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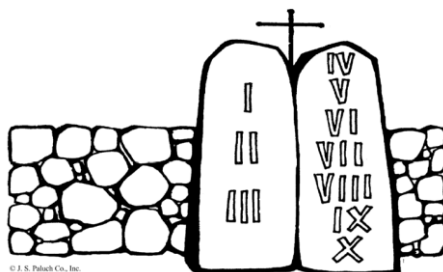
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Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

FIRST READING: The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19).

SECOND READING — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

GOSPEL - Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:5-13-25).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God’s protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	3/04		
TUES	3/05	8:00AM Peel Potatoes for Piroghi Project
		7:00PM	.... Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	3/06	11:30AM	.... Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
THURS	3/07	8:00AM	.... Piroghi Project
FRI	3/08	10-12PM	.... Piroghi Pick-up
SAT	3/09	3:00PM	.... Confession
Next Sun	3/10	10:30AM	.... Holy Name Mass & Meeting

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 4th – March 10th)

MON	3/04	7:30AM	.... + Joan Loncar – (Linda Ashcom)
TUES	3/05	7:50AM	.... + Harold Biller– (Anne Figart)
WED	3/06	7:50AM	.... + Eugene Babik – (Family)
		12:00PM	.... + Christian Mothers
THUR	3/07	7:50AM	.... + Barbara DiFalco – (Son, Charles, Vito & Kiara)
FRI	3/08	7:50AM	.... + Sophie Mulvehill – (Ethan & Avery Wood)
SAT	3/09	4:00PM	.... + Anna Seminsky – (Johnny Girgos)
SUN	3/10	7:30AM	.... + Pro Populo
		10:30AM	.... + Holy Name



Sunday March 3, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: This week marks the halfway point in our season of Lent. Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In our Gospel today, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Those who were with Him asked for a sign for doing this and He said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." No one understood that He was referring to the death and resurrection of His Body.

This season of Lent is only halfway done - there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for the glorious Easter morning. Let us not waste another moment. Let us commit to living more faithfully God's commandments, let us seek God's mercy and let us invite God to transform our hearts.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 24th & Feb 25th, 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,960.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 59.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 557.00

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

Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Bernard Grattan** who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Bernard** and peace and consolation to his family.



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Sue Karmanocky** who was called to her eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Sue** and peace and consolation to her family.



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!

Starting This Weekend, March 2nd & 3rd
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



Stations of the Cross for Religious Ed Students Sunday, March 3rd at 9AM Please meet in the Church

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

Lenten Piroghi Project - continues each week through March 21st (3 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 2ND & 3RD** or you can phone the office **Monday March 4th** between **9-11AM.** **No orders will be taken after 11.** Pick-up is Friday, March 8th from 10-12.



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!!!

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on **Wednesday March 7th** starting at 11:30AM, due to the Piroghi Project.



Mass Intention for Saturday 4PM, March 2nd is for Mario "Tony" Stumpo requested by Joe & Marilyn Yeager.

Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive. Your Sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties- and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year, our campaign's theme is **Encountering Christ**. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, **Encountering Christ**, is an invitation to grow in your living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to open your heart to serving your brothers and sisters, and to fulfill your holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of your time, talent, and treasure.

If you didn't bring your pledge card to Mass this weekend, or send it in the past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese's ministries need your support.

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our Diocese vital ministries. Our target goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive for 2024 for **St Therese is \$24,902.00**

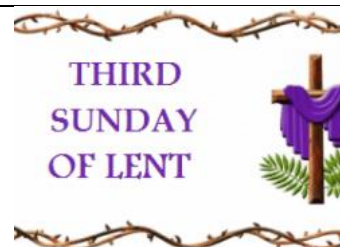
AREA PENANCE SERVICES

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

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

CASH BASH



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.

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.



St Benedict Church Fish Fry

Mar 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.

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. 1st, 8th, 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!

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)

Families and the Gospel - (John 3: 13-25)

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.



**Spring Forward, Next Sunday,
March 10th**