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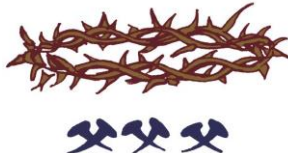


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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

FIRST READING: The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: -- Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137: 1-2,3,4-5,6)

SECOND READING — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10)

GOSPEL - The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION GOD’S MERCY

Today’s reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of “mini-history” of Israel. It highlights God’s mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment, they were undergoing, God’s mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God “who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” The author stresses that it was when we were “dead in our transgressions” that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin (“this is not from you”); rather, “it is the gift of God.” This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God’s mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	3/11	5:00PM West End Penance Service
TUES	3/12	8:00AM Peel Potatoes for Piroghi Project
WED	3/13		
THURS	3/14	8:00AM	.... Piroghi Project
FRI	3/15	10-12PM	.... Piroghi Pick-up
SAT	3/16	3:00PM	.... Confession
Next Sun	3/17		



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 11th – March 17th)

MON	3/11	7:30AM	.... + Kevin Gritzer – (Greg & Elaine LaRocco)
TUES	3/12	7:50AM	.... + Anne Seminsky– (Chuck DiFalco)
WED	3/13	7:50AM	.... + James Marshall – (Lori & Kevin Kanavey)
THUR	3/14	7:50AM	.... + Nancy Schultz – (Karen Anderson & Ron Brown)
FRI	3/15	7:50AM	.... + Intention Dantis
SAT	3/16	4:00PM	.... + Joan Loncar – (Carlotti Bonfanti)
SUN	3/17	7:30AM	.... + (A) John Jedrezjek – (Wife, Flo & Family)
		10:30AM	.... + Louella Skakunik – (John & Palma Pencola)



Sunday, March 10, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today remind us that Jesus came into the world, suffered, and died for each one of us. It is a profound truth that we often forget through the busyness of life. Jesus came for you.

We must realize that it was not out of good works on our part that He did this for us, but out of pure love. When we recognize that His love does not waver in any circumstance, we become overwhelmed with gratitude. How can we respond to this? By loving Him in return - in our thoughts, in how we spend our time, in how we treat others most especially our families, in how we spend our resources. Everything we do should be a reflection of our love for God. Then we will become a light of Christ in the world.

During these last weeks of Lent, let us examine our hearts for the times we have turned away from God, whether it be just a moment or years of distance from our Lord. Then let us bring all of those impurities to God, with a sorrowful heart and a resolution to change, in the sacrament of Confession. May we reflect on just how much God loves us despite our shortcomings and may we strive to love Him in return each day.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 2nd & March 3rd, 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 4,405.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 504.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$ 70.00

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



There is a meeting scheduled for **Sunday, March 17th at 6PM** in the church basement to discuss the "Summer Bash" & Basket Party fundraiser in July. All are welcome to attend!

Blessed Candles - for your home are available in the back of the church. They are \$3 for a box of two.



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.
Tree not included

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

Lenten Piroghi Project - continues each week through March 21st (2 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 **March 9th & 10th** or you can phone the office **Monday March 11th between 9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11**. Pick-up is **Friday, March 15th 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!!!

Children's Easter Breakfast and Party



The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 AM**, sponsored by the KOC Council #10409, the St Therese Card Party, and the Christian Mothers, for children 12 and under. (Parents & siblings are welcomed to come and eat.) Please complete the registration form found in the back of church and return no later than **March 17th**

See you there!

Catholic Ministries Drive 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.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation which arrived last week 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**

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 th at 5PM
St Anthony of Padua	Wednesday, March 13 th at 6PM
St John Gualbert	Wednesday, March 13 th at 6PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday, March 18 th and Tuesday March 19 th at 6PM
St Michael < St Michael	Monday, March 18 th at 6PM
Visitation	Tuesday, March 19 th at 5:30PM
St Elizabeth Ann Seton	Tuesday March 19 th at 6PM
St Benedict	Monday, March 25 th at 5PM
St Patrick	Wednesday, March 27 th at 6PM

Community News & Events

Brian & Eve will be selling tickets for Lower Yoder Fire Dept's CASH BASH on March 23rd & 24th in the Vestibule. Tickets are \$20 includes food & Beverages. Held at St Therese Social Hall April 27th Please help support our local Volunteer Fire Dept. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call Brian at 814-418-4570 and he will make arrangements with you.

CASH BASH



MEAT/CASH RAFFLE -MARCH 23rd- 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.

Tenebrae Service:

A Tenebrae Cantata entitled "In the Shadow of the Cross" will be held at 7:00pm **Good Friday March 29 at St John Gualbert Cathedral** 117 Clinton Street Johnstown, Pa. The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir along with the Festival Chamber Orchestra will recount poignantly in song and scripture the last moments of the Christ's earthly struggle. A free-will offering will be taken.

St Benedict Church Fish Fry

March 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.



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 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.

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church

FISH FRY St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church (Top of St. Clair Road) - Westmont TODAY 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm Eat In or Take Out No Phone Orders

SS Gregory & Barnabas Fish Fry Mar. 15th, 22nd Bon Air, 408 Luzon Ave, 4-6:30 pm Daisytown, 120 Boltz St, 4-6:30 pm Mar. 29th - Daisytown, 3-6:30 pm Dine In or Take Out



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
March 29th, April 29th, May 31st, and June 24th
727 Goucher St. Johnstown



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!

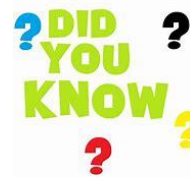


Mom's House, Inc of Johnstown invites you to Trivia Night, Wednesday, March 20th at the Blvd. Grill.

Doors open at 5PM- First question is at 6PM. Admission includes food, drinks, and dessert.

Teams of up to 8 people- \$25 per person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegra or Rose at 814-535-4848 for team registration or information.

Families and the Gospel - (John 3:14-21)
Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."



Fun Facts about the Month of March

Every year, March and June finish on the same day of the week.

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the first-ever phone call. It was to his assistant and he said "Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you."

March 14th is celebrated as 'International Pi Day' as March 14th is known as 3/14, which is also in honor of Albert Einstein's birthday. π 3.14.....

The Vernal Equinox occurs around March 20 or 21st. This is when the sun is directly above the equator, making the day and night equal length.

St. Clare of Assisi 110 Maple Ave. (Woodvale)
NUT & POPPY-SEED ROLLS - \$15 Braided
Easter Bread - \$5 Order Early, Limited
Quantities Available Call (814) 535-1133 PICK-
UP IN SCHOOL HALL Roll Pick up - Thu. 3/21,
Fri. 3/22, Sat. 3/23 (10am-6pm) Pick-up for
Easter Bread, Sat. 3/23 (10am-6pm)