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February 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	<u>Saturday Feb 17th</u>	9:00AM	<u>Sunday Feb 18th</u>
Lector	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Linda Lopez

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

MON	02/12 7:00AM. . +.Theresa Lill – (JoAnne Spisak & Family)
TUES	02/13 7:00AM. . +.For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar +++ ASH WEDNESDAY+++
WED	02/14 7:00AM. . + Anna Christian – (Husband, Bob) 5:30PM. . . Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes
THURS	02/15 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantls
FRI	02/16 7:00AM. . +.Joan Loncar – (Jerry & Josie Intihar)
SAT	02/17 5:30PM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family – (Barbara Voci)
SUN	02/18 9:00AM. . +.Irene Grieco – (Poplinski & Grieco Families)



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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

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,770.00
Monthly	\$ 155.00
Initial Offer	\$ 10.00
Pro-Life	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 65.00
Black & Indian	\$ 5.00

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!

Christian Mothers Meeting – will be held today, **Sunday, Feb 11th**. All are welcome.



Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **this weekend, Feb 17 & 18** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this month! **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

Hope to see you there

Ash Wednesday -- We begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday, **February 14th**. Distribution of Ashes will be after the 7AM morning Mass. A Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes will also be held at 5:30 PM.

Mandeville Collection – will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, **Feb 14th**. 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.



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Fasting and Abstinence

Wednesday, Feb 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 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 60th year.

Lenten Reading Material --- is available in the back of the Church. Please use these booklets to help you **through your Lenten journey!**



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.



Last Year's Palms become next Year's Ashes -- You are invited to bring your palms from last year and place them in the back of the church. They will be burned to make the ashes used for services on Ash Wednesday.



The Christian Mother's Annual

Basket Party will be held this year on April 14th. We are asking for donations of themed baskets (at least \$25 in value). If basket making isn't

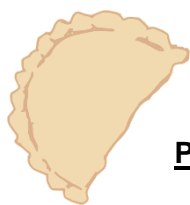
your specialty you can make a monetary donation and we will make it for you! Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money to be used towards a basket should contact **Eleanor (814-535-3349) or Janet (814-241-6198)**. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket. Just mark the envelope “Donation for Christian Mothers Basket Party.” Checks should be made payable to St. Anne's Christian Mothers. Baskets or donations of new items can be dropped off at any Mass through March 31.

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.

Community News & Events



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project – begins the week Feb 11th and will continue for six weeks.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: will be available each week beginning this weekend in the back of church. Pick up your order on Fridays from 10AM to Noon in the St Therese Social Hall. **Cost is \$8/dozen**



Congratulations to our winners of the St Therese Pick 3 Ground Hog 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.

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



St Benedict Church Fish Fry -- Eat in or Take -out 3:30PM -7PM. For phone orders call 266-9718 X. 206 from 3PM – 6:30PM For Online orders go to 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.

Fish Fry Dates

Feb 14th, 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church – Windber Fish Fry: ... TAKE OUT ONLY! 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 814-467-7171 X4 to place order.

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**



ABORTION - Abortionist's lead people to believe that abortion is a safe procedure which provides an easy way out of a troubled situation. But is it really as simple as that? Abortion is not a "safe" procedure, though one often hears that phrase, "safe, legal abortion."

Certainly, it is never safe for the baby, who often suffers before he or she is killed. Also, abortion is often damaging to the mother. Five to ten percent of women who have abortions will never be able to achieve a pregnancy, or carry a child to term, no matter how badly they want to do so.



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!

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



Feb 14th
Feb 17th & 18th
March 17th
April 16th

Ash Wednesday
Cake & Coffee & February Birthday Celebration
KOC Gun Bash
Christian Mothers Basket Party



What to Give Up

- Give up complaining -- Focus on Gratitude
- Give up pessimism -- Become an Optimist
- Give up worry -- Trust Divine Providence
- Give up bitterness -- Turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred -- Return Good for evil
- Give up negativism -- Be Positive
- Give up anger -- Be More Patient
- Give up pettiness -- Become Mature
- Give up gloom -- Enjoy the Beauty all around
- Give up jealousy . -- Pray for Trust
- Give up gossiping -- Control your Tongue
- Give up sin -- Turn to Virtue
- Give up giving up -- Hang in There!!