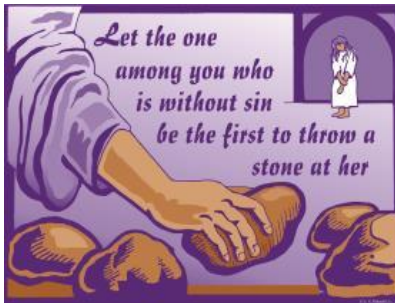


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April 3, 2022

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Today's Scripture Readings

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (April 4th - April 10th)

MON	04/04	7:00AM. . . .Intention Dantis
TUES	04/05	7:00AM. . . + William Mikesic - (Kathy Popchak)
WED	04/06	7:00AM. . . .Intention Dantis
THURS	04/07	NO MASS
FRI	04/08	7:00AM. . . .Intention Dantis
SAT	04/09	5:30PM. . . .Pro Populo
SUN	04/10	9:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek - (Hank & Ester Verhovsek Hughes)



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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)

The annual Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries through which people are accompanied in their journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons in our diocese who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and your help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope.

The target for Saint Anne's is \$7,698. Any gifts received beyond our parish target will be sent back to the church.

The Commitment cards were mailed last week. If you didn't receive one there are extra envelopes in the back of church. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org/giving.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(March 26th & 27th 2022)**

Weekly	\$ 1,389.50
Rice Bowls	\$ 39.36
Catholic Relief	\$ 50.00
Ukraine Relief	\$ 867.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



Continue to Save for the Flea Market!!!

The Christian Mothers Flea Market will be held on May 13th & 14th.

Donations may be dropped off before & after weekend masses or after daily mass.

Additional dates & times:

- Friday - April 8 – 4-7PM
- Tuesday - April 19 – 10AM-2PM
- Thursday - April 28 – 4-7PM
- Sunday -- May 1st – 11AM – 1PM

No big or broken appliances or grills. Clothing, especially children's, will be accepted.



Stations of the Cross....will be held every Friday during Lent at **6:40AM before the 7:00AM Mass**. We hope you join us in prayer.

Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting – will be held **TODAY Sunday, April 3.** All are welcome!

The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting this Tuesday, **April 5th** at 7PM in the St Therese Church Hall.



Bishop Mark will be the Presider at three Diocesan Lenten Communal Penance Services

- Tuesday, April 5, at 7PM at Church of the Good Shepherd, State College
- Wednesday, April 6, at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
- Thursday, April 7, at 6:30pm at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown.

Many priests from local parishes will be there to hear Confessions. All are welcome! We especially encourage all our families and students to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during this holy Season of Lent



Easter Flowers -- If you would like to donate an Easter Lilly for the altar in memory of a loved one, envelopes are available in your box or in the back of church.



Children's Easter Breakfast and Party

Today is the final Day to sign up for the **Children's Easter Breakfast and Party** held on **Saturday, April 9th 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 3rd**.



Today is the deadline to order Rada cutlery from the Christian Mothers.. Orders with payment must be received by **Sunday, April 3**. Catalogs with order forms are in the back of church.

You may order by:

- 1) Handing your order to any Christian Mother

Make checks payable to St. Anne's Christian Mothers.
Contact Marie Olshefski at (814) 266-8786

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 phone 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 11AM to 6 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 Therese Lenten Piroghi Project –

continues this week.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: Place your order after Mass on Saturday & Sunday on the sheets in the back of church. Pick up your order on Friday from 10AM to 1PM at the Social Hall. **Due to the rising cost of ingredients the price is now \$8/dozen.**



KOC Seminarian Fund Ticket

KOC are selling Seminarian Tickets for the month of June. Cost is \$20. Winning number determined by the Pick 3 of the PA Lottery drawing at 7PM. Call Dennis Pingatore @ -814-535-6833 to purchase a ticket.

Families and the Gospel

John 8: 1-11

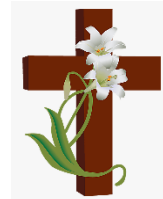
Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

ABORTION: "Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity"

*"Babies are bits of stardust,
blown down from the hand of God"*



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Family Ritual

There is so much going on in the world. Our children will be aware of it, even if they may not understand it completely. Be careful about watching or looking up news around your children, as too much of this may cause anxiety. When they do express concerns, listen and respond compassionately, and make sure to pray with your children about them. Like St. Therese, teach them to make little acts of love to improve the world to surmount the problems we face. Make time to play with your children, as they need this. And as the celebration of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord draws near, remind your children that our Christian faith shows that there is hope no matter what happens.