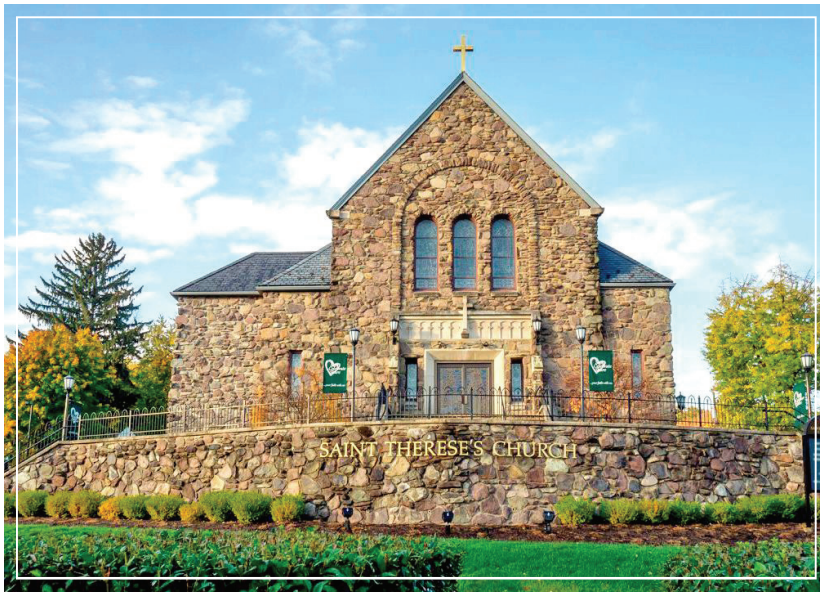


# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

Shavertown, Pennsylvania --- 570-696-1144 --- [www.stthereses-shavertown.com](http://www.stthereses-shavertown.com)



## OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi, *Pastor*

*Weekend Assistance:*

Rev. James Alco

Kelly Bryk, Parish Secretary  
& *Director of Stewardship*

Beverly Harostock, *Sacristan*

Gary Karwaski, *Sacristan*

Dave Mikolosko, *Custodian*

Kristin Osipower, *Director of Religious Education*

Bill Schultz, *Livestream Coordinator*

Aileen Whalen, *Director of Liturgical Music*

Cathe Zwolan, *Business Manager*

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.

# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20, 2024

**World Mission Sunday 2024**  
October 20th

**GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet**  
(MT 22:9)

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The Society for the Propagation of the Faith  
Pontifical Mission Society



To our High School Students (young women **AND** men):  
Thinking of doing something different this fall—join the choir!  
Not sure?  
Come to a rehearsal on a Sunday at 9:30am in the hall and find out!  
We are in full preparations for Christmas.

## Forming Consciences



“In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.” (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*).

### Important Dates:

- October 21**-Last day to register to vote
- October 29**-Last day to apply for a write-in or absentee ballot
- November 5**-General Election Day

For more information on registering and voting in Pennsylvania go to: [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov).

## 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 at mass and how we can participate more fully.

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

Mass will be celebrated at St. Therese's on Thursday, October 31, at 7:00 P.M. and on Friday, November 1, at 9:00 A.M. and at St. Frances Cabrini on Thursday, October 31 at 5:30 P.M.



## ALL SOULS' DAY

Mass will be celebrated at St. Therese's on Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 A.M.



## Thanksgiving gift card donations are due next weekend.

Your contributions will directly support our parishioners in need and help them experience a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving meal this year.

Gift cards can be dropped off at the rectory or returned in the collection basket.

This project is led by St. Therese's Social Concerns and Community Outreach Committee.

## ❖“Strive for 5” Lottery Game ❖

The Game starts January, 2025.

We hope to have tickets in the mail by early November. (Think Christmas Gifts!)

Call Kelly soon if you'd like a special number!

570-696-1144

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
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*Book of Remembrance*

All Souls' Day, November 2nd, is a special time to remember, honor and pray for our loved ones who have passed away. At St. Therese's, we have a Book of Remembrance that includes names of deceased family and friends that we want to prayerfully keep in our hearts especially during All Souls' Day and throughout the month of November.

To include your loved one, beginning on November 2nd, please feel free to write their name in the Book located in the front of the church by the tabernacle.

If you are unable to include their name yourself, please call the rectory and we will write it in for you.

Just as God has brought you together in love, so He will guide you with His love.

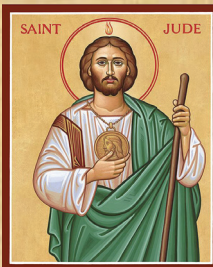
**Congratulations**  
*Adriana Wesolowski & Anthony Passetti*

May the Lord bless your union and bring you continued happiness.



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Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish (St. Mary, Help of Christians Church), 535 North Main Street, Pittston, will host the **67<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Jude Novena** from Saturday, October 19th through Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with two services daily.

Mass, followed by novena prayers and veneration of the relic of *St. Jude, Patron Saint of Hopeless Cases and Things Despaired Of* will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 12pm & 7:00pm, Saturdays at 12pm & 4:00pm, and Sundays at 11:00am & 5:00pm. The Rosary will be recited before all services and Confessions will be heard prior to all services, except on Sundays.

The following guest homilists are scheduled for the novena: Father Gregory Finn, OSJ, Monsignor Joseph Quinn, Monsignor John Bendik, Father Sam Ferretti, Father Michael Boris, Monsignor John Jordan, Father Paul McDonnell, OSJ, and Father Joseph Elston.

For additional information, please call the parish office at 570-654-0263.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **David Rogers (birthday)** from October 20 through October 26 at the request of his wife, Marion.



The Altar Candles will burn in memory of **Christine Koziel** on October 25 at the request of her son, David Kovalski

### *Worship*

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

- Mon. 9:00AM** Jack Martin;  
Judy & Jerry Rogers
- Tues. 9:00AM** **No Daily Mass**
- Wed. 9:00AM** **Communion Service**
- Thur. 9:00AM** **Communion Service**
- Fri. 9:00AM** Christine Koziel (birthday);  
son, David Kovalski
- Sat. 5:30PM** Julia Sitar & Louise Harbay;  
Shirley Type & Leeann Kashnicki
- Sun. 8:00AM** Thaddeus Kazda (anniversary);  
Rosemarie Taylor
- 11:00AM** Justina & John Rakos;  
The Rakos Family

## 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:

**October 19**

**November 2 & 16**

**December 7 & 21**

The parish collection for the week  
of *October 7—October 13*

**\$ 9799.00**

### Rest in Peace

The prayers and support of the parish are extended to the family and friends of **Margaret Aciukewicz, mother of John**, in the midst of their grief and mourning.



## Scented Candle Sale!

The Altar & Rosary Society and Stewardship Committee are teaming up to raise funds for

***Our Centennial Celebration.***

Members of these 2 ministries will be in the vestibule after masses taking orders for beautiful, cleaning burning, scented soy candles made locally, by the

**Bryne Candle Company.**

Samples will be on display in the back of the church. The cost of each candle is \$15 and must be paid by cash or check at the time of order.

Purchased candle orders will be available approximately 2 weeks after being ordered and can be picked up in the church hall.

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*Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 6PM*

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- *Father Pio Mandato*

6PM

Reconciliation

7PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Homily  
Benediction  
Blessing with Holy Oil and relic of Saint Padre Pio



## Cup of Joe on Father Joe

**Wednesday, October 23**

All are invited to Father Sammons Hall after 9:00 Communion Service for coffee & fellowship. Please consider stopping by!



The Altar & Rosary Society invites all women of the parish to attend their next meeting on **Wednesday, November 6th**. Meetings take place in Father Sammons Hall immediately following the 9:00 A.M. mass. **PLANS FOR THE ALL-PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER ON DECEMBER 1st AT APPLE TREE TERRACE WILL BE DISCUSSED.** Barbara Alfano and Colleen Horvath are the meeting hostesses. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



A very nice, used practice piano was recently purchased for our choir. The funds were donated by the Luzerne Foundation using the Bevevino Family Fund Grant.



The Book of Prayer Intentions is in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to write the name or situation you'd like our Prayer Ministry to pray for.

### Attention Parish Groups and Organizations:

I would like to bring more attention to our activities and meetings here at St. Therese. Two ways to do this are: 1) Bulletin info. We are doing this for the most part, but we should publicize each meeting and invite others to join us if allowed. and 2) We will begin having very short announcements at the end of mass on the weekend. If you are doing something, selling something, signing up for something, or anything else, please send a brief announcement to Kelly by the Tuesday before so we can announce it at mass or publish it in the bulletin.

Thank you for all your hard work and sustaining our Groups and Organizations and keeping us #StillStTherese's!

*-Father Joe*



**Our Parish Goal**  
**\$72,531.00**  
**Currently**  
**\$23,458.00**

***That's 32% of our goal after 4 weeks!***

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