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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**FIRST READING:** I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**PSALM:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**SECOND READING:** The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**GOSPEL:** Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM Lector	<u>Saturday Feb 24<sup>th</sup></u> Volunteer	9:00AM Lector:	<u>Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup></u> Pat Wess
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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: -- (February 19<sup>th</sup> - February 25<sup>th</sup>)

MON	02/19 7:00AM. . +.Frank Karmanocky - (Neo Catechumenal Way Community)
TUES	02/20 7:00AM. . +(B) Shelley Poplinski - (Family)
WED	02/21 7:00AM. . +.Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
THURS	02/22 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis
FRI	02/23 7:00AM. . +.For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilla Graicar
SAT	02/24 5:30PM. . . Pro Populo
SUN	02/25 9:00AM. . +(WA) Carol & Bob Kuhns - (Husban, Bob)



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### Stewardship Reflections:

As we celebrate our first Sunday of Lent, our readings today remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey – to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on the glorious Easter morning.

Just like Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan, we too are called to 'the desert' – tempted by Satan to turn away from God. We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in 'the desert', we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. If we willingly choose to spend this Lent like Jesus, we will be ready to receive the glorious gift of Himself and partake in the riches that pour forth from that Gift.

Let us strive to purify our hearts for the remainder of these 40 days so that we might be ready to receive all that God plans to bless us with on Easter.

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS** **Feb 10<sup>th</sup> & Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

#### **Collection:**

Weekly	\$ 1,549.80
Monthly	\$ 30.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 45.00
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!*



**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**



**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.



**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.



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### **Fasting and Abstinence**

**Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 60<sup>th</sup> year.

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



#### **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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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: 12-15)**

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

### **Community News & Events**



#### **St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project**

– began last week and will continue for five more 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**



**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](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.

Fish Fry Dates  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>

**New Germany Grove Hall, Summerhill** will hold a **Fish Fry every Friday during Lent** 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

**Annual Fish Fry:**

**Visitation Parish** will hold a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (except on Good Friday) from 11 AM – 6 PM. **The cost is \$13.** 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!** 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](http://dioceseaj.org) or pick up a hard copy registration form at any parish

**ABORTION** - Pope Francis spoke out strongly on abortion, denouncing it as a widespread mentality of profit, "the throwaway culture", which has totally enslaved the hearts and minds of so many and stating that **"every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted has the face of the Lord"**



**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!



**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

**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.

It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."  
-George Washington

