

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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## OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi, *Pastor*

*Weekend Assistance:*

Rev. James Alco

Kelly Bryk, *Parish Secretary, Youth Minister  
& Director of Stewardship*

Beverly Harostock, *Sacristan*

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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 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.

*Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024*



### Prayer to the Risen Christ

Heavenly Father and God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.

From the waters of death, you raise us with Him and renew your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The **Altar & Rosary Society** would like to **thank** everyone who supported their two Pierogi and Macaroni & Cheese Sales.

**A profit of \$4,417 was realized thanks to your generosity.**

***Thank you for supporting this important (and tasty) fund-raiser!***



**During the Easter Season  
(through May 17th)  
our Holy Hour of Adoration  
will be observed on Friday  
morning following mass.**

**“3 in One” Lottery Game**

*Anne Gilligan*

*Dave Milunic*

*James O’Hara*

*Tom Gurzynski*

*Jillian Payne*

**Congratulations March Winners!!**



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved friend, secretary, lector, and long-time parishioner, Darlene Payne. She was beautiful, inside, and out, and truly a blessing to us all! Please keep her family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

*Rest in peace, dear friend.*



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Ida Marino** from April 14 through April 20 at the request of The Marino Family.



The Altar Candles will burn in memory of **Rita G. Murphy & James Murphy** on April 15 at the request of niece, Sandy Sernak.

## *Worship* The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM** Rita G. Murphy & James Murphy; Niece Sandy Sernak
- Tues. 9:00AM** Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed. 9:00AM** Emeline Yencha;  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Paxton
- Thur. 9:00AM** Stephen Fisk—Continued Health; Roseanne McAndrew
- Fri. 9:00AM** Ann Marie McNulty; Social Concerns & Community Outreach
- Sat. 5:30PM** William Kearney; Family
- Sun. 8:00AM** Ed Mroz; Clare Dominik
- 11:00AM** Carolyn Swatko; Children

*Men's Prayer Breakfast*  
The "Men's Group" of Saint Therese's will host a "Men's Prayer Breakfast" on **Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 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, April 13.

**The parish collection for**  
**March 31 \$9,694.75**

**Holy Thursday \$1,744.93**

**Good Friday \$1,296.00**

**Easter Sunday \$18,969.68**

**April 1-7 \$12,740.50**

## Help Wanted

The Diocese of Scranton is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Laborer at Mount Olivet Cemetery located in Carverton/Kingston Township. Job duties include handling of funerals, grass cutting, installing markers and foundations, snow removal, and general maintenance. This is a Monday through Friday day shift position with some Saturdays required. The Diocese offers competitive compensation in addition to a comprehensive benefits package including medical/dental/vision insurance, retirement plan and paid vacation/personal/sick/holiday time. Interested applicants are asked to contact Mount Olivet Cemetery at (570) 696-3636 or email us at MtOlivet-cem@dioceseofscranton.org



Our Vacation Bible School will take place in July. This is an annual event for the children of our parish community. Through scripture, drama, music, and a little fun and games, we expand on the faith formation of our children. The program requires planning time with our volunteers to put together a week-long experience. Each year we select a program that is relevant to our Catholic teaching. Look for our VBS notifications in the coming weeks. As always, we ask your prayers for the success of the program, and for our volunteers who are dedicated to serving the children of our community.



***It's not too late!***

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!

***Current total \$88,605.00***

### Saint Therese's Free Legal Clinic

Saint Therese's Religious Education Center

65 Davis St., Shavertown

(Please note, this is not in the church.)

10:00 A.M. to Noon

Upcoming dates:

**May 18, June 1, 15, July 6, 20**

**The Youth Group** will be volunteering at Blue Chip Animal Refuge on Saturday, April 27 from 1-4pm (rain date April 28). Blue Chip is a no-kill shelter that relies on the generosity of the community to care for the animals. As such, they are always in need of donations. **Members of the youth group will be collecting cash donations or Weis gift cards after all masses on the weekend of April 13/14** to present to Blue Chip when they go to volunteer.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!



**BLUE CHIP FARM  
ANIMAL REFUGE**

### **Dinners for Kids**

Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, Dinners for Kids, operating out of Ollie's Restaurant in Edwardsville, serves nutritious dinner meals to 250 children located throughout the area.

Volunteers deliver two meals to the children's homes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, beginning around 3:00.

Deliveries are made in Wilkes-Barre, The Wyoming Valley West School District, and the Dallas School District. Volunteer drivers are especially needed for the Wilkes-Barre area which accounts for over one-half of the meals. Routes take about 60-90 minutes. Driving even one day a month would be greatly appreciated.

If you have an interest in helping kids get 6 good meals each week and have the time to do that, please contact Gary Williams @ 570-650-0255 for more information.

THANK YOU!



## **ALTAR & ROSARY BAKE SALE**



The Altar & Rosary Society is having their **Annual Bake Sale** in Father Sammons Hall before and after all the masses on the Weekend of April 20 & 21.

We are asking those who are able to please consider making or providing items – such as cookies, muffins, cakes, cupcakes, bread or pies.

Kindly bring your donated baked goods to Father Sammons Hall on Saturday, April 20 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., or on Sunday, April 21 from 7:15 to 8:00 or from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

*Not a baker? No problem!*

Monetary donations are gladly accepted.

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