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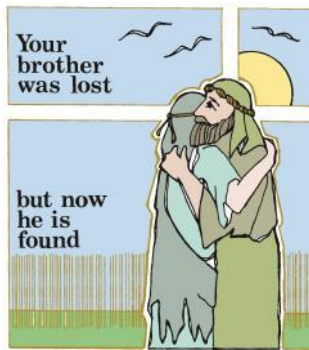
THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS
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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

FIRST READING: God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the Produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12).

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

SECOND READING: We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

GOSPEL: We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	03/31	
TUES	04/01	8:00AM Peeling Potatoes Piroghi Project 6:00PM Holy Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	04/02	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
THURS	04/03	8:00AM Piroghi Project
FRI	04/04	4:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT	04/05	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	04/06	

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

MON	03/31	7:50AM	+ Ed Krupa – (Joe Balog)
TUES	04/01	7:50AM	+ (A) Bob Macy – (Family)
WED	04/02	7:50AM	+ (A) Michael R. Babik – (Daughter, Michelle & Tom Beblar)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
THUR	04/03	7:50AM	+ Jane Bross – (Marge & Dan Hutchison)
FRI	04/04	7:50AM	+ (A) Jean Krupa – (John Balog)
SAT	04/05	4:00PM	+ Anthony Petrore – (Mike & Lori Brisko)
SUN	04/06	7:30AM	+ Mary Bicko – (Chirs Dudash)
		10:30AM	+ Mike Delich – (Dennis & Darlene Holtman)



Sunday, March 30, 2025



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**



This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's Love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.givecatholictogether.org

Stewardship Reflections: For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. In fact, the word "lent" comes from the Old English word, "lenten," which means spring. Lent is intended to be a springtime for us in our spiritual lives where all can become new again.

We owe God everything! But let's start by giving him one little thing. Take even a faltering step closer to Him - go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, call a family member or friend you are at odds with and try to reconcile. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(March 22nd & March 23rd, 2025)**

Weekly	\$	3,805.00
Building Fund	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	134.00

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

Lenten Piroghi Project -
Only 2 more 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 29th & 30th** or you can phone the office Monday March 31st between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.** Pick-up is Thursday, April 3rd from 11-2 & Friday, April 4th from 10-12.



No Experience necessary!!!

New volunteers are always welcomed!!



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



Community News & Events



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.

For the month of March, the prayer shawl ministry created 19 handmade shawls. Those shawls were blessed and 12 shawls were delivered to individuals from requests that were made by St. Therese parishioners, to provide shawls to other parishioners, loved ones or friends. 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 next meeting will be in May.

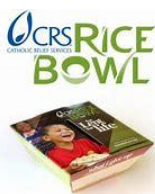
A basket is in the church vestibule for donations of yarn. If you choose to purchase new yarn, please purchase 2-3 skeins of 4 ply worsted yarn which is approximately 740-1000 yds. In addition, monetary donations, gift cards from either Walmart, and Michaels are also appreciated.

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.

During the month of April the prayer shawl ministry will be making shawls/blankets to give to the Women's Help Center.

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.



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 -



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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LENTEN FISH FRY - St. Francis of Assisi Parish will have a Fish Fry on Friday, April 4, 2025 at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. A LUNCH SPECIAL (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, no substitutions) will be offered from 11AM until 1:00PM (Take Out Only). The full menu will be served from 2:00PM - 6:00PM, eat in or take out. Orders for lunch and dinner will be taken from 9:00AM until 1:00 PM on the day of the fish fry by calling 814-539-3518. We welcome walk-ins, but strongly suggest that orders be placed in advance. Meals will be served while supplies last.

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



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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Journey Through Loss is a nine-week program for those who have lost a loved one through death recently or in the past. The program provides the opportunity to share or to listen and offers positive ideas for coping. The next session begins on Tuesday, April 22nd. We will meet weekly from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Holy Grounds at Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Westmont. All faiths are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Petrak at 814502-6076 or mfpetrak@hotmail.com.

Grief Support Group



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 Clement	Monday	March 31	5:30 – 6:30
St. Anthony of Padua (Windber)	Wednesday	April 2	6:00 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday	April 7	6 – 7:30 PM
Our Mother of Sorrows	Tuesday	April 8	6 – 7:30 PM
St Therese West End Churches	Wednesday	April 9	5:00 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. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale

Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place
Friday, May 2nd and **Saturday, May 3rd**
 from 9 to 12:00PM in the Social Hall.

Please look in an up-coming bulletin to see gathering dates

