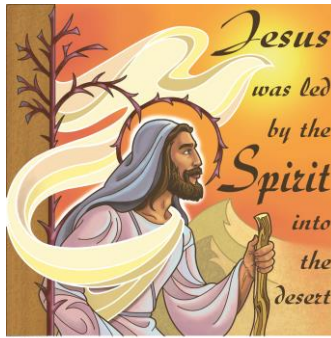


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## Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

FIRST READING: The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a).

PSALM: We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

SECOND READING God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

GOSPEL: Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	03/05	
MON	03/06	
TUES	03/07	8:00AM . . . . Peeling Potato's
WED	03/08	
THURS	03/09	8:00AM . . . . Lenten Piroghi Project
FRI	03/10	10-12PM . . . . Piroghi Pick-up 4:00PM . . . . Stations of the Cross
SAT	03/11	3:00PM . . . . CONFESSION
SUN	03/12	10:30AM Holy Name Mass

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 6<sup>th</sup>– March 12<sup>th</sup>)

MON	3/06. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Christy Carpenter – (David & Terri Radnotti)
TUES	3/07. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
WED	3/08. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ William Kolega – (Tim & Linda Farabaugh)
THUR	3/09. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Betty Quinn – (Joe & Mary Driggs)
FRI	3/10. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ (B) Joe Girgos – (Mike Delich)
SAT	3/11 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ (B) William Mikesic – (Mike Butler)
SUN	3/12. . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Richard & Catherine Huss – (Daughter, Terri & David)
		. . . 10:30AM. . . . .	+ Holy Name

## Sunday March 6, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Christian stewards, are offered the motivation to continue their 40-day journey toward deeper holiness on this Second Sunday of Lent. Abraham recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. In the Transfiguration of Jesus, the apostles who witnessed the true glory of God were awestruck as God spoke, "Listen to Him." The Lord reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," and "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines and extra acts of service as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 25<sup>th</sup> & Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 4,109.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 12.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$ 501.00

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. Pick up will be on Fridays at the Social Hall from 10-12. Extra piroghis will be sold then. **First come first served. While supplies last.**

### 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.



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.

**KOC Council #10409** - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Holy Name Mass will be held 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.



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> starting at 1PM. 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

Next Week, 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



### Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill

**Fish Fries** will be held on the following Fridays during Lent March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** as a drive-thru & take-out dinner. 11AM - until sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings \$14.00. Hope you enjoy and thanks for your support!



### 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!



*"Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* —  
Matthew 20:26-28

## SUPPORT PRO-LIFE



"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."



### 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.

### New Family Ritual

Instead of giving up something this Lent, families are encouraged to add something to the lives of others. Some suggestions may include a weekly visit to an elderly person, bringing a fish dinner to a shut-in, inviting a young family to a Christian family movie night held at home or perhaps having the courage to share the love of God to someone who desperately needs it!

### Families and the Gospel - (Matthew: 17: 1-9)

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming



### Spring Forward, Next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### Act of Contrition

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

Amen

### THE 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE,

**TOGETHER WE SERVE, LAUNCHES THROUGHOUT OUR DIOCESE THIS WEEKEND.** The annual Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries through which people in our Diocese are accompanied on their faith 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. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives this week and return your pledge card either through the mail or in next weekend's offertory. The year 2023 is a time for everyone to reflect on how we can best serve our Church, and taking part in our Catholic Ministries Drive is a great way to start, because **TOGETHER WE SERVE**. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries. **Our target amount for St Therese for 2023 is \$21,083.**