

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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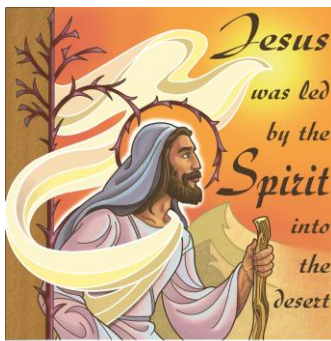
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## OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

Monday – Friday  
9:00AM---2:00PM

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## First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

FIRST READING: The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

PSALM: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

SECOND READING: All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

GOSPEL: Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

## LITURGICAL REFLECTION: IN THE DESERT

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God’s presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God’s ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

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## WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	03/10	
TUES	03/11	8:00AM . . . . . Peeling Potatoes Piroghi Project
WED	03/12	
THURS	03/13	8:00AM . . . . . Piroghi Project
FRI	03/14	4:00PM . . . . . Stations of the Cross
SAT	03/15	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	03/16	

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>)

MON	03/10	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
TUES	03/11	7:50AM	+ Sr Catherine Paff – (St Therese Church)
WED	03/12	7:50AM	+ Dom Kurtz Sr. – (Kristi Lengyel)
THUR	03/13	7:50AM	+ Betty Dukery – (Bev Bross)
FRI	03/14	7:50AM	+ (B) Anthony Petrore – (Mike & Kim Seigh)
SAT	03/15	4:00PM	+ Willaim Kolega – (Bruce & Elaine Crooks)
SUN	03/16	7:30AM	+ (A) John Jedrzejek – (Wife, Flo)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Nancy Schultz – (John & Joan Sklarsky)



# Sunday, March 9, 2025



We will be selling tickets for a "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>.

**Stewardship Reflections:** And so it begins - the holy and, for some, daunting season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection. Our outlook as Christian stewards can help us embrace this season with enthusiasm and even joy.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as "soil" that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of the days intentionally to make a generous response to our God, who sent His only Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin.

If we find this difficult sometimes, then we're doing it right! It means we will have some wonderful 'first fruits' to present to our Lord at the close of the season; we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (March 1<sup>st</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)

Weekly	.....	\$	6,334.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	842.00
Fuel	.....	\$	100.00
Easter Flowers	.....	\$	385.00



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

**Lenten Reading Material** -- is available in the vestibule. Please help yourselves. These booklets will assist you in making the most of your Lenten journey

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



**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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** or you can phone the office Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.** Pick-up is Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 & Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-12.

**VOLUNTEER**  
*all that's missing is U!*

If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!!**  
**New volunteers are always welcomed!!**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

### 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 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. 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@atlantcibb.net](mailto:mommyhub@atlantcibb.net) or 814-421-2416



We have purchased new software and computers for the Church office and are in need of your assistance. Please return no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Blessed Candles** - for your home are available in the back of the church. They are \$3 for a box of two.

**Families and the Gospel** - (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."

## Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. March 12<sup>th</sup> 3pm and 6:30pm for those who work. Enrich your "Lenten Journey" by becoming more familiar with the Divine Mercy message brought to life through the praying of the Chaplet and discussing the Diary of Dr. Faustina. Bring a FRIEND and see how spiritually fulfilling this 1 HOUR can be.  
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!



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.

**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference**-Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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)