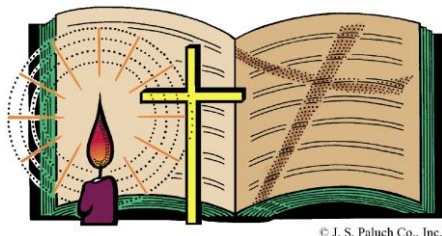


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February 25, 2024

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**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.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM  
Lector

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ed Olshefski

9:00AM  
Lector:

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kevin Houghton

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

MON 02/26 7:00AM. . +.Frank Karmanocky - (John & Doris Gritzer)  
TUES 02/27 7:00AM. . +.For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar  
WED 02/28 7:00AM. . +.Nancy Schultz - (Ray & Andrea Vargo)  
THURS 02/29 7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis  
FRI 03/01 7:00AM. . +.Anna Christian - (Husband, Bob)  
SAT 03/02 5:30PM. . +.Jack & Ester Sloan - (Family)  
SUN 03/03 9:00AM. . +.Holy Souls of Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)



**February 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**

**Collection:**

Weekly	\$ 1,233.90
Ash Wednesday	\$ 143.00
Black & Indian	\$ 40.00

*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!*



**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.

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

**2024 Catholic Ministries Drive** begins throughout our diocese this weekend. This year's theme is Encountering Christ. During this time our Eucharistic Revival. Encountering Christ through our Catholic Ministries Drive is an invitation to grow in your relationship with Christ and to open our heart to serve Him through serving our brothers and sisters. Our CMD supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests 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 donations to your parish through the offertory.

**St Anne's 2024 goal is \$8,276.**



**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 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.

**Community News & Events**



**St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project** – continues for four 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**



**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

## FISH FRY



**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  
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.



**ABORTION:** “Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift from God that guarantees the future of humanity.

**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 at 814-288-1126 or Lolly at 814-659-8717.



**ST. Andrew Catholic Church- INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA on February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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 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 5PM 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.

## Things to Add During Lent

- Attend Stations of the Cross
- Go to Daily Mass
- Write a Note to Someone Who Has Made a Difference in Your Life
- Pray the Rosary Every Day
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Help an Elderly Neighbor
- Write to Nursing Home Residents
- Cook a Meal for Someone
- Volunteer to be an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter or Altar Server
- Watch EWTN
- Pray for Strangers
- Thank Someone Every Day
- Buy an “Extra” to Give Away
- Send an Anonymous Gift to
- Get Involved in Parish Activities
- Keep a Gratitude Journal
- Read Spiritual Books and Literature

*For every act of mercy, love, forgiveness and care, we receive the same.*

*Luke 6:36-38*

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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.

St Therese (West End)	Monday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00PM
St Anthony of Padua	Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM
St John Gualbert	Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM
St Michael, St Michael, PA	Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM
Visitation	Tuesday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:30PM
St Elizabeth Ann Seton	Tuesday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM
St Benedict	Monday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00PM
St Patrick	Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM

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## St Anne Christian Mothers Basket Party

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Held at St. Therese Social Hall -- 531 Decker Avenue

**Tickets -- \$10 and includes a lite lunch +25 chances on over  
100 baskets!**

**Chances on Large Prizes also available to purchase**

Doors open at 11:00AM – Drawing will begin at 2:30

Tickets available at the door

If you would like to pre-purchase a ticket for Sunday

Email Janet @ ruby731@atlanticbb.net

**Soft Walk Through – Saturday evening, April 13  
From 4:30PM – 7:00 PM**

**25 basket chances for only \$5 --- No meal**