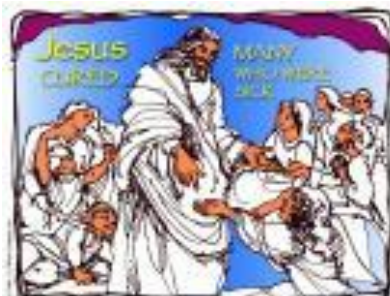


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

FIRST READING: The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

SECOND READING — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

GOSPEL — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured. Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way. Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	2/12		
TUES	2/13	8:00AM Peel Potatoes for Piroghi Project
WED	2/14	4 & 7 PM	.... Distribution of Ashes
THURS	2/15	8:00AM	.... Piroghi Project
FRI	2/16		
SAT	2/17	3:00PM	.... Confession
Next Sun	2/18		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 12th – Feb 18th)

MON	2/12	7:30AM	..... Eileen Majcher for Good Health
TUES	2/13	7:50AM	..... + Sophie Mulvehill– (Kate Deter & Victor)
WED	2/14	7:50AM	..... + Dominec Petreore - (John & Doris Gritzer)
THUR	2/15	7:50AM	..... + (B) Terri Spinda – (Husband, Ed)
FRI	2/16	7:50AM	..... + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
SAT	2/17	4:00PM	..... + (B) M/M Joseph Cisz – (Son, Tim & Diane Gorka)
SUN	2/18	7:30AM	..... + Pro Populo
		10:30AM	..... + (B) Ryan Lorditch & Ken Shank – (Family)



Sunday Feb 11, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today prepare us for the penitential season of Lent that we are about to enter. They call us to consider what our Lenten journey might be like - an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Our First Reading and our Gospel are tied closely together. In the book of Leviticus, the Lord tells Moses and Aaron in regard to a person with leprosy that "As long as the sore is on him, he shall declare himself unclean... He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. We are filled with sores and wounds - namely, our sins. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent as an opportunity to be healed and cleansed. As we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week, reflect on the sores and wounds that we can bring to the Lord during this season. He is ready to stretch out His hand to heal us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Feb 3rd & Feb 4th, 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 4,987.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 599.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 1,268.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Congratulations to our winners of the Pick 3 Ground Hogs Day Ticket.

Winning Number 339 (evening drawing)

339 Winner - Tammy Mitchell

338 # below - Vince Kondash

340 # above - Susan Antal

We would like to Thank everyone who supported this fundraising project. Thanks to the people who sold the ticket for the church. We appreciate all of your help.



WELCOME!!

The St Therese's Community would like to welcome our newest member, **Margaret Kathryn Battaglia**, Daughter of **Anthony & Kristen Battaglia** who was baptized Sunday, January 28th. **Welcome Maggie** and may you grow in God's love and grace.



This Wednesday, February 14th is the start of our Lenten Journey. There will be **morning Mass at 7:50AM & distributions of ashes**, then a prayer service at **4PM & 7PM distributions of ashes**.

Fasting and Abstinence

Wednesday, February 14th, when the Church begins the forty-day journey toward the Triduum (the Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying, and giving alms. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, March 29th** are days of **fast and abstinence** along with **all Fridays during lent**. Fasting refer 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 60th year.



Stations of the Cross - will be held every Friday during Lent at **4PM** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



There is a meeting scheduled for **TODAY Sunday, Feb 11th** at 6PM in the church basement to discuss the **"Summer Bash" & Basket Party fundraiser in July**. All are welcome to attend!

Community News & Events



Breakfast Buffet

Benefits Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Dept.

515 Fairfield Ave

Saturday, Feb 17th from 7AM -Noon

Cost is \$12 per person

Menu: Scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, hash browns, home fries, English muffins, and assorted Danishes. Dine In only!



Military Share Food Distributions

In partnership with Veterans Leadership Program and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

All veterans in need of food are welcome

Johnstown Military Share 12PM

Feb 29th, March 29th,

April 29th, May 31st, and June 24th

727 Goucher St. Johnstown



St Benedict Church Fish Fry

Feb 14th, 23rd, Mar 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

Eat in or Take -out 3:30PM -7PM

Phone 266-9718 X206 from 3PM - 6:30PM

Online orders www.stbenedictchurch.org/fishfry

and place your credit card order for 7AM to 6PM the day of the dinner. All major credit/debit cards will be accepted.

New Germany Grove Hall, Summerhill

will hold a **Fish Fry every Friday during Lent** starting on Feb 16th and ending on Good Friday, March 29th, from 4PM -6:30PM. Cost is \$15 per meal, children 6-11 \$7.50. Dine-In or Take-out is available and is also \$15

Annual Fish Fry:

Visitation Parish will hold their annual Fish Fry and it will begin on February 14th (Ash Wednesday) and continue every Friday during Lent (except on Good Friday) from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. **The cost is \$13 dollars.** The menu includes an 8 oz. Fish Sandwich with coleslaw and with a choice of macaroni and cheese, French fries, or sweet Potato fries.

With the Piroghi Project fast approaching we are in need of: **soda and bottled water for our volunteers.** Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Lenten Piroghi Project - begins February 15th and will continue each week through March 21st (6 weeks)

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week. Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be in the vestibule next weekend **February 10th & 11th** or you can phone the office Monday Feb 12th between **9-11AM.** **No orders will be taken after 11.**



If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!!**
New volunteers are always welcomed!!

Blessed Candles - for your home are available in the back of the church. They are \$3 for a box of two.



There will be a **Faculty Meeting** on Sunday February 18th at 6PM in the Church Hall.

Families and the Gospel - (Mark 1: 40-45)

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when He said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.



OLD PALMS - You can drop off your old palms in the box in the back of the church.

Mandeville Collection - will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14. This appeal supports the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Your generosity gives hope to those who face the challenges of poverty in their daily lives. There are envelopes in your boxes.



FISH FRY: ... TAKE OUT ONLY!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church - Windber

First Fish Fry is Friday, Feb. 16th. This year you may place an order by phone. Orders placed by phone will be given a pickup time and an order # as in the past years. When ordering by phone please be patient and listen to the entire prompt. Please be patient if you hear a busy signal and try again. 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 will be at the (big brown doors) at the 7th street entrance to the church hall. Please be on time when ordering by phone. Call 814-467-7191 X 4.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wednesday Feb. 14th which is Ash Wednesday so we will ***ONLY meet 3pm. Members may want to attend Mass and receive Ashes in the evening. Great Lenten observance digging into the prayers and education of the Divine Mercy message! Bring a friend, you'll be so glad you did. Info Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

MEN'S CONFERENCE --Register today for the 2024 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST men's conference on March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme is J2J: *Journey to Jesus*. Nationally recognized speaker and musician Cooper Ray will be the keynote presenter. Father Michael Pleva and Father Brian Norris will also share their incredible faith journeys. Also, a great panel discussion with six Catholic men from throughout the diocese sure to inspire guys on their faith journey. The day includes lunch and Mass at 5 PM. with Bishop Mark. **There is no cost.** Seating is limited, so register before February 23 online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish

The Lazer Room a division of the Jodat Technologies Co, INC, a regional commercial Manufacturer, is offering to contribute a percentage of 15% of gross sales when used by our parishioners. The Lazer Room can personalize almost anything, wood, glass metal, stone. Please pick up a flier in the back of the church or go on line @<http://thelazerroomstore.com> or <http://www.etsy.com/shop/TheLazerRoom> When ordering do not forget to use the code St Therese is **STC20** St Anne **SAN20**



Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Dept.

Bingo 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Doors open at 5:30PM a first game called at 6:30 No entrance packets will be sold after the 1st number is called.

The \$20 entrance fee includes a 6face 20 paper packet. Extra entrance packets and daubers will be available for purchase. We run 4 -special games throughout. Each Special is a single card for \$1. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL GREAT MCCORT AUCTION CASH GIVEAWAY TICKET SALES Students from the Bishop McCort Catholic High School will be selling Cash Giveaway tickets after mass for the NEXT 2 weekends to benefit the Great McCort Auction. Tickets are \$10 each and prizes total \$5,000. Funds raised through this event provide much needed funding for extra-curricular activities. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Public Rosary for World Peace

A Rosary for world peace will be said on Saturday, Feb 18th at Noon in the St Anne Shrine of St John Gualbert downtown. We are in desperate need of intercession from our Blessed Mother. All are welcome



Happy Valentine's Day!

