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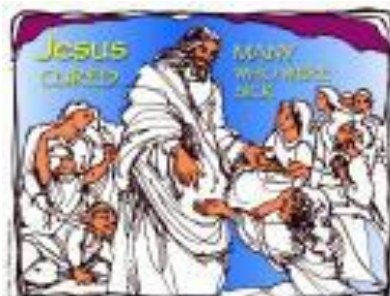
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024

FIRST READING: Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

SECOND READING — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

GOSPEL -- Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone. Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22). This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	2/05		
TUES	2/06	7:00PM	...Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	2/07		
THURS	2/08		
FRI	2/09		
SAT	2/10	3:00PM Confession
Next Sun	2/11	10:30AM Holy Name Mass

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 5th – Feb 11th)

MON	2/05	7:30AM	+ Mary Agnes Appley – (Rose Howarth & John Slezak)
TUES	2/06	7:50AM	+ Jim Golias– (Sister, Bea & Family)
WED	2/07	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer - (Seven Springs Friends)
THUR	2/08	7:50AM	+ (B) Joseph "Pippy" DiFalco – (Son Charles, Vito & Kiara)
FRI	2/09	7:50AM	+ Nancy Schultz – (Steve & Joanna Mittereder)
SAT	2/10	4:00PM	+ (WA) Francis Dukery – (Wife, Betty)
SUN	2/11	7:30AM	+ (A) Sam Manganello – (Wife, Carole)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday Feb 4, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. The world often encourages us to look inward - for ways that someone or something can better serve us. Countering this typical mindset, Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission - the salvation of mankind. And He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants. This is made evident in our Gospel today.

As Christian stewards, we too are called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate Christ - the Perfect Steward - Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. It doesn't need to be complex, but rather, very simple - to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us. When we intentionally live each moment for Christ, even the ordinary moments are made significant.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 27th & Jan 28th, 2024)

Weekly	\$ 4,007.00
Building Fund	\$ 251.00
Fuel	\$ 15.00

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



Blessing of Homes... If you would like Fr. Bernard to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address, and phone number in the collection basket.

God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2023 Contribution for taxes, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or call rectory 814-539-7633.

Name _____

Address _____



The Mass intention for Thursday, February 1 2024 was for the intention of **Joan Loncar requested by Marlene & Don Kott**. Sorry for the confusion.

We would like to extend Happy Belated Birthday wishes to **Arthur Smith**, who will celebrate his birthday on Jan 29th.



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!!



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

Families and the Gospel - (Mark 1: 29-39)

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, February 6th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

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.

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 9th, 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.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Next Service Project

Gabriel Project: 120 Barron Avenue
Johnstown 15906

helping to organize/ unpack baby items

Sat. Feb. 10th

9:30am — 11:30am

No need to be a member. Bring a friend.

Great way to put Divine Mercy in Action +

Info Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

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

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Public Rosary for World Peace

There will be a Rosary said for world peace on **Thursday, Feb 8th at 6:30PM at St Clement Church in Upper Yoder.**

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

