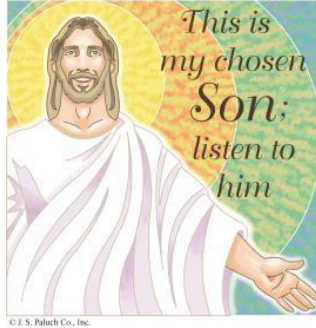


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March 16, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

Today's Scripture Readings

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM **Saturday – March 22nd**
Lector Volunteer

9:00AM **Sunday – March 23rd**
Lector: Elaine Angus

Mass Intentions for the Week:

(March 17th – March 23rd)

MON	03/17	7:00AM . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
TUES	03/18	7:00AM. . + Ed Krupa – (John Balog)
WED	03/19	7:00AM . . + For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family – (Family)
THURS	03/20	7:00AM. . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
FRI	03/21	7:00AM. . + (A) Albert Mikula – (Family)
SAT	03/22	5:30PM. .+ For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family – (Barbara Voci)
SUN	03/23	9:00AM. . . Pro Populo

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.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
March 8th & 9th, 2025**

Weekly	\$ 1,593.00
Monthly	\$ 20.00
1 st Offer	\$ 25.00
Fuel/Heat	\$ 25.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 180.00
Black & Indian	\$ 55.00
Lenten Offer	\$ 355.00

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!



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 **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.



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.

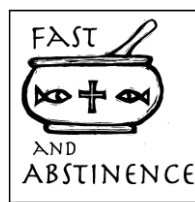


Coffee and Cake...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **this weekend** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this month! **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

Hope to see you there

Lenten Folders-- are available in the back of the Church for anyone wishing to use them. There are also Lenten envelopes in your box if you prefer.

CRS Rice Bowl -- Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available this weekend. Please take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.



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!**



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.

Community News & Events



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!

Piroghi Project



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project –
continues during Lent.
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



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

St. Gregory (Boltz St) & St. Barnabas (Luzon Ave) Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent (March 7 – April 11) from 4PM – 6:30 PM.
Eat in or Take-Out. No phone orders

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



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 or Our Altoona Division: Tom Hallinan (814) 934-7940 / xcrun1@yahoo.com

Things to Add During Lent

Attend Stations of the Cross

Go to Daily Mass

Write a Note to Someone Who Has Made a Difference in Your Life

Pray the Rosary Every Day

Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Help an Elderly Neighbor

Write to Nursing Home Residents

Cook a Meal for Someone

Volunteer to be an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter or Altar Server

Pray for Strangers

Thank Someone Every Day

Buy an "Extra" to Give Away

Send an Anonymous Gift to someone

Get Involved in Parish Activities

Keep a Gratitude Journal

Read Spiritual Books and Literature



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**



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