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March 19, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Scripture Readings

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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, March 25th	9:00 AM	Sunday, March 26th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Denise Lakatos

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (March 20th - March 19th)

MON	03/20	NO MASS
TUES	03/21	7:00AM Intention Dantis
WED	03/22	NO MASS
THURS	03/23	NO MASS
FRI	03/24	7:00AM . . . + (B) Rich Poplinski - (Wife & Son)
SAT	03/25	5:30PM For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara Voci)
SUN	03/26	9:00AM . . . +Theresa Ryba- (Bernadine Mishler)

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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.

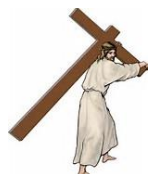
(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/02/14)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS March 11th & 12th, 2023

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,310.00
Monthly	\$ 53.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Lent	\$ 166.00
Black & Indian	\$ 5.00
1 st Offer	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00

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!



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.



Children's Easter Breakfast and Party

The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday,**

April 1st at 10:00 AM in the St. Therese Church Hall, sponsored by KOC Council #10409 and 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!

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.



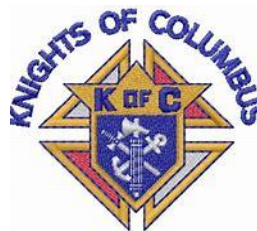
Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money for items should contact Denise at 814-915-0470. Baskets can be dropped off at any Mass beginning in March.

It's Not too Late to Donate!!!



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **this weekend, Mar 18 & 19** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this month! **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

The Christian Mother's will soon be selling chances on a **new Sony Bravia TV**. Watch the bulletin for additional information on when tickets will be available.



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 **TODAY**
Sunday, March 19th

from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
in the St. Therese Social Hall,
to benefit the George/Mike Ferrante Family.

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 6PM in the church hall or at the rectory office
Monday. Donation \$10 adults
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 10409.

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.



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18 years until their 60th year.

Fasting and Abstinence

Good Friday, April 15nd is a day of **fast and abstinence**. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project

– began Feb 23rd and will continue for the two more 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**



The **Church of the Transfiguration** will be offering a **delicious Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner take out and Eat-In, on 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.

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 coleslaw. 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.

During Lent Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be praying the Polish Lenten devotions known as **Gorzkie Zale, or Bitter Lamentations.** These devotions, sung in English, are composed of a three-week cycle of meditations on the passion of Christ and form a rich part of the Polish liturgical tradition. The devotions begin at 3:00 PM and are celebrated at the parish's Sacred Heart site (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City). Each week there will a different speaker. All are welcome.

March 19 - Pilgrim George Walter – George Walter spent twelve years in the seminary where he was ordained a deacon, but never a priest. Dispensed from the responsibilities of being a deacon, George Walter spent the last fifty years walking over 40,000 miles living hand to mouth, including walking from Pittsburgh to Jerusalem, relying solely on Divine Providence. His story, captured in the book *The Forty Thousand Mile Man*, has been the subject of much inspiration and is a powerful example of moving from a notion of God's care to actually relying on God's care.

March 26 - Marie Joseph – Marie Joseph was raised in a nominal Catholic home. After graduating from Cornell University, she lived a successful, yet non-religious life. After a painful divorce, Marie's life was turned upside down. The emptiness of her life allowed her to be open to the promptings of grace and she returned to the Catholic Church. Marie has appeared several times on the EWTN program *The Journey Home*. Marie's story is one of a nominal faith turned into a rediscovery of the breadth and depth of our Catholic faith.

April 2 - Dr. Gregory Sweeney – Dr. Sweeney is a graduate of Georgetown University Medical School and currently practices family medicine in Hollidaysburg. Dr. Sweeney and his wife are the parents of eight children, the youngest being Regina. In 2011, at the age of eleven Regina suffered a sudden and rapid decline that culminated in her death shortly after the onset of her sickness. Dr. Sweeney will speak about finding hope and faith even in the most painful circumstances. Following the devotions on April 2nd there will be a spaghetti dinner in the parish hall open to all.

ABORTION: “For all children who await birth in their mother’s womb: that a loving family and a hopeful world might await them.”

~We pray to the Lord



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Church of the Holy Spirit

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.”

**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

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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



March 18th – 19th
March 19th
April 2nd
April 4th
April 16th

Coffee & Donuts & March Birthday Celebration
Spaghetti Dinner at St Therese to Benefit the Ferrante Family
Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting
KOC Meeting at 7PM in the St. Therese Church Hall
Christian Mothers Basket Party