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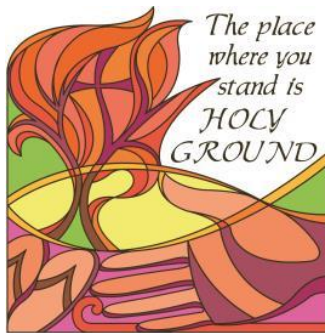
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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

FIRST READING: The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

SECOND READING: We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

GOSPEL: If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	03/24	
TUES	03/25	8:00AM Peeling Potatoes Piroghi Project
WED	03/26	
THURS	03/27	8:00AM Piroghi Project
FRI	03/28	4:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	03/29	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	03/30	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 24th – March 30th)

MON	03/24	7:50AM	Special Intention for Bob & Rose Barger
TUES	03/25	7:50AM	+ Gary Lewis – (Rose Howarth & John Slezak)
WED	03/26	7:50AM	+ (A) Jean Nikonow – (Son, Paul & Marie)
THUR	03/27	7:50AM	+ Julia Skala – (Husband, Casey & Joni)
FRI	03/28	7:50AM	+ Angie & Bob Williams – (Darlene Lovas)
SAT	03/29	4:00PM	+ Mike Delich – (John & Flo Tomljanovic)
SUN	03/30	7:30AM	+ Pro Populo
		10:30AM	+ (B) Sophie Mulvehill – (Son, Patrick & Terri)



Sunday, March 23, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings capture the essence of God's Lenten message to us, His people, offering words of compassion and mercy as well as warning of the need to repent and make the most of the gift of time He has given us.

Jesus offers the parable of the unfruitful fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying, it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives at times as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 15th & March 16th, 2025)

Weekly	\$	3,673.00
Building Fund	\$	25.00
Fuel	\$	25.00
Easter Flowers	\$	285.00



Mass for today, **Saturday March 22nd** is for the intentions of Bernie Forgas, requested by Daughter, Terry & Patrick. Sorry for any confusion, this may have caused.



The winner of the "Leprechaun's Treasure" worth \$250 was **Dave Antal**. Congratulations **Dave** and thank you to everyone who purchased a chance.

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



Lenten Piroghi Project -

3 Weeks Down -3 Weeks to Go!

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 22nd & 23rd** or you can phone the office Monday March 17th between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.** Pick-up is Thursday, March 27th from 11-2 & Friday, March 21st from 10-12.



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No Experience necessary!!!

New volunteers are always welcomed!!



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

Today is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting Impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties- and one of those holt duties is to support our Church. This year's theme, "Follow Me" (mt.16:24), invites us into a deeper relationship with Christ, as we share in His mission of love and service, proclaiming the Good News to all. There is no limit to what we can accomplish together in Christ.

If you didn't bring your pledge card to Mass this weekend, or send it in this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our Diocese's ministries need your support.

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

Children's Easter Breakfast and Party

The children's Easter breakfast and party will be held on **Saturday,**

April 12th at 10:00 AM, at the Social 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 **April 6th**



St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For the month of February our prayer shawl ministry created 20 handmade shawls which were

blessed and delivered to St. Therese parishioners who currently reside in local nursing care facilities or whom are homebound. Since January, which was the start of our ministry, we have delivered a total of 30 shawls to individuals, filled with prayers and offering comfort to those in need.

Thank you to the crocheters whom provided their time, and talent and to those who donated yarn and monetary contributions.

We are always looking for new knitters and crocheters to join our group. Our ministry members knit or crochet their shawls at home and bring them to church for blessing and distribution. We also meet every other month. The purpose of the meeting is to provide updates, and to simply give us the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with each other and to welcome newcomers. If you don't knit or crochet and would like to participate in the shawl ministry, we are also in need of drivers to deliver the shawls.

A basket is in the church vestibule for donations of yarn. If you choose to purchase new yarn, please purchase 2-3 skeins of 4 ply worsted yarn which is approximately 740-1000 yds. In addition, monetary donations, gift cards from either Walmart, and Michaels are also appreciated.

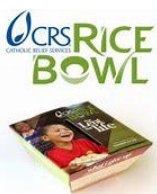
If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one, please contact the parish office. A prayer shawl may be requested for someone mourning the loss of a loved one, someone undergoing a procedure, someone with an illness, or anyone whom you feel is in need of Gods comfort and embrace.

If you have any questions, regarding this ministry of prayer and craft, please reach out to Debi Hubbard at mommyhub@atlanticbb.net or 814-421-2416

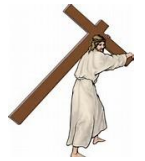
CRS Rice Bowl - Our CCD students as well as our

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.

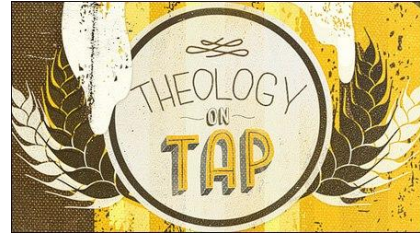
CCD student please return Rice Bowls by Palm Sunday, April 13th.



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



Community News & Events



Young Adult Group (18-39): We are excited to welcome Most Reverend William Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, to speak at Theology on Tap on March 26th at the Boulevard Grill in Johnstown at 6pm as well as Catholic Author Mike Aquilina on April 30th. All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



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.

ST. GREGORY AND BARNABAS CHURCH, will hold a **Fish Fry on Fridays of Lent**. Two sites open: 120 Boltz St., and 408 Luzon Ave., from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM at both sites. 120 Boltz St. site will also be open on Good Friday, 3:30 to 6:30 PM. No phone orders please.

Lenten Fish Fry St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be having a Lenten Fish Fry, every Friday of Lent, until 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

Part-Time Maintenance Position is needed at St. John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown working up to 24 hours per week. Some responsibilities include: general maintenance repairs, inspecting facilities, cleaning, event prep, monitoring inventory, mowing, etc. For a full job description, please check out our website: [Candidates can also submit resumes to mporada@dioceseaj.org or araymond@dioceseaj.org](#). Alternatively, submit resumes to 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 1660

St Anne Basket Party
 Sunday, April 27, 2024 Held at St. Therese Social Hall -
 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 2:00PM



Soft Walk Through - Saturday April 26th from 4:00PM - 7:00 PM -
 25 basket chances for only \$5 - **No Meal**

PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF POPE FRANCIS - Lord, we lift up Pope Francis to You, asking for Your healing touch upon his body and spirit. Grant him strength, comfort, and restoration, as he continues to serve Your Church with faith and love. May Your peace surround him and Your grace guide his recovery. We trust in Your mercy and ask that You bless him with health and vitality, so he may continue to lead us in Your truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. St Anne Christian Mothers Basket Party



NUT ROLLS, POPPY SEED ROLLS, AND BREAD: St. Clare of Assisi Parish is taking orders for Nut Rolls and Poppy Seed Rolls. The cost is \$15.00 per roll. The cost of the Bread is \$5.00. Orders can be placed by contacting the St Clare Parish Office, (814)-535-1133. Pick-up will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 10, 11 and 12 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the St. Clare of Assisi School Hall. ****The pick-up for Bread is Saturday, April 12th, 10:00AM to 6:00PM only.**



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