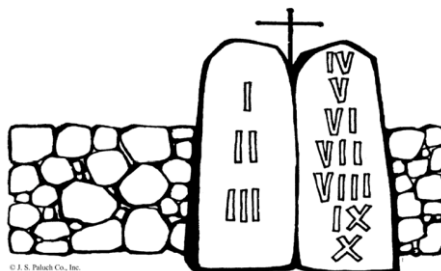


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March 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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 2:13-25).

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 9th
Rick Maser

9:00AM
Lector:

Sunday March 10th
Denise Lakatos

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

MON 03/04 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis
TUES 03/05 7:00AM. . +.For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar
WED 03/06 7:00AM. . +.Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
THURS 03/07 7:00AM. . . Intention Dantis
FRI 03/08 7:00AM. . +.Theresa Lill - (James Bobby)
SAT 03/09 5:30PM. . +.Jerry Chverchko - (Robert & Sharon Lihvarchik)
SUN 03/10 9:00AM. . . Christian Mohters



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**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,244.00
Monthly	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
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!



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 (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.



ABORTION: "God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end; no one can, under any circumstances, claim the right directly to destroy any innocent human being."



Community News & Events



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.



ST. Andrew Catholic Church- INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA on **February 26th – March 4th**: 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.



Sincere Condolences – The St. Anne's Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Sue Karmanocky**, who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Sue** and peace and consolation to her family.

St. Clare of Assisi Parish is taking orders for Nut Rolls, Poppy Seed Rolls and Easter Bread. To order, please call (814) 535-1133, limited quantities available. The cost is \$15.00 per roll/ \$5.00 per bread. Pick-up will be in the St. Clare of Assisi School Hall. Roll pick up: Thurs. thru Sat., March 21 thru 23 from 10AM to 6PM and Bread pick up: Sat., March 23 from 10AM to 6PM.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting **Tues, March 5th** at 7PM in the St. Therese Church hall

Christian Mothers Meeting – will be held next, **Sunday, March 10th**. All are welcome.





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

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 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.

**Men of God:
are you irish catholic?**



As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith?

Then the A.O.H. is Looking for You!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Oldest, Largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in America.

Now is your chance, to become a member of a local AOH Division.

If you are interested, please contact one of our division presidents:

Our Johnstown Division: John Skelley (814) 525-2505 / JSkelley@atlanticbb.net

Our Altoona Division: Tom Hallinan (814) 934-7940 / xcrunr1@yahoo.com



Spring Forward, Next Sunday, March 10th



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 - March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church

FISH FRY

(Top of St. Clair Road) - Westmont

Friday - 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

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

Holy Family Parish -- Portage will be holding a Ham Bingo on Sunday, March 17th in the Parish Hall at 1PM. A total of 15 Half Hams and 10 - 5 lb. packages of Holiday Kielbasa will be given away. There will also be Door Prizes, 50/50, Specials and Qualifiers.

Admission is \$7 per person and includes a door prize chance. Children 17 years old and younger are free. Bingo cards are 3 for 50 cents per game. Specials are \$1 per sheet of 4. A \$6 Lunch Platter will be available following the 10:30 AM Mass.

Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



March 5th
March 10th
March 16th & 17th
April 14th

KOC Meeting – 7PM at St. Therese Church Hall
Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting
Cake & Coffee and March Birthday Celebration
Christian Mothers Basket Party



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	5:00PM
St Anthony of Padua	Wednesday, March 13 th	6:00PM
St John Gualbert	Wednesday, March 13 th	6:00PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday, March 18 th & Tuesday March 19 th	6:00PM
St Michael, St Michael, PA	Monday, March 18 th	6:00PM
Visitation	Tuesday, March 19 th	5:30PM
St Elizabeth Ann Seton	Tuesday March 19 th	6:00PM
St Benedict	Monday, March 25 th	5:00PM
St Patrick	Wednesday, March 27 th	6:00PM

THE 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE,

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive - ENCOUNTERING CHRIST.

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 this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese's ministries need your support
St. Anne's 2024 Goal is \$8,276.

All contributions received beyond our parish target will be returned and used for projects here at St. Anne's. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gifts go directly to these ministries!
