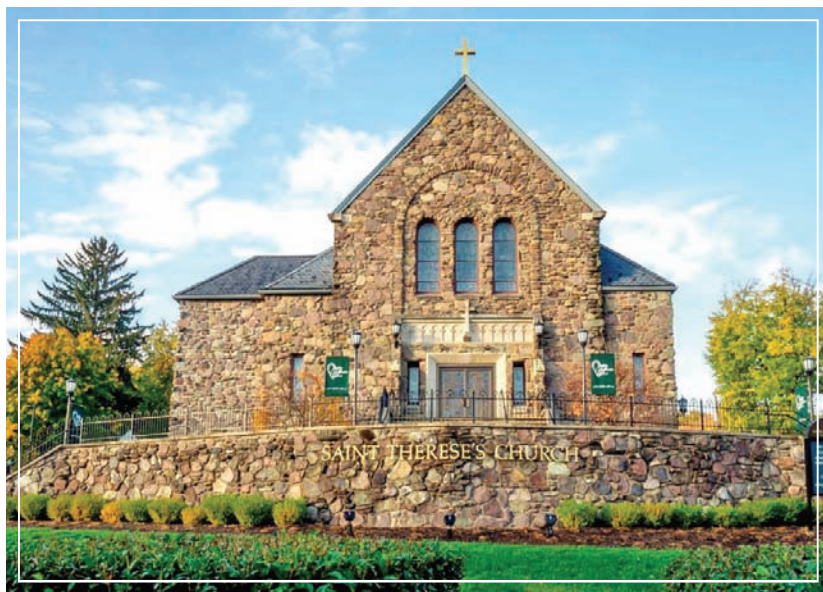


THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT THERESE'S

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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) 4:45pm-6pm;
(grades 7-8) 6:45pm-8pm

Tuesday Program: (grades 1-8) 5:30pm-6:45pm

Home-school Program: (grades 3-6 ONLY)
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

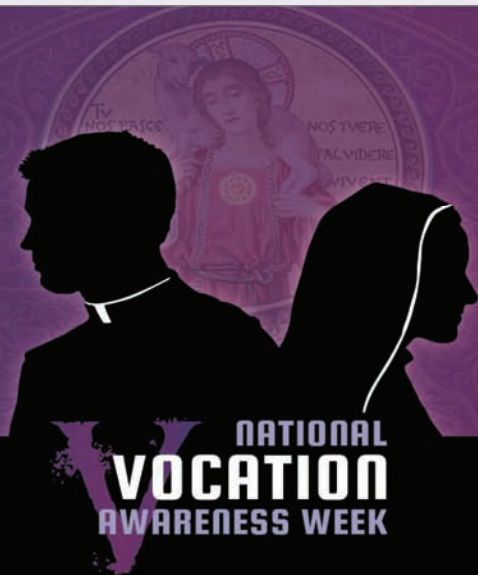
Hospitals/Nursing Homes & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if your loved one is in a hospital, nursing home or confined to the home.

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.

All Souls' Day November 2, 2025



*"I will give you
shepherds after
my own heart"*

Jer 3:15

NOVEMBER 2-8, 2025

The parish collections for
the week of October 19 - October 26

\$8,445.25

September Building Fund Total

\$2,231.00



SUPPORT OUR 13 SEMINARIANS

November 2-8 is National Vocation Awareness Week

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to form the next generation of holy priests - Donate at AnnualAppeal.org

Find Peace in Prayer — Join Our Next Hallow Prayer Challenge

We invite you to join us for our next parish-wide prayer challenge on **Hallow**, beginning on November 3. Together, we'll journey through the *Stress & Anxiety* series with licensed therapist **Regina Boyd, LMHC**, exploring how to find peace, balance, and trust in God amid the stresses of daily life. This challenge offers reflections and meditations rooted in our Catholic faith — from grounding prayer exercises to the **Serenity Prayer** and Scripture-based reflections on peace and surrender.

All parishioners are welcome to join our **Hallow parish page**, even without a subscription. There, you can share prayer intentions and grow in faith together as one community.

Let's seek calm in Christ and learn how to rest in His peace.



Our Parish Goal

\$76,497.00

Currently

\$37,500.00

That's 49% of our goal!

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



Family Movie Night is Coming!

We're excited to announce the start of our new **Monthly Family Movie Night**, beginning **Saturday, November 8th at 7:00PM!**

Families with children from **kindergarten through middle school** are invited to join us for a fun evening of faith, friendship, and film. Our first feature will be the inspiring, animated classic, *The Prince of Egypt*.

Popcorn & drinks will be provided!

We're also looking for a few **volunteers** to help with setup, snacks, and cleanup. Let us know if you'd like to lend a hand or have questions.

Parents, please **RSVP by Monday, November 3** (jpassetti@stthereses-shavertown.com)

so we can plan accordingly.

Come enjoy a great night with our parish family — we can't wait to see you there!

November Happenings:

Prayer Shawl Meeting - Monday, Nov. 3 at 1pm in the rectory basement

Liturgy Committee Meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 7pm in the hall

Altar & Rosary Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 5 in the hall after 9am Mass

Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8-9:30am in the hall

Social Concerns Meeting - Monday, Nov. 10 at 6:30pm in the rectory basement

Mass of Remembrance - Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7pm in the church

Free Legal Clinic - Saturday, Nov. 15 & 29 from 10am-12pm in the hall

Creation Care Meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30pm in the rectory basement

OCIA - every Sunday in the rectory basement at 9am

Bible Study - every Wednesday in the hall at 6:30pm

Choir Practice - every Sunday in the church at 9:30am (starting Nov. 9)

Adult & Family Formation Corner

Coming this Winter: Ski & Snowboard Club

Hit the Slopes with Us! Love the thrill of skiing or snowboarding—or just want to try something new? Join the Ski & Snowboard Club! Whether you're carving down the mountain or learning for the first time, you'll find friends and plenty of fun! Members will enjoy discounts on lift tickets, rentals, and select merchandise at Montage Mountain Ski Resort.

OCIA: Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic? We invite you to join our *OCIA Sessions* which will be held each **Sunday between Masses at 9:00am** in the rectory basement. All are welcome to come, ask questions, and journey together in faith.

Bible Study

Adult Bible Study is every **WEDNESDAY** evening at 6:30PM in St. Therese Church Hall. Come early for a good seat and feel free to bring snacks. Bibles are provided.

Join the St. Therese and St. Frances Cabrini

OCIA Team – Share the Harvest of Faith

Our parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) team is seeking parishioners who are willing to walk with others on their journey of faith. Whether through prayer, hospitality, teaching, or simply sharing your witness, your gifts can help bring others closer to Christ.

For more information about any or all of these opportunities, please contact Jeff Passetti at

jpassetti@stthereses-shavertown.com

Parish Prayer Breakfast (Sponsored by the Men's Faith-Sharing Group)

All men and women of the parish are invited to a parish prayer breakfast on **Saturday, November 8th from 8-9:30am** in Father Sammons Hall.

The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Please call the office to RSVP to ensure there is enough food for all to enjoy.

Diocese of Scranton Group Night with the Pens!

Join us for *Faith & Family Night!* Friday, November 14th and cheer on the Pens as they take on the Islanders. Gates open at 6pm & the puck drops at 7:05pm. Cost is Green Zone (\$25+fees) or Blue Zone (\$23+fees) To purchase tickets, visit: **www.dioceseofscranton.org**

Worship

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Mon. 9:00AM Living & Deceased Priests;
St. Therese's Altar & Rosary Society
Tues. 9:00AM Mass at St. Frances Cabrini
Wed. 9:00AM St. Therese's Altar & Rosary
Society
Thur. 9:00AM NO DAILY MASS
Fri. 9:00AM Peter G. Decker;
Wife & Children
Sat. 5:30PM All Souls
Sun. 8:00AM Helen Gattuso;
Kristin & Jim Gattuso
11:00AM Lea Sassi (birthday);
Sassi Family



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **John Perugino** from November 2 through November 8 at the request of Tony & Jean Servello.



The next meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society is being held on **November 5th** in Father Sammons Hall immediately following the 9:00AM Mass. This month's hostesses are Colleen Horvath and Barbara Alfano. All women of the parish are invited to attend!

Saint Therese's Free Legal Clinic

Please note: The clinic location is Father Sammons Hall (church basement)

Upcoming Dates:

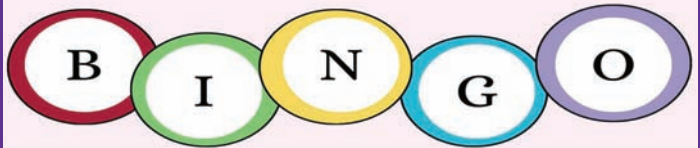
Nov 15 & 29 Dec 13 & 27

10am-12pm

Please Note: Choir rehearsal is changing from Thursday nights to **Sunday mornings @ 9:30AM** in the church starting **Nov. 9**. We invite anyone interested to join the music ministry of our parish.



Purse & Cash



The Holy Redeemer Parent/Teacher Association is holding a designer purse and cash bingo on Saturday, November 8th

at the Holy Redeemer High School Gym (159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., WB).

Doors open at 11:30am/games start at 1pm.

Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door.

There will be raffle baskets, 50/50, food & other specials!

(Please no outside food or drinks.)

<https://forms.gle/jLRUHxuNTSGNBHRB7>

Use the following link for advanced ticket sales.



Holiday Pastry Roll Sale

The John J. O'Leary Knights of Columbus Council #8224 is holding a pastry roll sale to raise funds for charitable events in our area. Your purchase helps us support many causes throughout the year including:

Coats for Kids - Ensuring children in the Back Mountain area have good warm jackets to wear all winter.

Support of Seminarians to assist them with their tuition, fees, and books.

Donations to Humanitarian causes brought on by natural disasters.

This year we have partnered with **Simply Delicious** and are offering new flavors including nut roll, poppyseed, cream cheese & raspberry, cream cheese & blueberry, cream cheese & pineapple, apricot, and prune. **The cost is only \$12 per roll.**

Orders will be taken through **November 16**.

Pick up will be at your choice of Gate of Heaven or St. Therese's parishes on

Saturday, November 22 from 1-4pm.

To place an order, please look for an order form in the vestibule or call the parish office at 570-696-1144.

Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, November 13

7:00pm

at St. Therese's Church

*Join us as we honor and pray for the
souls of our departed loved ones.*

*A light reception will follow in
Father Sammons Hall.*

*If you are unable to join us in-person, a
livestream of the Mass will be available on
the St. Therese's Church Facebook page.*



Please Note:

The parish office will be closing
at 12pm on Tuesday, November 4 and
at 1pm on Wednesday, November 5.
We apologize for any inconvenience.



Candle Sale Coming Soon!

Did you love those beautiful, cleaning-
burning, scented candles we sold last fall?
Starting next weekend (Nov. 8/9) we'll be
selling them again! Check back in next
week's bulletin for all the details.

Baptism

Hadley Rae Matello

Daughter of Stephen and Amanda

You are a precious child of God.

Welcome to your faith family!

Book of Remembrance



In addition to All Souls' Day, the entire
month of November is 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 inscribed with the names
of our deceased family and friends who
will be prayed for at all weekend Masses
during the month of November. To
include your loved one, 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.

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