

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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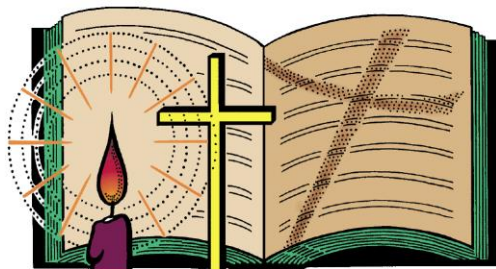
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## OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

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9:00AM---2:00PM

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## Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

**FIRST READING:** The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**SECOND READING** — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

**GOSPEL** - Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

## LITURGICAL REFLECTION HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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## WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

|          |      |        |  |
|----------|------|--------|--|
| MON      | 2/26 |        |  |
| TUES     | 2/27 | 8:00AM | .... Peel Potatoes for Piroghi Project |
| WED      | 2/28 |        |  |
| THURS    | 2/29 | 8:00AM | .... Piroghi Project                   |
| FRI      | 3/01 |        |  |
| SAT      | 3/02 | 3:00PM | .... Confession                        |
| Next Sun | 3/03 |        |  |

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>)

|      |      |         |   |
|------|------|---------|---|
| MON  | 2/26 | 7:30AM  | .... + Julia Skala – (Casey)                                |
| TUES | 2/27 | 7:50AM  | .... + Gerald Stephens– (Anne Figart)                       |
| WED  | 2/28 | 7:50AM  | .... Good Health for Eileen Majcher                         |
| THUR | 2/29 | 7:50AM  | .... + Dominec Petreore Jr. (3month mind) – (Fred DiFlauro) |
| FRI  | 3/01 | 7:50AM  | .... + Regis Bender – (Tom & Rita Mickowski)                |
| SAT  | 3/02 | 4:00PM  | .... + Marie A Stumpo – (Joe & Marilyn Yeager)              |
| SUN  | 3/03 | 7:30AM  | .... + Julie Maser – (Vince Kondash)                        |
|      |      | 10:30AM | .... + Frank Karmanocky – (Carole Manganello)               |



## Sunday Feb 25, 2024

**Stewardship Reflections:** Our readings today are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. This is an important message that is conveyed during this holy season of Lent as we partake in the suffering, death and resurrection of God's only Son. It is also a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

God desires to have an intimate relationship with us. As we entrust our lives to God, He will more fully reveal Himself to us. We will more clearly see Christ in our lives as He truly is and, in turn, we will become more dazzling ourselves.

Let us strive to journey up the mountain with Jesus during this Lenten season - growing in our intimate relationship with Him. May we reflect on His profound love for us on this journey. And let us pray for total surrender to His providence.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 17<sup>th</sup> & Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

|               |       |             |
|---------------|-------|-------------|
| Weekly        | ..... | \$ 3,510.00 |
| Building Fund | ..... | \$ 65.00    |
| Fuel          | ..... | \$ 140.00   |

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

**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Kathleen Paige** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Kathleen** and peace and consolation to her family

**Lenten Folders** - are available in the vestibule for anyone wishing to use them. Lenten envelopes are also available in your boxes.

**Lenten Reading Material** -- is available in the vestibule. Please help yourselves. These booklets will assist you in making the most of your Lenten journey

**CRS Rice Bowl** - Our CCD students as well as our Parishioners will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services Lenten program once again. Please take one home and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

CCD student please return Rice Bowls by Palm Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

CRS RICE BOWL



Starting Next Weekend, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
We will be selling chances for a  
**EASTER MONEY TREE** worth \$250.00  
Chances are \$1 for one -6 for \$5.00  
**Drawing will be held on Sunday, March 17  
after the 10:30 Mass**



**Stations of the Cross for Religious Ed  
Students Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday,  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9AM Please meet in the Church**

**Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday during Lent at 4PM.

**Lenten Piroghi Project** - continues each week through March 21<sup>st</sup> (4 more 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 this weekend **February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** or you can phone the office Monday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.** Pick-up is Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-12.

VOLUNTEER  
all that's missing is U!

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.

**Families and the Gospel** - (Mark 9: 2-10)  
The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

The new 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive begins throughout our Diocese this weekend. This year's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of our Eucharist revival, Encountering Christ through our Catholic Ministries Drive is an invitation to grow your relationship with Christ and to open your heart to serve Him through serving our brothers and sisters.

Our Catholic Ministries Drive supports 10 ministries throughout our Diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelizations, serving those in need, or formation of our priest and deacons.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives in your mail and prayerfully consider supporting our Diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory.

Our target goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2024 for St Therese is \$24,902.00

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### 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.

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| St Therese (West End)   | Monday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> at 5PM                                    |
| St Anthony of Padua     | Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> at 6PM                                 |
| St John Gualbert        | Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> at 6PM                                 |
| Our Mother of Sorrows   | Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6PM |
| St Michael < St Michael | Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6PM                                    |
| Visitation              | Tuesday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM                                |
| St Elizabeth Ann Seton  | Tuesday March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6PM                                    |
| St Benedict             | Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> at 5PM                                    |
| St Patrick              | Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> at 6PM                                 |

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### Community News & Events

CASH BASH



Brian & Eve will be selling tickets for Lower Yoder Fire Dept's CASH BASH this weekend in the Vestibule. Tickets are \$20 includes food & Beverages. Held at St Therese Social Hall April 27<sup>th</sup> Please help support our local Volunteer Fire Dept.

#### St Benedict Church Fish Fry

Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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


Online orders [www.stbenedictchurch.org/fishfry](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### **ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH- INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA ON FEBRUARY 25TH THROUGH MARCH 4TH, 2024:**



Each evening we will start with Adoration at 6:00 PM followed by Mass at 7:00 PM. Confessions will be available after Mass. Please note: on Saturday, March 2nd, the Novena will start at 4:00 PM. There will NOT be a 7:00 PM Novena Mass. As usual, many religious items will be available for sale afterwards.



**Annual Fish Fry:**

Visitation Parish will hold their annual Fish Fry 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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be having a Lenten Fish Fry, every Friday of Lent, now until March 22, from 11am-6pm or until sold out. They are taking orders by phone (467-7191, ext 4) or order in the Church Hall. This will be take-out only. You must use the 7th Street entrance only when picking up your order. The fish is wild caught in Alaskan Waters and frozen at sea (not a product of China or Russia). All food is made fresh.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group's NEXT service project will be on Wednesday Feb. 28th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. We will be lending a hand in serving meals at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 231 Bedford St. (815)530-7811. Feel free to come, and put the message of the Divine Mercy into Action! Bring a friend, you will be so glad you did. For info contact either Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717.

**ANNUAL GREAT MCCORT AUCTION CASH GIVEAWAY TICKET SALES** Students from the Bishop McCort Catholic High School will be selling Cash Giveaway tickets after mass this weekend 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

**MEAT/CASH RAFFLE -MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>- ST. FRANCIS ACTIVITY CENTER -** Tickets are \$10 and includes Kielbasa, Hot Dogs, Kraut, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans and coffee & soda. Beer bracelets will be available for \$5.00. \$100 given away every hour, \$250 at 9:00 PM. Qualifiers, 50/50 & Paddle Wheel Tickets! Doors open at 5:00PM and will run from 6:00PM - 9:00PM. Reserve a table for \$10.00(Max of 8 people at a table) For tickets, please contact Fran King at (814)536-3667.



**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 29<sup>th</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup>,  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 24<sup>th</sup>  
727 Goucher St. Johnstown

*Prayer during Lent*  
*Holy God,*  
*now is the acceptable time to*  
*return to you.*  
*As we walk the path of these forty*  
*days,*  
*may we turn away from sin*  
*and embrace a life of goodness and*  
*truth.*  
*Strengthen us on our Lenten journey*  
*and keep us focused on the cross and*  
*resurrection*  
*of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.*  
*He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*



**Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Dept.**

Bingo 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Doors open at 5:30PM a first game called at 6:30 No entrance packets will be sold after the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

