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February 19, 2023

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

PSALM: Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

SECOND READING: You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

GOSPEL: Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, Feb 25th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Feb 26th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Pat Wess

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (Feb 20th - Feb 26th)

MON	02/20	NO MASS
TUES	02/21	7:00AM . . + Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
WED	02/22	7:00AM . . + Rich Poplinski - (Dodi Baumgardner)
THURS	02/23	NO MASS
FRI	02/24	7:00AM . . + Theresa Ryba - (Al & Bill Kozak)
SAT	02/25	5:30PM For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara Voci)
SUN	02/26	9:00AM . . + Helen Tomkoski - (Bill & Bunny Mishler)

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Stewardship Reflections:

In the ancient passage from Leviticus, we find practical instruction in how to be Christian stewards, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." The first few verses of our second reading give us a reminder that the call to holiness is possible because we have the Holy Spirit already dwelling within us! Giving away the best of our time, our talents and treasure to God appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

Matthew gives illustrations of extreme actions of how we should give of ourselves and our things. Jesus teaches that these kinds of actions and attitude will make us "children of [our] Heavenly Father." If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you are probably doing it right in God's eyes. You will have a peace that the world around you desperately needs. With God's grace and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life. *Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
Feb 11th & Feb 12th, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,386.80
Fuel	\$ 5.00
Monthly	\$ 30.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 15.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Holy Land	\$ 5.00
Lenten Offer	\$ 5.00
1st Offer	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 10.00

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!



The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party

will be held on **April 16th**. Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money for items should contact Denise at 814-915-0470. Baskets can be dropped off at any Mass beginning in March.



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **this weekend, Feb 18 & 19** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this month! **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

Hope to see you there

Daily Mass Schedule for February

Tuesday & Friday 7:00AM

**No Masses on Monday/Wednesday/Thursday
Ash Wednesday – Mass & Ashes at 7AM
Only**

Ash Wednesday -- We begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday, **Feb 22nd**. Distribution of Ashes will only be after the 7AM morning Mass.



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Fasting and Abstinence

Wednesday, Feb 22nd, when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (the Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday,

April 15nd are days of **fast and abstinence** along with **all Fridays during lent**. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those 18 years until their 60th year.

Lenten Reading Material --- is available in the back of the Church. Please use these booklets to help you **through your Lenten journey!**



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.

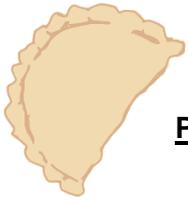
Rectory Office Access Closed

Due to the sewer work at the rectory and in the office, **the office will be closed to walk in traffic this week, Feb 20-24**. For emergencies, please call the office before stopping, by arrangements can be made for access. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mandeville Collection – will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd. This appeal supports the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Your generosity gives hope to those who face the challenges of poverty in their daily lives. There are envelopes in your boxes.



KOC are selling Seminarian Tickets for the month of June. Cost is \$20.00. Winning number determined by the Pick 3 of the PA Lottery drawing at 7PM. Call Dennis Pingatore @ 814-535-6833 to purchase a ticket



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project – begins the week Feb 23rd and will continue for six weeks.
Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: will be available each week beginning the weekend of Feb 18-19 in the back of church. Pick up your order on Fridays from 10AM to Noon in the Social Hall. **Cost is \$8/dozen**



April Showers Special
 Benefits: St. Therese Church-Decker Ave.
 Winning Number Pays on First Pick 3 Drawing at 7pm
 Not eligible for Wild Ball or Bonus Drawing

Saturday, April 15, 2023
 One Complete Roll of Each
 \$20, \$10 and \$5 PA Lottery Scratch Off Tickets
 Plus - \$1,000.00

Not responsible for typographical errors. All unsold tickets become the property of St. Therese Church. Donation \$10.00
 Void after 30 days
 SGC# - 22-298

Take a chance on **Lottery Scratch Off Tickets plus \$1000.00**

Winning number determined by the Pick 3 drawing at 7PM Saturday, April 15th.

One complete Roll of each \$20, \$10 and \$5 PA lottery Scratch off Tickets, plus \$1,000.00. **Cost is \$10.**

See Eleanor or call or stop by the rectory office **during regular business hours 9-2PM ONLY**, to make arrangements to pick them up.

Community News & Events

Ash Wednesday Distribution around town

St Therese – 7:50AM & 5:00PM

St Clements- 9:30AM & 6:30PM

St. Francis – 9:00AM & 5:30PM

St John Gualbert

7:00AM, 12:05PM, & 6:00PM

St Patrick- 9:00AM & 6:00PM



Craft Show St. Clement Church will host their 2nd Annual Spring Ahead Craft Show on **Saturday, February 25, 9am-2pm and Sunday, February 26, 11am-3pm.** Candles, jewelry, hand-knitted, sewn, household and personalized items, jams, jellies, etc. will be available at the sale. They will also have hot food, a bake sale and beverages available for purchase. The event also includes a 50/50 drawing and basket raffle. All are welcome

MAINTENANCE MAN – St. Francis of Assisi is looking for a Maintenance man to do day-today upkeep at the Activity Building, Church, Rectory and former Convent. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office at (814)539-1632. It's a part-time job opportunity. Diocesan clearances for protecting God's Children is necessary.



The Church of the Transfiguration will be offering a delicious Swiss Steak Dinner take-out only on Sunday, Feb 19, 2023 from 10am-2:00PM at our school hall, 209 Third St, Conemaugh. Dinner includes a Delicious Swiss Steak in its own gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, salad and dessert. Cost is only \$13 each. They go fast so come early.



ST. Francis of Assisi, Johnstown will hold a **Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22** from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Activity Center. Eat in or take-out. Takeout orders can be placed on Tues., Feb. 21 and Wed., Feb. 22 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM by calling 814-539-3518. Meals will be served while supplies last!

Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill Fish Fries will be held on the following Fridays during Lent Feb 24, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and Good Friday April 7th from 4-6:30PM at the New Germany Grove Hall NO Phone orders
 Dine -in now open Adults \$15.00 Children 6-11 \$7.50 and under 6 Free
 Fish sandwich Meal \$8.00 includes Baked Potato and cole slaw.

Thank you for your continued support!

St Ann Elizabeth Seton- FISH FRY...Friday Feb 24th TAKE OUT ONLY!!! All Orders Must Be Phoned In! No Orders will be taken at the Church!!! 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. We will follow the same format as last year's Fish Frys. 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.

The West End Improvement Group will host an **ACTIVE Assault Community Training Demonstration on Feb 28th** at Grace Lutheran Church, 246 Chandler Ave, beginning at 6PM. Corporal Thomas Owens with the Stonycreek Township Police and former Commander of Cambria County SERT will be the event instructor. What should you do if you are ever faced with an active shooter situation? Join us and learn things that could save your life. Event is free and open to the public. For questions, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558.



Families and the Gospel (Matthew 5: 38-48)
Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.

Open your hearts to life!



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

Support Pro-Life



ABORTION: "For all mothers, especially those who are young or alone, beaten or addicted, that God might heal their broken hearts and seal that with His Love.

We Pray to the Lord

What Should You Give Up (or Add In) for Lent?

Things to Give Up Grudges * The Need to be in Control * Lazy Habits * Excuses * Gossip * Jealousy * Fear of Failure * Judging Others * Pessimism * Complaining * Anger * Pride * Lying * Pornography * Facebook * Swearing * Procrastination * TV * Intolerance * Only Talking to God When You Need Something * Wastefulness * Online Trolling * Your Comfort Zone * Overscheduling * Clothes You Do Not Wear * Trying to Make Everyone Happy * Assumptions

Things to Add In Attend Stations of the Cross * Go to Daily Mass * Write a Note to Someone Who Has Made a Difference in Your Life * Pray the Rosary Every Day * Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation * Help an Elderly Neighbor * Write to Nursing Home Residents * Cook a Meal for Someone * Volunteer to be an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter or Altar Server * Watch EWTN * Pray for Strangers * Thank Someone Every Day * Buy an "Extra" to Give Away * Send an Anonymous Gift to Someone * Get Involved in Parish Activities * Keep a Gratitude Journal * Read Spiritual Books and Literature *

**For every act of mercy, love, forgiveness and care, we receive the same.
Luke 6:36-38**

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.