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March 26, 2023

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Today's Scripture Readings

**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.

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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Lector:	Linda Lopez Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Kevin Houghton Rick Maser

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (March 27<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

MON	03/27	NO MASS
TUES	03/28	7:00AM . . . + Rich Poplinsky (3 month mind) - (Wife & Son)
WED	03/29	NO MASS
THURS	03/30	NO MASS
FRI	03/31	7:00AM . . . . Sr. Marita Cecelia of the Infant Jesus
SAT	04/01	5:30PM . . . . Wedding Anniversary Mass for David & Phyllis Schlosser - (Family)
SUN	04/02	9:00AM . . . . Christian Mothers

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**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 our self."

*(Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2020/02/21)*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,190.00
Monthly	\$ 30.00
Lent	\$ 15.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 30.00

*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!*



**The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party** will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Holy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

**Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>**

3:00PM The Lord's Passion  
No Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets  
8:30PM Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection it's not too late to give!



**Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting**

– will be held **next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please mark your calendars.

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

**The Knights of Columbus** will hold their meeting this Tuesday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM in the St Therese Church hall.



**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.



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**Fasting and Abstinence**

**Good Friday, April 15<sup>nd</sup>** 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 18 years until their 60<sup>th</sup> year.

**Children's Easter Breakfast and Party**

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

**April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>  
See you there!



**St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project**

This week will be the last week to sign up for piroghi..

**Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.**

**Sign-up sheet:** 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**

## Community News & Events



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



### **Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill**

**Fish Fries** will be held on the following Fridays during Lent March 31st 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 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 be a different speaker. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

**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



### **SUPPORT PRO-LIFE**

**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.



## RECONCILIATION

### 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 <sup>th</sup>	5:00PM 6:00PM	St Clements SS Gregory & Barnabas, Daisytown
Wednesday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:30PM	Visitation of the BVM, 8 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Thursday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM	St. John Gualbert
Monday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00PM	St. Benedict



### **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.diocseaj.org/giving](http://www.diocseaj.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 29<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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!!!**



April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 4<sup>th</sup>  
April 16<sup>th</sup>

Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting  
KOC Meeting at 7PM in the St. Therese Church Hall  
Christian Mothers Basket Party