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## March 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**FIRST READING:** I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts  
(Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**PSALM:** Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51).

**SECOND READING:** Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation  
(Hebrews 5:7-9).

**GOSPEL:** If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit  
(John 12:20-33).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	<u>Saturday March 23<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00AM	<u>Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup></u>
Lector	Ed Olshefski Linda Lopez	Lector:	Kevin Houghton Pat Wess

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: -- (March 18<sup>th</sup> - March 24<sup>th</sup>)

MON	03/18 7:00AM. . . .Sr. Miriam Elise of the Visitation O.C.D.
TUES	03/19 7:00AM. . +.Anna V Christian - (Husband, Bob)
WED	03/20 7:00AM. . . . Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family - (Family)
THURS	03/07 7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis
FRI	03/22 7:00AM. . +.For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirila Graicar
SAT	03/23 5:30PM. . . .Pro Populo
SUN	03/24 9:00AM. . +.(B) Rich Poplinski - (Family)



**March 17, 2024**

**Stewardship Reflections:**

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

Jesus states in the Gospel, "whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." God should have our entire heart, not just a portion of it. When we regularly practice the discipline of detachment by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord, we are also better preparing our hearts for the ultimate happiness in eternal life.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, let us strive to more faithfully live out our covenant with God by actively living as disciples of Christ. And may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
March 9<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Collection:**

Weekly	\$ 1,554.80
Monthly	\$ 165.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offer	\$ 10.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Flowers	\$ 65.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 70.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Lent	\$ 180.00
Easter	\$ 50.00

*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.

**It's Not Too Late to Donate~!!!!**

**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.

**Children's Easter Breakfast and Party**



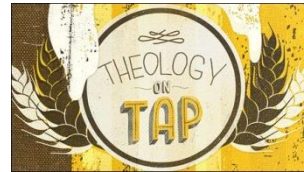
The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM** in the St. Therese Church Hall, sponsored by the KOC Council #10409, the St Therese Card Party, and the Christian Mothers, for children 12 and under. (Parents & siblings are welcomed to come and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



**Young Adult Group (18-39):** Our February Theology on Tap was our largest yet with 40+ coming to hear Fr. Ananias O.S.B. We also volunteered with our member's special needs group on Saint Patrick's Day. Over our first year we have grown to over 85 young adults strong with new members joining monthly. Fr. Curtis Kiddy C.P. (Passionist Priest and Retreat Director at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh) is our **March 27<sup>th</sup>** speaker on "The Passion of Jesus in Lent and Life" at the Boulevard Grill from 6-8pm. All faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith and fellowship! We take monthly freewill offerings but are seeking sponsors to defer our excess buffet and speaker costs to avoid charging a set fee. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

**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 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

**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 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.

**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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 24<sup>th</sup>  
727 Goucher St. Johnstown



Mom's House, Inc of Johnstown invites you to **Trivia Night, Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**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.

**Families and the Gospel – (John: 12:20-23)** Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others





## 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.

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



## 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](mailto: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**