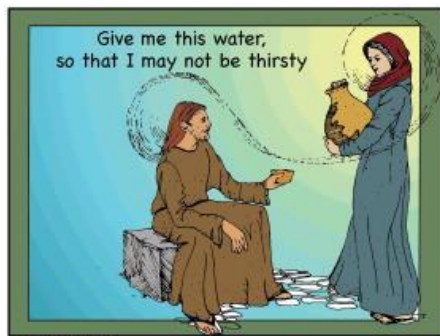


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March 12, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Scripture Readings

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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, March 18th	9:00 AM	Sunday, March 19th
Lector:	Volunteer	Lector:	Pat Wess

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (March 13th - March 19th)

MON	03/13	NO MASS
TUES	03/14	7:00AM . . . + Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
WED	03/15	NO MASS
THURS	03/16	NO MASS
FRI	03/17	7:00AM Intention Dantis
SAT	03/18	5:30PM Sr. Miriam Elise of the Visitation O.C.D.
SUN	03/19	9:00AM . . . + Holy Souls of Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)

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.

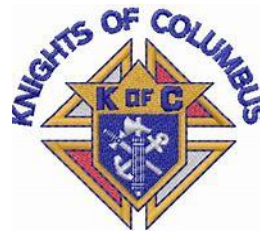
More than 844 million people did not have access to safe water even in the year 2020. This continues to cause dehydration, disease from lack of sanitation, and political turmoil. As good stewards and caretaker of the earth you and your entire family can take time to become more aware of the amount of water that you use daily and take action to eliminate wasteful habits. Every small act can contribute to big steps of change (*Stewardship Reflection*, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2013/01/31)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS March 4th & March 5th, 2023

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,533.40
Monthly	\$ 74.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00
Lent	\$ 65.00
Black & Indian	\$ 15.00
1 st Offer	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00

*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!*



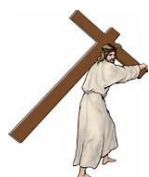
KOC are selling Seminarian Tickets for the month of June. Cost is \$20.00. Winning number determined by the Pick 3 of the PA Lottery drawing at 7PM. Call Dennis Pingatore @ 814-535-6833 to purchase a ticket



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.



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.



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**

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

See you there!



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.

The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party



will be held on April 16th. Doors open 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!!!

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!

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!

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.

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.



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

Support Pro-Life

ABORTION: "If it isn't a baby, then you aren't pregnant, right? Wrong. It is a baby at conception. God knitted that baby exactly the way HE wanted it to be, using your womb as it's temporary home. It is not our choice to end the life of another human being. Who are we to decide if a baby lives or dies? We were all formed in our mother's wombs. It is selfish and hypocritical, because GOD formed you with nothing but LOVE, just like that baby we think we have the right to speak for."

---Karissa Green---



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.



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.



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."

Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



March 18th – 19th
March 19th
April 16th

Coffee & Donuts & March Birthday Celebration
Spaghetti Dinner at St Therese to Benefit the Ferrante Family
Christian Mothers Basket Party

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

. St. Anne's amount 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!
