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February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him
(1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

SECOND READING: We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

GOSPEL: Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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

9:00AM Sunday - March 2nd
Lector: Pat Wess

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Feb 24th - March 2nd)

MON 02/24 7:00AM. . . Special Intention for Good Health
TUES 02/25 7:00AM. . + Francis & Angela Komara - (Elaine Komara)
WED 02/26 7:00AM. . + Michael Beblar - (Mom & Dad)
THURS 02/27 7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
FRI 02/28 7:00AM. . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT 03/01 5:30PM. . . Pro Populo)
SUN 03/02 9:00AM. . + Jack & Ester Sloan - (Family)

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Stewardship Reflections:

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic. ... Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair. Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has, and all that he is, is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means that "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and "my" time – all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Feb 15th & Feb 16th, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,754.00
Monthly	\$ 30.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
First Offer	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 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!

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

Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will have their Lenten Parish Mission with retired U.S. Elite Navy Seal, Dom Raso on Friday, March 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the church. All are welcome to attend.



Mom's House, Inc. of Johnstown Invites you to Trivia Night, **Tuesday, March 25th** @ the Boulevard Grill. Doors open @ 5:00 PM – First question is @ 6:00 PM. Admission includes food, drinks, & dessert. Teams of up to 8 people - \$25/person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegra or Rose 814-535-4848 for team registration or information.

A Family Perspective Luke 6:27-38

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."



ABORTION - Abortionists lead people to believe that abortion is a safe procedure which provides an easy way out of a troubled situation. But is it really as simple as that? Abortion is not a "safe" procedure, though one often hears that phrase, "safe, legal abortion."

Certainly it is never safe for the baby, who often suffers before he or she is killed. Also, abortion is often damaging to the mother. Five to ten percent of women who have abortions will never be able to achieve a pregnancy, or carry a child to term, no matter how badly they want to do so.

The 2025 Jubilee is centered on the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope.**" As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." During the Jubilee Year, the Pope invites every one of us to embark on a pilgrimage of hope, so that, "Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it."



The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party will be held this year in April. 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.



The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto Annual Men's Turkey Dinner will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025,**

11AM – 3PM or until sold out.

Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. **Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15.** Two lines this year for faster takeout service! Please stop by for a dinner!