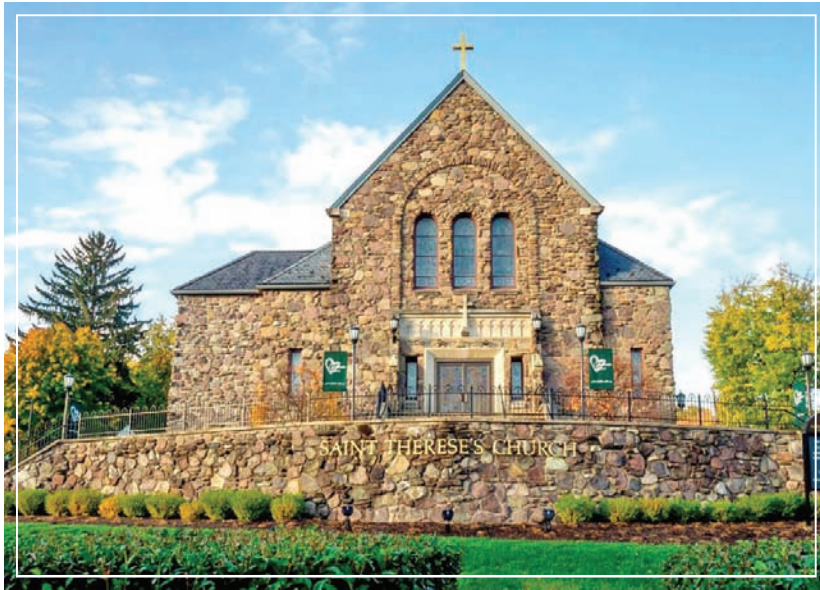


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

Shavertown, Pennsylvania --- 570-696-1144 --- www.stthereses-shavertown.com



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 ----- 5:30 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 5:00 to 5:20 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.

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 28, 2024



**Do not cast me off
in my old age**
Cf. Psalm 71:9

July 28, 2024
World Day
for Grandparents and the Elderly

"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."
-Pope Francis



Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023



www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Pope Francis celebrated the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021 and decreed that it be observed each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents, which is July 26th. Pope Francis wrote a letter in April of this year which states, "On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centered attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path...By remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings!"

Baptism

Kayden Kapral

Son of
Samuel & Kailey

And
Crew Morris

Son of
Tyler & Janelle

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



The Feast of the Assumption

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

Mass will be celebrated on
Wednesday evening at 7 PM
and on Thursday at 9 AM.

All are welcome!

Please Note:

The parish office will be **closing at 12pm on Friday, August 2nd** for a staff meeting.

Knights of Columbus Used Sacramental Drive

This will be the last weekend!

Do you have any worn or broken sacramentals? There will be a bin located in the back of church for things like old or damaged Bibles, rosaries, medals, prayer cards, images, and statuettes; **please, no garden statues or anything made of cement.** Council #8224 will dispose of them properly.

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For tickets contact parish office at

570-655-8956

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

A Word of Thanks!

- Special thanks to St. Therese's Parish Pastoral Council for organization the outdoor mass celebration last weekend.
- Thanks to St. Therese's Social Concerns and Creation Care Committees for the poster presentations and basket raffles.
- Thanks to Beth Aciukewicz and Jeanette Papiercavich for the beautiful music to accompany our celebration.



Thanks be to God,
Creator of the Universe,
for the beautiful weather,
picturesque surroundings,
and our wonderful
church community.



Seeking a quiet spot for prayer and reflection?
Visit St. Therese's Prayer Garden (created and
maintained by our Creation Care Committee)
Located behind 65 Davis St.

Upcoming Community Volunteer Opportunities!

The Order of Alhambra is an international charitable organization dedicated to assisting persons with intellectual disabilities. The local caravan, Alhambra #4, needs volunteers for the following events:

- **Every Saturday** at Chacko's Bowling Center from 10:00-11:15am Special Olympics bowlers play 2 games. Volunteers are needed to cheer on and support the athletes. Upon entering Chacko's, you can find our athletes on the lanes to the right.
- **August 3, 2024** Alhambra #4 will have an educational stand at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Polish outdoor picnic in Dupont. Fr. Thomas Petro is pastor here and assistant chaplain of our caravan. A raffle basket is being chanced off and we will be selling instant bingo tickets. *Volunteers are needed to set-up our booth & sell instant bingo tickets.*
Volunteers can arrive at 10:00am. Time of picnic: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- **August 18, 2024: Alhambra's biggest event of the year!** Special needs festival at the Polish American Veterans Pavilion: 2 South Oak St. Plains, PA. Noon to 3:00pm. Volunteers should arrive by 10:00am to help husk corn, set-up decorations, greet guests and other tasks.

If anyone would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities, please reach out to Ada Magni at magni@earthlink . To learn more about The Order of Alhambra, please visit <https://www.orderalhambra.org> .



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Leonard & Stella Scovish & Francis Hanify** from July 28 through August 3 at the request of the Marianne.



The Altar Candles will burn in memory of:

- ~**Leonard & Stella Scovish & Francis Hanify** on August 1 at the request of Marianne.
- ~**Eleanor Benedetti** on August 2 at the request of her husband, Bill.
- ~**Flory Albert** on August 3 at the request of The Hoover Family.

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM** Robert Elias; Jerry & Pat Millo
- Tues. 9:00AM** Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed. 9:00AM** James Gavin; Wife
- Thur. 9:00AM** Leonard & Stella Scovish and Francis Hanify; Marianne
- Fri. 9:00AM** Flory Ann Albert; Hoover Family
- Sat. 5:30PM** Bertha Walsh; Family
- Sun. 8:00AM** Irene Kasenchak; St. Therese's Altar & Rosary Society
- 11:00AM** John Medura; Jim & Kristin Gattuso



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Would a special gift provide comfort to someone you know?

The St. Therese's Prayer Shawl Ministry invites parish members to share its work by choosing a **FREE** hand-made comfort item. We have lapghans, afghans, shawls, hats and scarves blessed by our prayers for the recipients' well-being. Contact Karen at 570-690-5008 or joemd@epix.net for help making your selection.

**The parish collection for the week
of July 15—July 21
\$ 12,441.11**

The 2025 book of Mass Intentions at St. Frances Cabrini will be open for scheduling beginning in early September.

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:

Aug. 10 & 24

Sept. 14 & 28

St Therese's is hosting

Life Line Screening

again on Tuesday, July 30th.

These screenings go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for plaque build-up. Call 1-800-679-5191 or going online to LLSA.SOCIAL/HC



Join the St. Therese's Parish Video Team!

If you are good at computers or video, and would like a new way to serve your Parish, we'd love to have you on our Team. Ages 14+. Live-streaming Mass is fun, easy, and a great way to be of service to the many people who count on it every week.

Low-key training, flexible scheduling by Bill Schultz. Contact billschultz16@aol.com, the church office, or see Father Joe.

Thank you, see you online!



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Your Parish Needs YOU!

Have you ever stopped to think about how our faith is passed on to the next generation? It only happens when adults are willing to teach the children about God, prayer, and the many other things that are

part of our Catholic faith. Our Religious Education Program needs a few more volunteers to teach the youth in our parish, and we hope that you will consider this very rewarding ministry. Responsibilities and time commitments vary by role.

Please contact

*Kristin Osipower at 570-696-1144 or
kosipower@stthereses-shavertown.com
for more information.*



Students should complete a year of religious education prior to receiving the sacraments in second grade per the regulations of the Diocese of Scranton. This means that students should start classes in first grade. Check out the parish website or contact Kristin Osipower, Director of Religious Education, for more information.



Things to know about CCD 2024-25

- ◆ CCD is for students in grades 1-8
- ◆ Registration for M, T, & W evening Classes, and At-Home will be held **August 17/18 after all masses AND August 19 7-8 PM** in the Hall.
- ◆ Registration forms/fees can be mailed or submitted in person to the parish office and can be found on our website. (see below) Families that have been enrolled in previous years will be receiving a registration in the mail.
- ◆ Every family is asked to fill out NEW registration forms. One new form per **family** please.
- ◆ The fee is \$25 per student in grades 1-7 and \$50 per student in grade 8.
- ◆ Evening classes will start at the week of September 15th 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.
- ◆ All the information you need about this coming CCD School Year is on St. Therese's website. <https://stthereses-shavertown.com/religious-education/>
- ◆ Classes are filled on a first-come first-serve basis.

Don't delay and register today!!

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