

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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March 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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).

PSALM: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! *Psalm 23.*

SECOND READING: By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or *Ephesians 5:8-14.*

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM
Lector

Saturday March 16th
Ed Olshefski

9:00AM
Lector:

Sunday March 17th
Linda Lopez

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

MON 03/11 7:00AM. . +.Nancy Schultz - (Tom & Kim Nagy)
TUES 03/12 7:00AM. . +.For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar
WED 03/13 7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis
THURS 03/14 NO MASS
FRI 03/15 7:00AM. . +.Joan Loncar - (Karen & Bob Fink)
SAT 03/16 5:30PM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family- (Barbara Voci)
SUN 03/17 9:00AM. . +.Holy Souls in Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)



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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 3rd & 4th, 2024**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 2,192.00
Monthly	\$ 139.00
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Fuel	\$ 50.00
Flowers	\$ 96.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 5.00
Holy Land	\$ 40.00
Easter	\$ 120.00

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.



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.

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

Children's Easter Breakfast and Party



The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 AM** in the St. Therese Church Hall, 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 Anne is \$8,276.00**

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."



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.

Community News & Events

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. 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.



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 include Kielbasa, Hot Dogs, Kraut, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, 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.



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 Only, 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.



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.



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



St Anne Christian Mothers Basket Party



Sunday, April 14, 2024

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

Admission

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

Addition basket tickets -- \$5/for 25 chances

Tickets on Large Prizes also available to purchase

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

Tickets also available Sunday at the door

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

Email Janet at ruby731@atlanticbb.net

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

**25 basket chances for only \$5 --- No meal
Chances on Large Prizes also available to purchase**