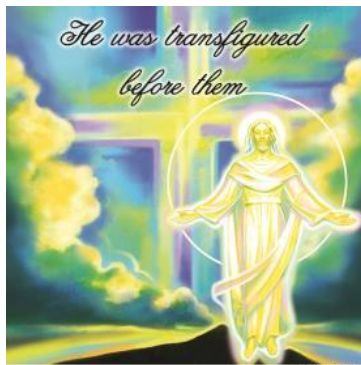


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March 5, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Scripture Readings

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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, March 11th	9:00 AM	Sunday, March 12th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Linda Lopez

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (March 6th - March 12th)

MON	03/06	NO MASS
TUES	03/07	7:00AM . . . + Anna Christian - (Husband, Bob)
WED	03/08	NO MASS
THURS	03/09	NO MASS
FRI	03/10	7:00AM . . . + Theresa Ryba - (Kathy & Don Magliocchetti)
SAT	03/11	5:30PM . . . + William Kolega - (Tim & Linda Farabaugh)
SUN	03/12	9:00AM . . . + Rich Poplinski - (Bunny & Bill Mishler)

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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. (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2013/01/31)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

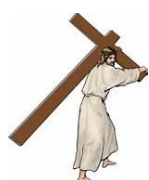
Feb 25th & Feb 26th, 2023

Collection:

Weekly		\$ 1,307.80
Monthly		\$ 3.00
Ash Wednesday		\$ 217.00
Lent		\$ 15.00
Black & Indian	\$	60.00
1 st Offer	\$	20.00

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!

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.

Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting – will be held today, Sunday, March 5th.

Everyone is welcome to stop down and join in the meeting.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting this Tuesday, March 7th at 7PM in the St Therese Church Hall.

Happy MARCH Birthday Wishes to Marietta Strelnik (March 4) and George Soika (March 12). I missed including them on our list this month. My apologies!



The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party will

be held on April 16th starting at 12 Noon. Tickets are \$5 for 25 basket chances and include cake & coffee. Additional tickets and food will also be available for purchase.

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.

It's Not too Late to Donate!!!



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



Benefit George/Mike Ferrante Family

A spaghetti dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 19th**

from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

in the St. Therese Church 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.



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project

– began Feb 23rd and will continue for six weeks.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

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



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



The 66th St. Andrew Church Annual Novena to the Infant of Prague will begin on Sunday, March 12 at 7 PM and will continue every evening until Monday, March 20 at 7 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the

Church beginning at 6 PM. There will be Confessions after Mass every night. Please join us!

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 12th** 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!

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.

Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill

Fish Fries will be held on the following Fridays during Lent 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!



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



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

ABORTION: Pope Francis spoke out strongly on abortion, denouncing it as a product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the "throwaway culture", which has totally enslaved the hearts and minds of so many" and stating that **"every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord"**



Spring Forward, Next Sunday, March 12th



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!

Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



March 7th

March 18th – 19th

March 19th

April 16th

KOC Meeting 7PM at St. Therese Church Hall

Coffee & Donuts & March Birthday Celebration

Spaghetti Dinner at St Therese to Benefit the Ferrante Family

Christian Mothers Basket Party

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 Anne's for 2023 is \$7,682.**

All contributions received beyond our parish target will be returned and used for projects here at St. Anne's. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gifts go directly to these ministries!
