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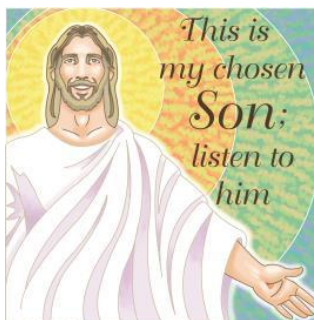
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## CONVENT

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## Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

**FIRST READING:** The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

**PSALM:** The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**SECOND READING:** We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

**GOSPEL:** Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God’s presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today’s Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ’s glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God’s power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ’s very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God’s ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	03/17	
TUES	03/18	8:00AM . . . . . Peeling Potatoes Piroghi Project
WED	03/19	
THURS	03/20	8:00AM . . . . . Piroghi Project
FRI	03/21	4:00PM . . . . . Stations of the Cross
SAT	03/22	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	03/23	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

MON	03/17	7:50AM	Good Health Robert Gritzer Jr. – (Doris & John Gritzer)
TUES	03/18	7:50AM	For the Intention of Sr. Miriam Elise
WED	03/19	7:50AM	+ (B) Joseph Stibich – (Son, Joe & Family)
THUR	03/20	7:50AM	+ (B) MaryAnn Baldwin – (Brother, Joe)
FRI	03/21	7:50AM	+ (B) Betty Pavlosky – (Jerry & Susan Pavlosky)
SAT	03/22	4:00PM	+ William Kolega – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	03/23	7:30AM	+ George & Pauline Pappas – (Sons)
		10:30AM	+ Anna Seminsky – (Andy Kasper & Family)



*The strenght of God pilot us, the wisdom of God instruct us,  
the hand of Godprotect us, the word of God protect us.*

# Sunday, March 16, 2025

**Stewardship Reflections:** In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why these experiences? Because He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop, Golgotha, where He will lay down His life for our sake - and finally He will take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need to experience times of self-denial and testing, in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity and to all that He has done for each of us personally. While there is nothing sinful in complacency in our daily routine, as Christian stewards we are called to so much more!

We need to train ourselves, or allow Jesus to train us, to say 'Yes' to His will and to offer our lives back to Him. In doing so, we too become 'transfigured.' This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.

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## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 8<sup>th</sup> & March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Weekly	.....	\$	3,588.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	171.00
Fuel	.....	\$	40.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$	356.00



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Barry Harrington** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Barry** and peace and consolation to his family

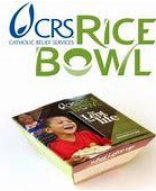
**Lenten Folders** - are available in the vestibule for anyone wishing to use them. Lenten envelopes are also available in your boxes.



**Stations of the Cross** - will be held every Friday during Lent at **4PM**.



Last Chance to purchase a ticket "Leprechaun's Treasure" worth **\$250 in CASH!!** Chances are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.00 Drawing will be held on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.



**CRS Rice Bowl** - Our CCD students as well as our Parishioners will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services Lenten program once again. Please take one home and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

CCD student please return Rice Bowls by Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.



Finally, a **WINNER** of the Holy Name Valentines Day Pick 3 Ticket 7PM drawing. Winning number was 216. And the Winner is **Todd Oswalt**. Congratulations **Todd** and Thank you to all who purchased a ticket.

**Lenten Piroghi Project** - continues each week through April 10<sup>th</sup> (6 weeks)

**Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.** Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be in the vestibule this weekend **March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** or you can phone the office Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.** Pick-up is Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 & Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-12.



**No Experience necessary!!!**  
**New volunteers are always welcomed!!**

If there is righteousness in the Heart, there will be Beauty in the character. If there is Beauty in the character, there will be Harmony in the home. If there is Harmony in the home, there will be Order in the nation. When there is Order in the nation, there will be Peace in the world.

-St Therese Bulletin July 9, 1976



## 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

The 2025 *Catholic Ministries Drive* begins throughout our diocese this weekend. This year's theme, "Follow Me" (Matthew 16:24) into a deeper relationship with Christ, as we share in His mission of love and service, proclaiming the Good News to all.

Our *Catholic Ministries Drive* supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark's invitation when it arrives 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.

All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be returned to St. Ann's Parish. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive* and our diocese's vital ministries.



### **St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

The Basket will remain in the vestibule for donations of yarn (4ply Worsted), gift cards from either Walmart or Michaels, or monetary donations are also appreciated.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hubbard @ [mommyhub@atlanticbb.net](mailto:mommyhub@atlanticbb.net) or 814-421-2416

## Community News & Events

### **Divine Mercy Prayer Group next service project**

St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen

**Tuesday March 18th 11am –1pm**  
231 Bedford St.

Great Lenten opportunity to put Divine Mercy in Action. Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717



**St. Andrew Church, Johnstown**  
Sunday, March 16-Monday, March 24  
Saturday & Sunday 4:00 PM - Mass  
Monday-Friday 6:30 PM - Mass

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be one-hour prior each night. Please join us!

## **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](http://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.



**Annual Fish Fry:** Visitation Parish will hold their annual Fish Fry every Friday during Lent (except on Good Friday) from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The cost is \$13 dollars. The menu includes an 8 oz. Fish Sandwich with coleslaw and with a choice of macaroni and cheese, French fries, or sweet Potato fries and a beverage. Gobs are also available at an extra cost of \$2.00 each.

**Lenten Fish Fry St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** will be having a Lenten Fish Fry, every Friday of Lent, beginning March 7 to April 11, from 11am-6pm or until sold out. They are taking orders starting at 9AM by phone (467-7191, ext 4) or order in the Church Hall. This will be take-out only. You must use the 7th Street entrance only when picking up your order. The fish is wild caught in Alaskan Waters and frozen at sea (not a product of China or Russia). All food is made fresh



**Men of God: Are you Irish Catholic?** As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to

embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith? Then the A.O.H. is Looking for You! The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Oldest, Largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in America.

Now is your chance to become a member of a local AOH Division. If you are interested, please contact one of our division presidents: Our Johnstown Division: John Skelley (814) 525-2505 / [JSkelley@atlanticbb.net](mailto:JSkelley@atlanticbb.net) or Our Altoona Division: Tom Hallinan (814) 934-7940 / [xcrunr1@yahoo.com](mailto:xcrunr1@yahoo.com)



RECONCILIATION

## AREA PENANCE SERVICES



RECONCILIATION

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. Anthony of Padua (Windber)	Wednesday	April 2	6:00 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Friday	April 4	6 – 7:30 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Saturday	April 5	6 – 7:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Windber)	Wednesday	April 9	6:00 PM
St. John Gualbert	Thursday	April 10	6:00 PM
St Benedict	Monday	April 14	5:00 PM
St Patrick	Wednesday	April 16	6:00 PM

## St Anne Christian Mothers Basket Party



Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

**Tickets -- \$10 and includes a spaghetti dinner  
+25 chances on over 100 baskets!**

**Chances on Large Prizes also available to purchase**

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

Tickets available at the door

If you would like to pre-purchase a ticket for Sunday  
call & leave a message for Janet at 814-241-6198

**Soft Walk Through – Saturday evening, April 26  
From 4:00PM – 7:00 PM**

**25 basket chances for only \$5  
No meal**