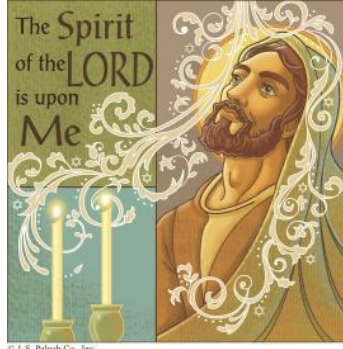


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January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

PSALM: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

SECOND READING: As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

GOSPEL: While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice. In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as "Christ's body" requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke's Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God's "law" of mercy to those in need.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday - Feb 1st
Lector Ed Olshefski

9:00AM Sunday - Feb 2nd
Lector: Linda Lopez

Mass Intentions for the Week:

(Jan 20th - Jan 26th)

MON 01/27 7:00AM . . + Fr. Jerome Sellak O.F.M. - (St. Anne's Parish Family)
TUES 01/28 7:00AM . . + Francis & Angela Komara - (Elaine Komara)
WED 01/29 7:00AM . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
THURS 01/30 7:00AM . . +Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
FRI 01/31 7:00AM . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
SAT 02/01 5:30PM . . . Pro Populo
SUN 02/02 9:00AM . . +Lois McGuire - (Monica & Family)

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Stewardship Reflections:

Today's Second Reading, from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, picks up where we left off last week and continues with a similar theme. The message is that we are each unique in the gifts and talents God has given to us, and therefore, we all have different tasks to fulfill as members of the Body of Christ.

And just what are we, as Christian stewards, aiming to achieve by sharing our gifts and talents? We are aiming to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, furthering with His grace the mission He began 2,000 years ago. What a noble purpose! What great dignity has been bestowed upon us, modern-day disciples, that we are called to this same task.

In the week ahead, let's take this mission to heart, examining the way we can use our gifts and talents for this mission and asking ourselves what it looks like in our unique circumstances to 'bring glad tidings to the poor', 'liberty to captives', 'sight to the blind', and 'freedom to the oppressed.' It might feel uncomfortable at first, but the good news is you don't have to do it alone. Do your part and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Jan 18th & Jan 19th, 2025

Weekly	\$	686.00
Monthly	\$	20.00
Fuel	\$	10.00
Christmas	\$	25.00

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!



Blessing of Homes... If you would like **Fr. Bernard** to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address and phone number in the collection basket.

God Bless
This Home and All Who Enter

St Therese Ground Hog's Day ticket

St. Therese is selling a Ground Hog Day Ticket.

Tickets are \$10 for 2 numbers.

Winning determined by the PA Pick 3 evening number on **February 2, 2025.**

Winning number will take home **\$1500.00**

\$500 for the number above & below.

Call or stop by the rectory office during normal business hours Mon -Fri 9-2

World Day for Consecrated Life -- will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, Feb 2.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the Consecrated Life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Pilgrims Passport

To be on Pilgrimage during a **Jubilee Year** is a special time to gain special graces called Plenary Indulgences. As many cannot travel to Rome, the Pope has given every Bishop permission to name Holy Sites in their own diocese to travel to.

Pilgrims' Passport booklet includes the 13 Holy Site Churches as well as every Church in our Diocese. A special incentive for individuals and families to win overnight packages and special gift cards are part of the "Pilgrim's Passport." QR codes are printed in the booklet for easy access to information for directions, Mass & Confession schedules. Booklets will be stamped at the **Holy Site Churches** as part of the gift opportunity. Booklets can be found in the back of church.

Trip to Sight & Sound -- St. John's and St. Patrick's are offering an opportunity to see the show NOAH at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa on **Thursday, Apr 3**. It has been 30 years since Sight and Sound has offered this spectacular performance and it will be a sold out show. We have purchased 50 floor seats. Seats are first come first serve. To register for the trip, please fill out the form in the bulletin or the one attached and send it to PO Box 807 Johnstown, PA 15907, with payment to secure your reservation. Drop your reservation form in the collection basket or mail it to St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Call Mary Jo at 814-242-1183 for more information.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference-Sunday, March 30th from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. Registration closes March 21st. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating

OLQA Monthly Bingo - Sunday, Jan 26, 2025 - Our Lady queen of Angels Parish (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City) is having their monthly Bingo at the Activities Center on Sunday, Jan 26. Doors open at 11:30am and games start at 1:00pm. Entrance is \$25. Games of chance and food/snacks will be available for purchase.

Any questions can be directed to Maggie at the rectory office 814-754-5224.

A Family Perspective **Luke 1:1-4; 4:4-21**
In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS .

ABORTION: Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity."