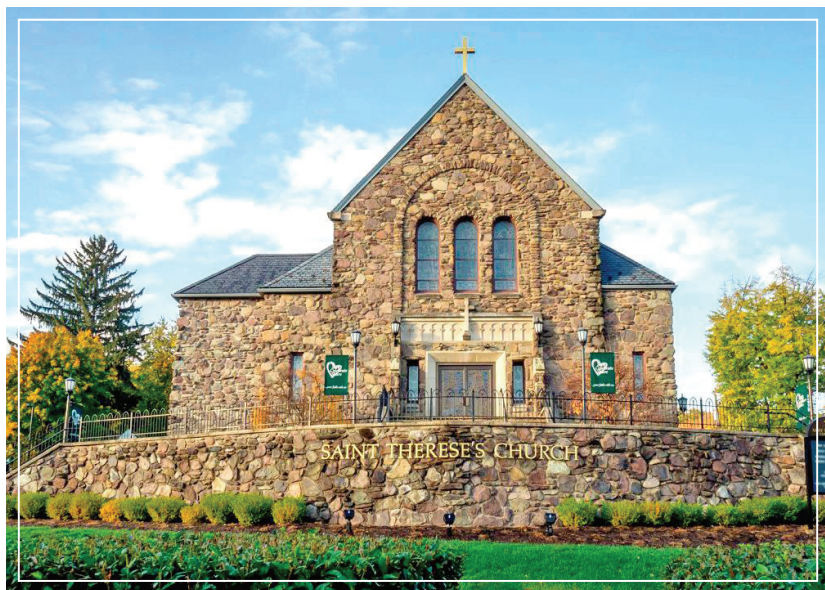


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi, *Pastor*

Weekend Assistance:

Rev. James Alco

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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024



2024 Women's World Day of Prayer Service

"I beg you – bear with one another in love."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yalick Road, Dallas, will host the 2024 Women's World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 1 at 1:00pm. The annual event, organized by area churches, is free and open to the public. The service will include a series of prayers, readings from the Bible, hymns, and personal reflections by the writers (Christian women of Palestine). Light refreshments will be served following the service. A rehearsal will held on Thursday, February 22 at 1pm for those wishing to take part in the service.

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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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.



Beginning February 17th

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

Rest in Peace

The prayers of the parish are extended to the family and friends of Robert Lukas, husband of Barbara, in the midst of their grief and mourning.

Always loved, never forgotten.

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 for **Francis Hoover Jr.** from February 4 through February 10 at the request of The Hoover Family.

Worship The Celebration of the Eucharist

Mon.	9:00AM	David Wojciechowski; Paul & Judy Szychowski
Tues.	9:00AM	Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
Wed.	9:00AM	Gary Honis; The Koch Family
Thur.	9:00AM	Shelli Cabrera; Ray Zekas Family
Fri.	9:00AM	Jean Brennan(anniversary); Marge Janosik
Sat.	5:00PM	Don Houseknecht; Kevin & Joan Gilbertson & Family
Sun.	8:00AM	Mary Ellen Sichler; Carl & Noreen Gladey
	11:00AM	Ed Janosik; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Laibinis



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 22 - January 28

\$14,363.00



The Souper Bowl
of Caring
will happen on Superbowl
Sunday Weekend -
February 10 and 11.

Soup pots will be located at the exit
doors.

We hope that everyone would give one
dollar as they leave Mass.

All proceeds will benefit the Back
Mountain Food Bank.



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



**Confessions at Saint
Therese's**

Mondays during Lent:

Feb. 19 & 26,

March 4, 11, 18

5:30 P.M.—6:30 P.M.

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



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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