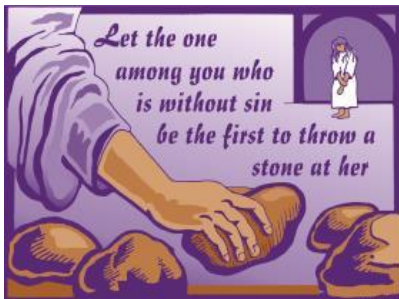


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## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

**FIRST READING**— The LORD does something new for the chosen people  
(Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**— The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy  
(Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

**SECOND READING:**— The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

**GOSPEL**— A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION-** SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

### **WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

MON	4/04	
TUES	4/05	5:30PM . . . . . Peel potatoes (please note time change) 7:00PM . . . . . Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	4/06	11:30AM . . . . . Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
THURS	4/07	7:30AM . . . . . Piroghi Project
FRI	4/08	10-1PM . . . . . Piroghi Sale 6:00PM . . . . . Stations of the Cross
SAT	4/09	10:00AM . . . . . Children Easter Breakfast 3:00PM . . . . . Confession
SUN	4/10	10:30AM . . . . . Holy Name Mass

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>)**

MON	4/04 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Intention Dantis	
TUES	4/05. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (B) Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie& Paul Nikonow)	
WED	4/06 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	(B) Nick Antanazzo . . . . .12:00PM . . . . .	+ Christian Mothers
THUR	4/07 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Genevieve Trotz – (Family)	
FRI	4/08 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Jack & Esther Sloan – (Helen Delic)	
SAT	4/09 . . . . .	4:00PM. . . . .	+ Peggy Murray – (Rose Reese)	
SUN	4/10 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Ed Spinda & Yvonne Homler) . . . . . 10:30AM. . . . .	+ Holy Name



Sunday April 3, 2022



**Stewardship Reflections** A clear theme emerges in all three readings this Sunday: when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

Our sins do not drive Him away from us, but rather to us, so that He can set us free from them. If you ever feel unworthy to be called His disciple, to serve in a ministry or tell others about your faith because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new, and go to tell others! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you. Living as baptized believers of stewardship will lead us to the gift of Eternal Life! (Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/3/28)

Time is running out! Place your order and payment in the collection basket **THIS WEEK** and mark Rada Sales. Please make check out to St Therese Christian Mothers. Orders should be delivered by the middle of April. **Please Note:** The meat shopper in page 14 is unavailable

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

(March 26<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup> 2022)

Weekly . . . . . \$ 2,842.75  
Building Fund . . . . . \$ ....34.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Michael Podvojsky**, who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Michael** and peace and consolation to his family.



**Stations of the Cross** - will be held every Friday during Lent at 6PM followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



**PIROGHI PROJECT**

**Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.**  
**Sign-up sheets:** Place your order after Mass on Saturday & Sunday on the sheets in vestibule.

- 1) Tuesday- peel potatoes **5:30 PM**  
(Please Note Time Change)
- 2) Thursday-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Due to the rising cost of our ingredients, we will be raising our piroghi price to **\$8.00.**



**Welcome New Sir Knights**

Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree for 2 members of council #10409 from St Therese was held on Saturday, March 26 at the American Legion Post 174 in Gallitzin. They are also new members of Assembly 954 All Saints Johnstown. It is with Pride we put forth the names of these Sir Knights:

**Daniel Hutchison**

**Charles Sorchilla**

**BASKET & BURGER BASH**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Burger & Basket Bash has been set for **July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**. We are asking again for Themed baskets at least \$25 in value. The next meeting will be on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to Get Involved!

**KOC Council #10409** - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30AM, due to the piroghi project.



**Our Catholic Ministries Drive -Forward In Faith-**  
The Catholic Ministries Drive—FORWARD IN FAITH has begun! Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! Commitment Cards can be placed in the collection basket at Church or mailed directly to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, PO Box 272, Altoona, PA 16603.



**Today is the final Day to sign up for the Children's Easter Breakfast and Party held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM,** (Parents & siblings are welcomed to come and eat.) Please complete the registration form found in the back of church and return no later than **TODAY April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



**The Christian Mothers are once again having their Spring Flea Market.** This year it will be held on May 6-7, 2022. The gathering dates are May 2-5, 2022. We would like to stress that this year we would like to call it a "Nearly New Flea Market" We must be very selective, as any items not sold will have to be delivered to Goodwill or SVdP by us. Therefore, we are asking that all items be in good, nearly new condition. No clothing or shoes please. Thank you so much and start saving now!

**Families and the Gospel..... (John 8: 1-11)  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!



If you are curious what the Knights of Columbus is about, you have the opportunity to come and witness a degree ceremony hosted by St. Therese Council #10409, inducting new candidates into the organization on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at noon. The ceremony will be held here at St. Therese. The new candidates will receive their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees during the ceremony, which will take approximately 45 minutes. The new Knights will learn about the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. There will be a social in the church basement following the ceremony to celebrate the new Knights. All are welcome to attend.

Any practicing Catholic man, 18 and older who might be interested in joining the Knights are encouraged to attend the ceremony and see what we are about. There will be Knights available during the social to answer any questions you may have regarding the Knights of Columbus.

**SUPPORT PRO-LIFE**

**ABORTION** - The Church teaches that human life begins at conception and that each unborn child possesses a soul created by God Himself. A guardian angel is assigned to every unborn human being, and there are saints to whom expectant mothers can turn for prayers and assistance. The patron saints of women in labor are St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the virgin martyr, St. Margaret. Women preparing to give birth, especially those who are undergoing a difficult pregnancy may also--- if they have already chosen names for the unborn child--- pray to the patron saints of their unborn child."



**"Some of the littlest things take up the most room in your heart"**



**St Ann Elizabeth Seton- FISH FRY...TAKE OUT ONLY!!! All Orders Must Be Phoned In at 814 467-7191** When ordering, please be patient and listen to the entire prompt menu. Please do not press "4" until you hear the prompt. During our Fish Fry, our phones line could be very busy. Please be patient if you hear a busy signal please try again. The office phone will not be accepting any orders or be answered during the Fish Fry Hours. Pick up will be at the 7th Street entrance (big brown doors) to the Church Hall. You will be given a pick-up time & order # when you phone in your order. Pick-up order times are spaced to comply with social distancing. To avoid any congestion in the entrance way, please be on time.

**VISITATION CHURCH**

**McKinley Avenue, 8th Ward Fish Fry Every Friday** during Lent except Good Friday 11:00AM to 6:00 PM  
Menu includes: 8oz. Haddock sandwich, coleslaw, choice of mac & cheese or fries and a beverage.  
**TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY! Call: 814-418-5017** to order

**ST FRANICS OF ASSISI**

We will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, April 8th from 2:00 - 6:00PM. We will take **phone orders on Monday, April 4th and Wednesday, April 6th from 9AM-1PM at (814)539-3518. NO PHONE ORDERS ON THE DAY OF THE FISH FRY**