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November 19, 2023

THIRTY-THIRD-SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

PSALM: Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

SECOND READING: Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

GOSPEL: Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).-

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: CHANGE OUR LIVES

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish. As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a "thief at night" (1Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM Lector	Saturday Nov 25th Ed Olshefski	9:00AM Lector:	Sunday Nov 26th Kevin Houghton
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (November 20th– November 26th)

MON	11/20 7:00AM. . . + Anna Mae Pepley – (Eleanor Beltz)
TUES	11/21 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis
WED	11/22 7:00AM. . . + Frank Karmanocky – (Neo Catechumenal Way Community)
THURS	11/23 THANKSGIVING DAY Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! 7:00AM. . . .For All the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Anne's Parish
FRI	11/24 7:00AM. . . + Jack & Ester Sloan – (Family)
SAT	11/25 5:30PM. . . .Pro Populo
SUN	11/26 9:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)



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

Stewardship Reflections:

Today's readings challenge us to live not for the 'here and now', but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us – our physical, intellectual and material gifts – as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us – Time, Talent and Treasure – in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear those words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,977.96
Monthly	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 40.00

*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!*



Dear Parishioners,

WHAT CAN I OFFER THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR ME?

Thanksgiving puts people in motion, with some travelling many miles to be with family. The Lord's intervention in our lives puts us in motion as well. The ten lepers are healed as they travel to the priests, on the way they are healed. Only one is so excited and returns to give thanks and exults in Christ's goodness and love. Whenever Christ appears and intervenes, He sets us in motion and we too become excited and want to return and thank God for His blessings and interventions in our lives. His goodness always sets us in motion to come to the Eucharist (to give thanks). May the appearances and passings of the Lord in your lives excite you, put you in motion to always return and give thanks (Eucharist).

On behalf of Fr. Balestino and myself have a blessed and exciting Thanksgiving.

Fr. Balestino



Coffee & Cake... will be served **this weekend, Nov 18th & 19th** after each Mass in the Church Hall to celebrate with everyone in the Parish who has a

birthday this month! Be sure to stop down to enjoy a sweet treat.

All are welcome!

Families and the Gospel (MT 25: 14 - 30)

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so has God "entrusted" our family to us. Like the good servants, we are expected not to play it safe, but to invest ourselves selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

**Our 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. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of Oct 31st, we have pledges and donations of **\$4,330 towards our \$7,682.00 goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.



Stocking for Solders

St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "**Stocking for Soldiers.**" Stocking and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church. Filled stocking will be accepted until Dec 10th. Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.

Thanksgiving Day



Families and the Gospel (Luke 19: 41 - 44)

As we gather to give thanks this week we must also ask how well we share with "the least." Happiness is shared not by having, but by sharing.



Children's Christmas Party - All children 13 & younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, Dec 16th** in the **St. Therese Church Hall**. Doors open at 10:00AM Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms are available in the back of church.** **Registration deadline is Dec 3rd.** Sponsored by the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.



Catholic Charities' mission is to provide service to people in need, advocate for justice in social structures, and call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same. We live out our Catholic identity by providing support and social services so people and families can build a better future story. Please donate to your local Catholic Charities today. Your donation stays within our Diocese, making a difference for our neighbors in need.

Community News & Events

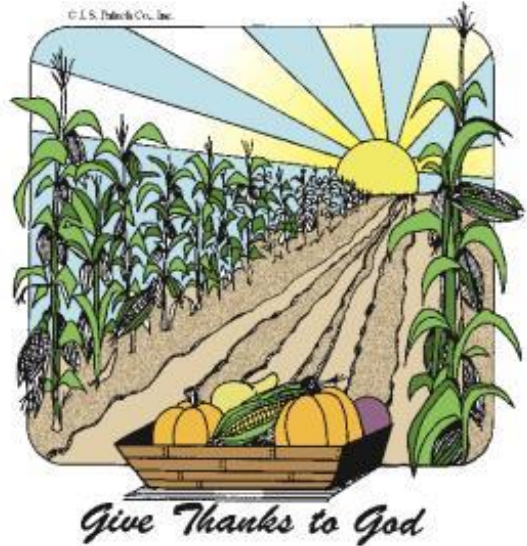
SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Mission Presents Fr. Greg Bramlage from Missionaries of the New Evangelization -- St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be hosting Fr. Greg Bramlage for their Community-Wide Parish Mission, "God's Healing Love". This three night event will be held at 6:30 pm on December 4, 5, 6. Each evening will be a different theme from scriptures of Matthew, Acts and James in the New Testament followed by 30 minutes of Powerful Praise. Please come with an open heart ready to be awed by the extravagant love of God. Open to adults and children in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

HISTORIC CHURCH BUS TRIP – On Saturday December 30th All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a bus trip to visit historic churches in our region. Pick up locations include Boswell and Central City. The bus pilgrimage will visit the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Altoona, Queen of Peace in Patton, and Mass at the historic St. Joseph Mission Church (weather permitting) near Carrolltown. At each stop, Professor Nicholas Will will play two great organ pieces and Father Aron Maghsoudi will offer a brief tour. The price includes a meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, stuffing, coleslaw, vegetable, Italian Wedding Soup, and homemade cream puffs. The price is \$65 per person. To register, please contact All Saints office, 814-629-5551. **All are welcome.**

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, & Discovery of Barcelona

Msgr. Stan Carson will be leading a pilgrimage from September 15-24, 2024. A slide show and more information will be presented on Thursday, Nov 9, from 6 - 7:30 P.M. in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament's hall. Pilgrimage information is also available at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040>



A Thanksgiving Prayer for your Table

Dear Lord, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You in prayer.

We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son.

For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family.

For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share.

So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days.

Amen.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
May the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace*

Numbers 6: 24-26