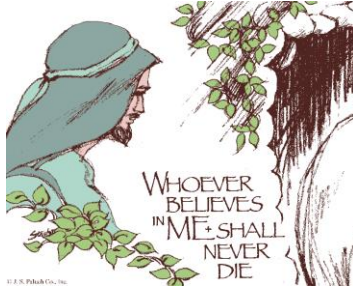


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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

FIRST READING: Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

PSALM: The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

SECOND READING: If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

GOSPEL: Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	03/27	
TUES	03/28	8:00AM Peeling Potato's
WED	03/29	
THURS	03/30	8:00AM Lenten Piroghi Project
FRI	03/31	10-12PM Piroghi Pick-up 4:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	04/01	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	04/02	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 27th– April 2nd)

MON	3/27. 7:50AM. + William Kolega – (Jane Hanechak)
TUES	3/28. 7:50AM. + Intention Dantis
WED	3/29. 7:50AM. + Kevin Gritzer – (William Zimmerman)
THUR	3/30. 7:50AM + Teresa Lill (3 month mind) – (Rose Reese)
FRI	3/31. 7:50AM + Thomas Delic – (Marilyn & Denny Alberter)
SAT	4/01 4:00PM + (A) Michael Macy – (Wife & Children)
SUN	4/02. 7:30AM. + James Marshall – (Mom & Family) . . . 10:30AM. + Dolores Opacic – (Daughter, Elizabeth)

Sunday March 26, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Jesus answered Martha's prayers on His own terms, not hers. Yet the outcome is much more than she could have imagined. If we are to be good stewards and protectors of the gifts God has given, we must begin by spending more time with God. It is a belief that in those moments when we most struggle, Jesus is there with us. We must listen for God's help, so that in turn we are able to assist someone else who may be suffering. We need to give our time through prayerful listening.

May each of us, use our time as treasure to help build his kingdom on earth. May we have the courage to fulfill our role in the Divine Plan according to God's will by "loving our neighbor as ourself." Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 18th & March 19th 2023)

Weekly	\$ 4,616.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 55.00

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 **Nancy Schultz** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Nancy** and peace and consolation to her family.



The Ferrante Family would like to extend their heartfelt thank you and appreciation to everyone who attended the spaghetti dinner to benefit our family. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and by the number of people who came over to talk with us. To those who donated money, baskets, baked cakes, cooked the delicious dinner, worked in the kitchen, sold tickets, cut cakes, handed out beverages, served and cleaned up...thank you. You all made this event a success. Thanks also to St. Therese Church and the pierogi project family for making the social hall available to us. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus 10409 for organizing this event and making sure everything ran smoothly. You really do live by the principles of the Knights—charity, unity and fraternity. With much love, George, Mary, Mike and George Jr. Ferrante.

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 **TODAY 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 pierogi.

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

V O L U N T E E R

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



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



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.



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

The **Church of the Transfiguration** will be offering a **delicious Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner take out and Eat-In, TODAY, Sunday, March 26th** form 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.

MOM'S HOUSE INC. OF JOHNSTOWN Invites you to Trivia Night, **Wednesday, March 29** at the Boulevard Grill. Doors open at 5:00 PM. First question is at 6:00 PM. Admission includes food, drinks, & dessert. Teams of up to 8 people - \$25/person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegra or Rose at 814-535-4848 for team registration or more information.



Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill Fish Fries will be held on the following Fridays during Lent March 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.



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

ABORTION - The child is a human being, made in the image and likeness of God. We will be judged on how we have treated the least powerful among us, and on how we have loved the least. It all belongs to Him and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Families and the Gospel - (John: 11: 1-45)

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.



**Westmont Presbyterian Church
Friday April 7, 7:30**

Come join us for a very moving and inspirational Tenebrae experience

Conducted by Composer

Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Reception follows

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

During the season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to seek God's healing and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following is a schedule of Communal Penance Services.

Tuesday, March 28 5:00PM St Clements

6:00PM SS Gregory & Barnabas, Daisytown

Wednesday, March 29 6:30 PM Holy Name, Ebensburg

5:30PM Visitation of the BVM, 8th Ward

Thursday, March 30 6:00 PM St. John Gualbert Cathedral

Monday, April 3 5:00 PM St. Benedict Church, Johnstown

**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.