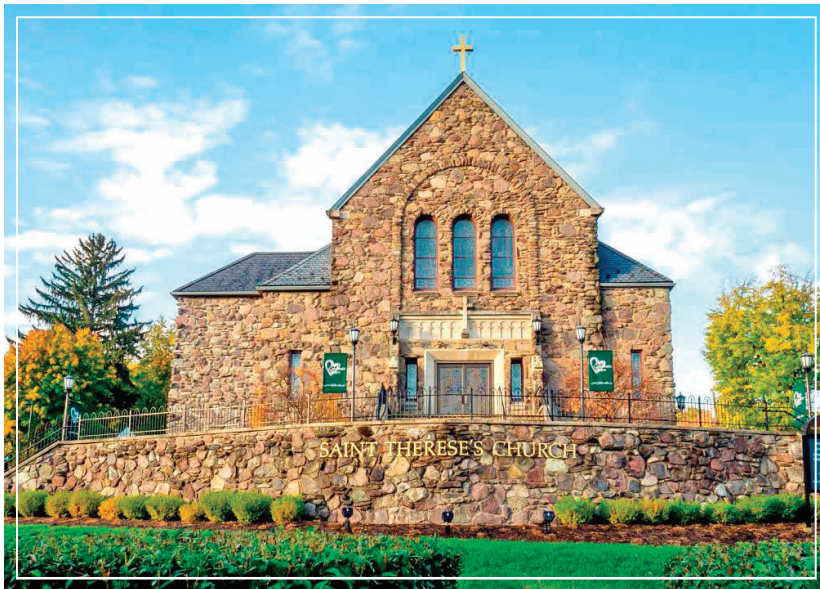


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi, *Pastor*

Weekend Assistance:

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Beverly Harostock, *Sacristan*

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Aileen Whalen, *Director of Liturgical Music*

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Paul Zwolan, *Candidate for Permanent Diaconate*

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

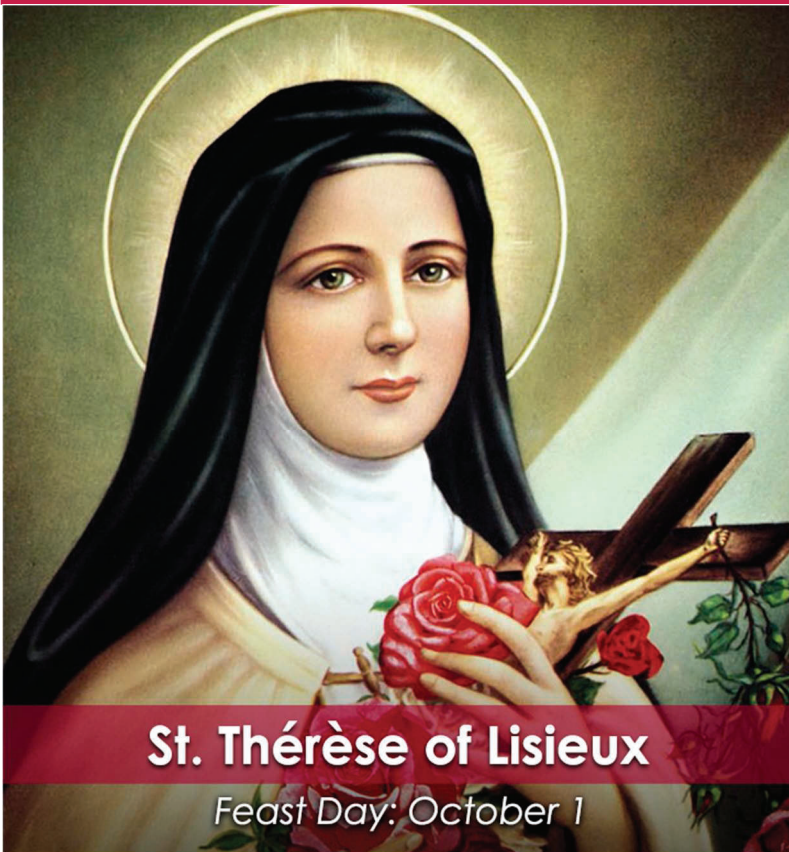
Hospitals/Nursing Homes & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if your loved one is in a hospital, nursing home or confined to the home.

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 29, 2024



St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Feast Day: October 1

The Church celebrates the feast of St. Therese, the Little Flower, on October 1st each year. This date was chosen because Therese died on September 30th.

Following the ancient custom of celebrating their entrance into heaven the next day, October 1st was chosen as the day to celebrate Therese's life and eternity.

St. Therese, Flower of fervor and love, please intercede for us. Fill our hearts with your pure love of God. As we approach and celebrate your feast day, make us more aware of the goodness of God and how well He tends His garden. Instill in us your little way of doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.



In honor of our patroness, Mass will be celebrated at St. Therese's at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 1st.



Let's "Share Our Harvest" this fall and support fellow parishioners in need.

St. Therese's Social Concerns and Community Outreach Thanksgiving project will start on October 5. Please consider taking a pumpkin from the cornstalk and purchasing a gift card from Weis, Gerrity's or Walmart. Gift cards will be distributed to parishioners in need so they can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Gift cards are due back by October 27 and can be dropped off at the rectory or returned in the collection baskets at the doors.



To honor the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi a blessing of animals will be held in the elevator-side parking lot on Sunday, October 6th at 1pm. The Blessing of the Animals is a beautiful annual ceremony celebrating the human-animal bond. Please bring your special animal and join us!



28th Anniversary Celebration of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of Unborn"

Respect Life Sunday October 6th 2:00pm

Prayerful commemoration at the Knights' Tomb of the Unborn, located at the top of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton.

Fr. Thomas Petro, chaplain of Greater Pittston Knights of Columbus Assembly 948 will celebrate the Order for Visiting a Cemetery, followed by the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

All Knights of Columbus of the Wyoming Valley and area faithful are invited to attend.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Therese's Prayer Shawl Ministry has been hard at work praying and creating hand-made items for those in our community. In the last

month, alone, 15 prayer shawls were delivered to Dr. Greenwald's office for patients battling cancer, 25 shawls and lapghans were donated to Residential Hospice, and 50 hats each were donated to Froggy 101 and WBRE for their annual coat drives.

Since the ministry began back in February of 2016, *over 6000* hand-made items have been donated to over 40 different organizations in our area!!

The latest project request, from the Back Mountain Police Association, is for booties for their annual coat drive.

If you are interested in donating either yarn or finished items, please contact Adriana Stephens at adrianastephens@rocketmail.com or Karen & Joe Dussinger at joemd@epix.net.

The next prayer shawl meeting is Monday, October 7th at 1pm in the rectory basement.

All are welcome to attend!!



9th Annual Diocese of Scranton

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE

Come Follow Me



Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 8AM-3PM
At Holy Redeemer High School,
159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre

All men are invited to these informative talks that are conducive for fathers and sons, clergy, and men of every age. Nationally known speakers will be: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, John Edwards, Father Bill Casey, and concluding with Mass Offered by our own Bishop Joseph Bambera.

Admission is \$40.00 (\$30.00 by Sept. 15th).
Students are \$15.00.

Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians are free.
Morning coffee and box lunch are included.

Registration can be done online at www.BeACatholicMan.com

or via Mail to: "Be A Catholic Man",
PO Box 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853.

(Please write "Men's Conference" on the check memo and include contact info, email, and Parish.)

For more information, call 570-721-0872.

Get Involved

Centennial Committee

This first meeting of our centennial committee will be held on **Tuesday, October 8th** at 6:30pm in Father Sammons Hall. All are invited to join in the conversation about how to best celebrate our beloved parish's 100th Birthday!

Liturgy Committee

The next meeting of our liturgy committee will be held on **Wednesday, October 16th** at 6:30pm in Father Sammons Hall. All are welcome to the table to discuss how to best celebrate mass, recognize the changing of the seasons, and worship.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Cecilia Besecker (birthday)** from September 29 through October 5 at the request of The Fallon Family.



The Altar Candles will burn in memory of **John Reap** on October 2 at the request of his family

Worship The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM** Bernardine Winiecki;
The Wilkes Family & Mayme Pauletti
- Tues. 9:00AM** Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
- Wed. 9:00AM** John Reap; Family
- Thur. 9:00AM** Peter Smeraglio;
The Slavoski Family
- Fri. 9:00AM** Michael Balberchak; Family
- Sat. 5:30PM** Anne & John Slavoski;
The Slavoski Family
- Sun. 8:00AM** Mary Petty;
Alice & Tom Van Horn
11:00AM Tesse Weimar;
Noreen & Carl Gladey



The Altar Flowers from September 28 through October 4 are in memory of **The Joseph Nardone Family** at the request of family.

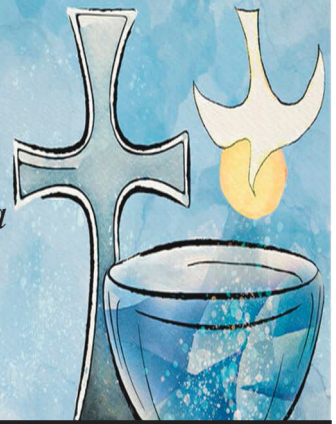
**The parish collection for the week
of September 16—September 22**
\$8,652.25

RUMMAGE SALE

The Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, will hold their Fall Rummage Sale in the school gymnasium on Monday, October 14th, from 9am-5pm and on Tuesday, October 15th, from 9am-3pm, (Tuesday is \$2/bag day). Huge assortment of items. There will be a bake sale, refreshments, wimpies, hoagies, and hot dogs for sale.

Baptism Wesley David Albrecht

son of
Nathan & Veronica
You are a precious
child of God.
Welcome to your
faith family.



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.



The Altar & Rosary Society invites all the women of the parish to attend their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 2nd**. Meetings take place in Father Sammons Hall immediately following the 9:00am Mass. Carole Paxton is the meeting hostess.
All are welcome!

Adult Study and Faith Sharing

Join Father Joe and your fellow parishioners on *Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in Father Sammons Hall*, for an exploration of what happens and mass and how we can participate more fully.
⇒ Gatherings will now be in the hall so that we can all hear each other more clearly.



Altar & Rosary and Stewardship Committees are teaming up for a fundraiser to support our centennial celebration!
Stay tuned for more details!!

YOUNG ADULTS

KICK-OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

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11 - 3 - 2024

5PM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER

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St. Therese's Stewardship Committee is proud to sponsor our 3rd Bed Build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace!!

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 5th 8:30AM-
until the work is done
(lunch will be provided)

WHERE: 340 Upper Demunds Rd, Dallas
Sign up after masses on Sept. 28/29
or by calling Kelly in the parish office
(570)696-1144.

Can't make it to the event???

We will be taking donations of the following items:

- New in bag twin-sized bedding (bed-in-a-bag works great!)
 - New in bag standard-sized pillows
 - Gallon Jugs of white vinegar
 - Orbital sanding discs (any grade)
 - Steel wool from Lowe's or Home Depot
 - Monetary Donations Always Welcomed
- Donations can be brought to mass from Sept. 21-Oct. 4**

To learn more about SHP please visit
<https://shpbs.org/chapter/pa-luzerne-co/>



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IN OUR TOWN!**

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Our Parish Goal
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Currently
\$8,963.00

That's 12% of our goal in just 1 week!

Please continue to pray for those that are served by your generous contributions.

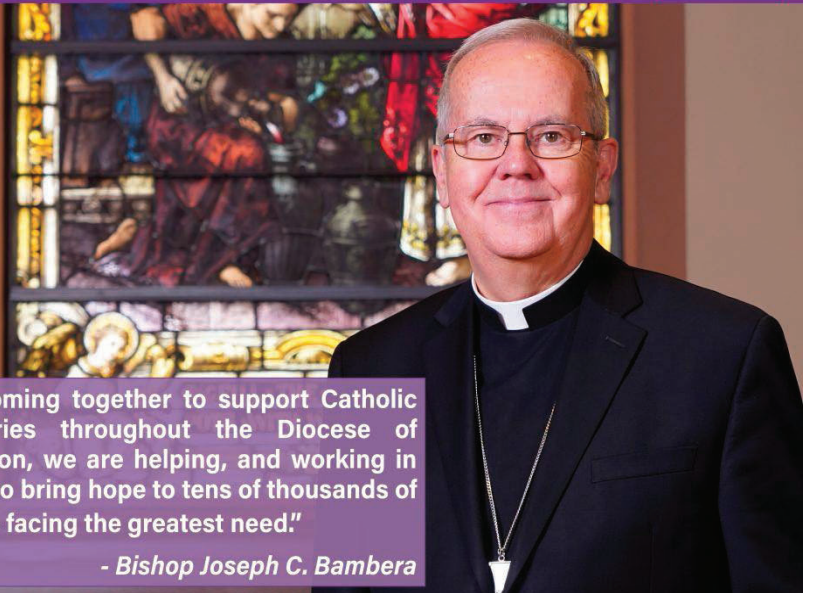
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- Bishop Joseph C. Bambera



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