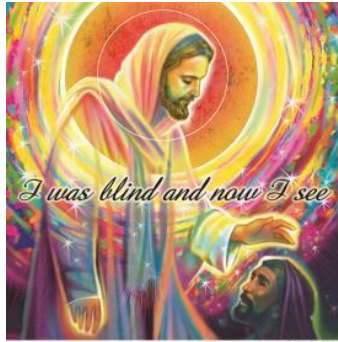


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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

FIRST READING: As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

PSALM: My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

SECOND READING: You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

GOSPEL: The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	03/19	11:00AM . . . Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Social Hall
MON	03/20	
TUES	03/21	8:00AM Peeling Potato's
WED	03/22	
THURS	03/23	8:00AM Lenten Piroghi Project
FRI	03/24	10-12PM Piroghi Pick-up 4:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	03/25	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	03/26	10:30AM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 20th– March 26th)

MON	3/20. 7:50AM. + Thomas Friedman – (Joyce Myers)
TUES	3/21. 7:50AM. + (B) Mary Ann Baldwin – (Brother, Joe
WED	3/22. 7:50AM. + James Marshall – (Aunt Doris & Uncle John)
THUR	3/23. 7:50AM + Betty Quinn – (Joe & Marilyn Yeager)
FRI	3/24. 7:50AM + Mother John of the Cross O.C.D.
SAT	3/25 4:00PM + (B) Bernie Forgas – (Daughter Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	3/26. 7:30AM. + Thomas Friedman – (Joseph Kresefsky) . . . 10:30AM. + Pavlosky & Dukery Families – (Family)

Sunday March 19, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: The curing of the Blind Man gave hope to the community that they were deserving of God's love no matter what their circumstance. Reflect on the words of Pope Francis this week, "To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring warmth of hope!" (Pope Francis, March 19, 2013)

May I be the light in the darkness of this world by generously sharing my time, my talents, and all of my resources, in the name of Jesus. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 11th & March 12th 2023)

Weekly	\$ 4,425.00
Building Fund	\$ 232.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 158.00

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
TODAY Sunday, March 19th
from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
in the St. Therese Church Social Hall,
to benefit the George/Mike Ferrante Family.



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



Children's Easter Breakfast and Party

The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday, April 1st 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 26th**



We have a few tickets left for the April Showers 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.**

Tickets can be purchased before Mass or stop by the rectory office during business hours 9-2PM.

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.

V O L N T E E R

*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.

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 26th** at 6PM in the church basement to discuss the "Summer Bash" & Basket Party fundraiser in July. All are welcome to attend!



The St Anne's Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party will be held on April 16th. 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.

Community News & Events



St Francis of Assisi Fish Fry will be held on **Friday, March 24th from 2:00PM until 6:00PM** at the Activity Center located at the corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. Takeout orders can be placed on Thursday, March 23rd and, Friday, March 24th from 9:00AM until 1:00PM by calling 814-539-3518. We are now offering Dine-In as well. Meals will be served while supplies last!

Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill

Fish Fries will be held on the following Fridays during Lent March 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 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.

The **Church of the Transfiguration** will be offering a **delicious Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner take out and Eat-In, on Sunday, March 26th from 10-2PM** at our school Hall on 219 Third Street, Conemaugh.

Dinner includes a Delicious Stuffed Pork Chop dinner, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, applesauce, and dessert. Cost is only \$13 each.

They go fast so come early.



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

ABORTION - When they tell you that abortion is a matter just between a woman and her doctor...they are forgetting someone (the child). There are alternatives to abortion. There must be.

Families and the Gospel - (John: 9: 1-41)

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

Congratulations and Best of Luck to our own **Mia Jordan (Ms. Cambria County)**. Mia will be completing for **Ms. Pennsylvania USA** on April 15th & 16th 2023. Mia is currently enrolled at Penn State University Main Campus majoring in economics, and is also a member of the Army Reserves and a member of the ROTC at Penn State.



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

**THE 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE,
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

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

Young Adult Group (18-35): Are you or anyone you know a young adult seeking to grow in faith and be part of a likeminded community? The Greater Johnstown Young Adult Group presents the solution: Theology on Tap! Events are free of charge with food/drink available for purchase. Meetings will include prayer, a guest speaker, group discussion, and fellowship. We will meet the last Wednesday of every month from 6-8pm beginning March 29th - just in time for Easter - at the Boulevard Grill located at 165 Southmont Blvd, Johnstown in their Atrium room upstairs. Our first speaker will be V. Rev. Matthew Baum speaking on the Resurrection. All young adults aged 18-35 are welcome! Bring a friend! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com. Space is limited so please RSVP. If you cannot attend, please pray for us. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

