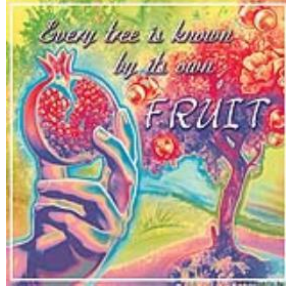


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March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

PSALM: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

SECOND READING: We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

GOSPEL: A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday – March 8th
Lector Volunteer

9:00AM Sunday – March 9th
Lector: Denise Lakatos

Mass Intentions for the Week: (March 3rd – March 9th)

MON 03/03 7:00AM. . + Betty Dukery – (Ron Mock)
TUES 03/04 7:00AM. . + Anna V, Christian – (Husband, Bob)
WED 03/05 7:00AM. . + Rosalie Verhovsek – (Hank & Ester Hughes)
5:00PM. . . Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes
THURS 03/06 7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
FRI 03/07 7:00AM. . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT 03/08 5:30PM. . . Pro Populo)
SUN 03/09 9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers

March 2, 2025

Stewardship Reflections:

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves – mind and heart – in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication – email, text, Twitter, Facebook, etc. What comes forth from our mouths, and our phones and keyboards, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

The more intentionally and frequently we look to Jesus as our mentor in these interactions, the more we will become like Him, our Teacher and our Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and Tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Feb 22nd & Feb 23rd, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,298.00
Monthly	\$ 3.00
Fuel	\$ 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!

Ash Wednesday -- We begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday, **March 5th**. Distribution of Ashes will be after the 7AM morning Mass. **A Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes will also be held at 5:00 PM.**

Mandeville Collection – will be taken up on Ash Wednesday. This appeal supports the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Your generosity gives hope to those who face the challenges of poverty in their daily lives. There are envelopes in your boxes.



Fasting and Abstinence

Wednesday, March 5th, when the Church begins the forty day journey toward the Triduum (the Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

(April 18th) are days of **fast and abstinence** along with **all Fridays during lent**. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those 18 years until their 60th year.

Lenten Reading Material --- is available in the back of the Church. Please use these booklets to help you **through your Lenten journey!**



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.



Last Year's Palms become next Year's

Ashes -- You are invited to bring your palms from last year and place them in the back of the church. They will be burned to make the ashes used for services on Ash Wednesday.



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 Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting **Tuesday, Mar 4th** at 7PM in the St. Therese Church Hall

Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting – will be held **next Sunday, Mar 9th**. Please mark your calendars. **Everyone is welcome to stop down and join in the meeting.**

An open invitation to all ladies of St Anne's to join the Christian Mothers.

Meetings are held the **2nd Sunday of the every month** following the 9AM Mass **and we welcome all ladies, age 18 and older – single, married, widowed or divorced.** You **do not** need to have children to belong. It is a fellowship of Christian women working for the good of the parish. We sponsor an annual Basket party, the spaghetti dinner, and other events. Through fundraising we have been able to contribute to the upgrades and repairs to our church. There is no time commitment, we only ask you to do what you can. **Please consider stopping down see what we are all about at our meeting Sunday, March 9th.**

Community News & Events

Piroghi Project



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project – begins this week and will continue for six weeks.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: will be available each week beginning this weekend in the back of church or you can call the office on Mondays from 9AM – 10:30AM to place your order. Pick up your order on Thursdays between 11AM – 2PM or Fridays from 10AM to Noon in the St Therese Social Hall.

Cost is \$8/dozen

Resurrection Parish, 324 Chestnut St., will once again hold **Evening Prayer (Solemn Vespers) on the First Sunday of Lent, March 9th at 4:00 PM.**

All are invited to join us as we begin the Lenten Season in prayer.

St. Aloysius Church is offering “The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told” through the Divine Mercy Video Series. The videos will be presented on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on March 11 and continue March 18 and 25, April 8 and 15, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Faith Education Center at St. Aloysius Church, Cresson. This program will end right before the Divine Mercy Novena. This is a great addition to your 2025 Lenten journey. Hope to see you there!



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!



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 The child is a human being, made in the image and likeness of God. We will be judged on how we have treated the least powerful among us, and on how we have loved the least. It all belongs to Him and He will come to judge the living and the dead



Spring Forward, Next Sunday, March 9th

Prayer during Lent

*Holy God,
now is the acceptable time to
return to you.
As we walk the path of these
forty days,
may we turn away from sin
and embrace a life of goodness
and truth.
Strengthen us on our Lenten
journey
and keep us focused on the cross
and resurrection
of your Son, our Savior and
Redeemer.
He is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.*

