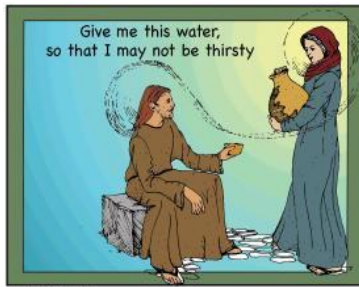


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## Third Sunday of Lent

**March 12, 2023**

**FIRST READING:** When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**PSALM:** Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

**SECOND READING:** God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**GOSPEL:** Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	03/12	10:30AM . . . . Holy Name Mass & Rosary
MON	03/13	
TUES	03/14	8:00AM . . . . Peeling Potato's
WED	03/15	
THURS	03/16	8:00AM . . . . Lenten Piroghi Project
FRI	03/17	10-12PM . . . . Piroghi Pick-up 4:00PM . . . . Stations of the Cross
SAT	03/18	3:00PM . . . . CONFESSION
SUN	03/19	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 13<sup>th</sup>– March 19<sup>th</sup>)

MON	3/13. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Christy Carpenter – (Tom Dadey)
TUES	3/14. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	.Sr. Kiera O.C.D.
WED	3/15. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Intention Dantis
THUR	3/16. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ William Kolega – (Al & Marian Wassil)
FRI	3/17. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Teresa Lill – (James Bobby)
SAT	3/18 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Theresa Conway – (Linda Burns)
SUN	3/19. . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ (A) John Jedrzejek – (Wife, Florence & Family)
		. . . 10:30AM. . . . .	+ Donna Stefanik – (Rose Obarsky)

## Sunday March 12, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Jacob's well is a very important part of the Old Testament and New Testament belief in God's providence. It has provided water for people of the Holy Land since the time of Abraham. The conversion of the Samaritan woman after her personal encounter with Jesus Christ is an example of God's unifying love. She is transformed by faith to take action.

More than 844 million people did not have access to safe water even in the year 2020. This continues to cause dehydration, disease from lack of sanitation, and political turmoil. As good stewards and caretaker of the earth you and your entire family can take time to become more aware of the amount of water that you use daily and take action to eliminate wasteful habits. Every small act can contribute to big steps of change. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 4<sup>th</sup> & March 5<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 4,609.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 815.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 1.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$ 137.00

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



### Benefit George/Mike Ferrante Family

A spaghetti dinner will be held on  
**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

in the St. Therese Church Social Hall,  
to benefit the **George/Mike Ferrante Family**.

Mike has been hospitalized since January with a serious medical condition. You can purchase your tickets in advance for **only \$10.00** after each Mass. Dinner includes: Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, roll & butter, beverage, and dessert. You can eat in, take out or both! There will also be 50/50 tickets and a small basket raffle. All winners will be called following the spaghetti dinner. Prizes can be picked up the same day until 6:00 PM in the church hall or at the rectory the following week. All proceeds will benefit the Ferrante family to help with transportation cost and medical expenses.

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 10409.**



**Stations of the Cross** - will be held every Friday during Lent at 4PM except Good Friday



Take a chance on  
**Lottery Scratch Off Tickets plus \$1000.00**  
Winning number determined by the Pick 3 drawing at 7PM Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
One complete Roll of each \$20, \$10 and \$5 PA lottery Scratch off Tickets, plus \$1,000.00. **Cost is \$10.**

### Lenten Piroghi Project - Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

**Sign-up sheets:** Place your order before or after Mass on Saturday & Sunday on the sheets in vestibule or you can call on Mondays at 814-539-7633 from 9-12PM. Pick up will be on Fridays at the Social Hall from 10-12.

### Schedule for Piroghi Project

- 1) Tuesdays- potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-8:00AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

**VOLUNTEER**

*All that's missing is **U**!*

If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!! New volunteers are always welcomed!!**



**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.

**Holy Name Mass** will be held today Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM. Immediately following the Mass, the Holy Name will be leading Rosary intentions are for The Ferrante Family.



### Children's Easter Breakfast and Party

The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM**, sponsored by the KOC Council #10409 and the Christian Mothers, for children 12 and under. (Parents & siblings are welcomed to come and eat.) Please complete the registration form found in the back of church and return no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>  
See you there!

Due to the price increase of our 6 Day candles, we are raising the cost to \$3.00 a candle.



There is a meeting scheduled for **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM** in the church basement to discuss the "Summer Bash" & Basket Party fundraiser in July. All are welcome to attend!



**The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party** will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$5 for 25 basket chances and includes cake & coffee. Additional tickets and food will also be available for purchase.



### Annual Great McCort Auction Cash Giveaway Ticket Sales

**This Weekend, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**, students from Bishop McCort Catholic High School Girls' Basketball Team will be selling Cash Giveaway tickets after mass to benefit the Great McCort Auction. **Tickets are \$10** each and prizes total \$5,000. Funds raised through this event provide much needed funding for extra-curricular activities, your support is appreciated.



## Community News & Events



The **66th St. Andrew Church Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague** will begin on **Sunday, March 12, 2023**, at 7:00PM and will continue every evening until Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church beginning at 6PM. There will be Confessions after Mass every night. Please join us!



### Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill

**Fish Fries** will be held on the following Fridays during Lent March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Elizabeth Ann Seton, Windber

**FISH FRY... TAKE OUT ONLY!** You must PHONE your order in. When ordering, please be patient and listen to the entire prompt menu. Do not press "4" until you hear the prompt. During our Fish Fry, our phones are very busy. Please be patient if you hear a busy signal and try again. The office phone will not be answered during the Fish Fry Hours and no messages will be returned. 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. Phones will be answered beginning at 9:00 am on Fish Fry Fridays. Calling early will enable you to pick a convenient time for your order. Pick-up order times are scheduled to provide social distancing. To avoid any congestion in the church entrance way, please be on time.

Thank you.





### **Bishop Dispenses Obligation to Abstain from Meat on Saint Patrick's Day**

The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, is granting a dispensation from the obligation of Catholics in the diocese to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Feast of Saint Patrick.

Bishop Bartchak requests that any Catholic in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who chooses to accept this dispensation should perform some other act of penance in its place. The choice of such penance is to be determined by the individual. The Bishop recommends that the penance reflect the spirit of Lent, that is, acts of prayer or charity to the poor.

Catholics who choose to observe the traditional Lenten abstinence from meat on that day are not required to perform any other penitential acts.

Saint Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland and is the patron saint of that country. His feast day is one of celebration in the Catholic Church and throughout secular culture.



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

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

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Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg is sponsoring a Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Vincent Lampert, Exorcist for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He is also pastor of St. Peter and St. Michael Parishes in Brookville, Indiana. The mission will take place on **Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14 at 7:00 P.M.** in the church Fr. Lampert will be giving two seminars on his work as an exorcist and will be available for a question-and-answer period. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Families and the Gospel - (John: 4: 5-42)**

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

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### **Prayer for the Faithful by Saint Patrick**

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
- Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!

May Thy Grace, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.

### **THE 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE,**

**Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive - TOGETHER WE SERVE.** 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.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties- and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. We are challenged to open our eyes and see those in our midst that bring hope to life through their time and talent in serving community through the 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive.

If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend, or you can send it in the mail or make an online gift at [www.dioceseaj.org/giving](http://www.dioceseaj.org/giving)

**Our target amount for St Therese for 2023 is \$21,083.**