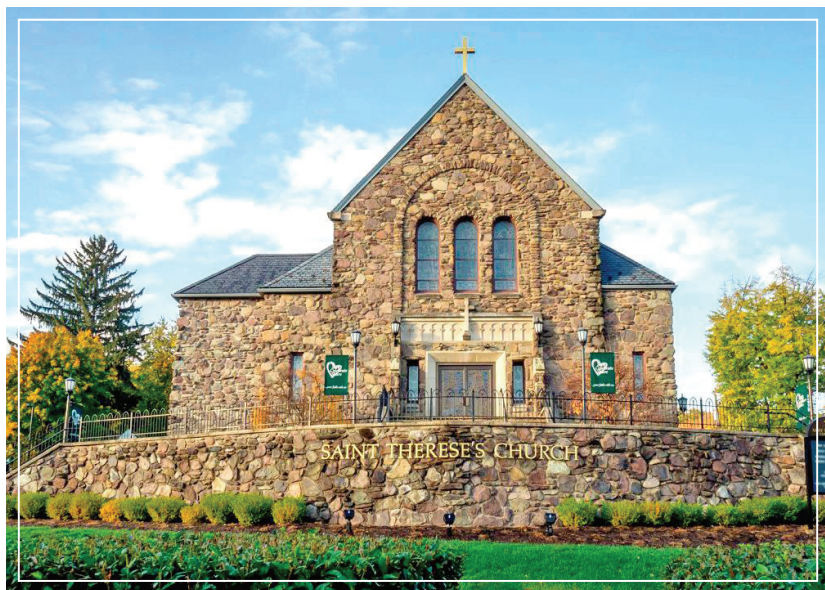


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi, *Pastor*

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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 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., Thurs., 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.

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.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated weekly every Saturday at 4:30 to 4:45 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.

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024



Presentation of the Lord Friday, February 2

As faithful Jews who obeyed the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph performed two ritual acts that the law prescribed after the birth of the firstborn son—Mary's ritual purification and Jesus' dedication. The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. Though Mary was pure and free from sin from the moment of her conception, and though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations.

FROM HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL REGARDING INCOMING FRESHMEN

Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2024-2025 school year will be held on February 6, 7 and 8 from 3:00pm-5:45pm

Call the Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

We have begun our new Livestreaming Technology for the 8:00am Sunday Masses. If you would like to help us produce the Livestream for the mass, please call Carol at the parish office to set up a meeting for training. We need a few trained people to keep things running smoothly in the event of absences.

Thank you for your consideration!

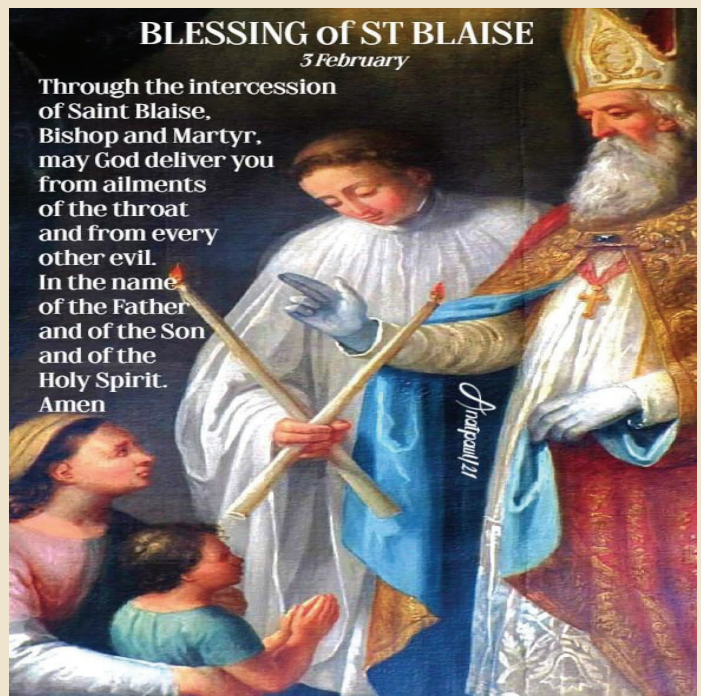
****This is a good way to get involved for younger adults especially ---- it's fun and exciting to be a part of the process. ****



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BLESSING of ST BLAISE 3 February

Through the intercession
of Saint Blaise,
Bishop and Martyr,
may God deliver you
from ailments
of the throat
and from every
other evil.
In the name
of the Father
and of the Son
and of the
Holy Spirit.
Amen



Beginning February 17th

The new Saturday mass
time at St. Therese's
will be 5:30PM.

Dear Parishioners:

We appreciate everyone's efforts to make it to weekend mass, however, the obligation is not meant to put anyone's life or health at risk. If there is a possibility of danger from the weather, please stay at home to be safe and secure. Most times, you can watch the mass on Facebook on the weekends.

We sincerely appreciate those who find ways to get your envelopes to us, even if it is one of the following weekends at mass. Our budget can really take a beating with one or two bad weather weekends.

Thank you for considering this request.

Father Joe



The Altar & Rosary Society invites all the women of the parish to attend their next meeting on **Wednesday, February 7th**.

Meetings take place in Father Sammons Hall immediately following the 9:00 a.m. mass. Marge Janosik is the meeting Hostess. This is a great opportunity to jump in and get involved.



The Men's Group of St. Therese's is organizing a silent weekend experience of praying with the monks at Mount Savior Monastery in Elmira, NY. The weekend is April 26-28. If interested contact Ted Mike at (570)406-6163. Space is limited.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Katherine Hudak** from January 28 through February 3 at the request of Family.



The Altar Candles will burn in memory of **Phillip Donley** on January 29 at the request of Kathleen & Charlie Gelso and in memory of **Rita Masley** on February 3 at the request of Family.

Worship The Celebration of the Eucharist

Mon.	9:00AM	Communion Service
Tues.	9:00AM	No Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
Wed.	9:00AM	Communion Service
Thur.	9:00AM	Alex Exter; Edward Lubinski & Susan Martin & Families
Fri.	9:00AM	Joseph Sholtis; John & Karen Masley
Sat.	5:00PM	Rita Masley; Family
Sun.	8:00AM	Eleanor Benedetti; Janet & Steve Nagley
	11:00AM	Deceased Members of the DeCesaris Family; Family



Daily Mass Cancellation



Please call **570-696-1144, Extension 13, after 7:30 AM**, to find out if mass is canceled. In icy or snowy conditions, please park in the lot beside the church and enter the Church through the lower level (ramp entrance). The front plaza and side entrances will be blocked off and should not be used until we are able to shovel and/or salt them. Updates will also be posted on the parish Facebook page.



Don't Forget!

When you're gathering information to prepare your taxes, don't forget your church contributions! Your contribution report is available to be emailed or mailed to you at a moment's notice. To receive yours, call the rectory at 570-696-1144.

**The parish collection for the week
of January 8 - January 14**

\$ 17,942.30

& January 15 - January 21

\$11,484.00

Baptism

Sophia Elizabeth

Duesler

Daughter of
Galvin & Ashely

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



Congratulations!

St. Therese's Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating their **8th anniversary** this month! Countless works of love and prayers have been poured out by this group. They are always seeking new members. If you have a knack for knitting or crocheting or would like to learn, please join them at their next meeting, **February 5th at 1pm** in the rectory basement. For more info, contact Adriana Stephens at adrianastephens@rocketmail.com

Rest in Peace

The prayers and support of the parish are extended to the family and friends of Elizabeth Karwaski, mother of Gary, in the midst of their grief and mourning.

Diocese of Scranton
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ANNUAL APPEAL

There is still time to give!

Remember, 75% of all the money we raise after reaching our goal of \$71,000 comes back to the parish of St. Therese. Thank you for all that you do.

Current total \$83,030

Illuminating the Mysteries of Light- *A Lenten Reflection*

*Deacon Peter will offer a 3-part reflection on the
Rosary's "Mysteries of Light"*

*"A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not
overcome it." (John 1:15)*

Wednesdays, February 28 , March 6 & 13, 2024 7:00-8:00 PM

In Father Sammons Hall

Those interested are asked to call the rectory to register
on or before February 20, 2024 (570-696-1144)

Saint Therese's Free Legal Clinic (65 Davis St., Shavertown)

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

Upcoming dates: **February 10 & 24, March 9 & 23**

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

***Lenten Opportunities
for Worship and Prayer
at St. Therese's and St. Frances Cabrini***

Ash Wednesday- February 14, 2024

Masses: 9:00 A.M. at Saint Therese's
6:00 P.M. at Saint Frances Cabrini

Distribution of Ashes:

12:10 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. at St. Therese's
8:00 A.M. and Noon at Saint Frances Cabrini

Daily Mass:

St. Therese's—Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 9:00 A.M.,
and Friday after Stations at 7:00 P.M.

St. Frances Cabrini -Tuesday at 9:00 A.M.

Stations of the Cross:

"Everyone's Way of the Cross" Fridays at 7:00 P.M. at St Therese's.

Lenten Reflection- "Illuminating the Mysteries of Light"

Presented by Deacon Peter Smith, participants will discuss the rosary's Mysteries of Light on Wednesdays, February 28, March 6 and March 13 in the hall.

Please call 570-696-1144 (Ext. 10) on or before February 20th to register.

"The Light Is On For You" – (Confessions at Saint Therese's):

Mondays from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. (Also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main Church. All are welcome.)

The main and ramp room doors will be open for those wishing to attend.



***May God bless us as we
journey through this
Season of
Grace and Renewal.***

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