

# ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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**9:00AM to 2:00PM**

**March 23, 2025**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**Today's Scripture Readings**

**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.

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## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**5:30PM** **Saturday – March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Lector Ed Olshefski

**9:00AM** **Sunday – March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Lector: Pat Wess

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## Mass Intentions for the Week:

**(March 24<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>)**

<b>MON</b>	<b>03/24</b>	<b>7:00AM . . + (B) Rich Poplinski – (Wife, Connie &amp; Family)</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>03/25</b>	<b>7:00AM. . + Martin &amp; Matilda Simcic</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>03/26</b>	<b>7:00AM . . + Anna V. Christian – (Husband, Bob)</b>
<b>THURS</b>	<b>03/27</b>	<b>7:00AM. . + Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>03/28</b>	<b>7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Clirilia Graicar</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>03/29</b>	<b>5:30PM. .+ Pro Populo</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>03/30</b>	<b>9:00AM. . + Frank &amp; Sue Karmanocky – (Family)</b>

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### 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,376.00
Lenten Offer	\$ 60.00

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.

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. Anne 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,**

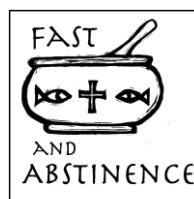
**April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**, at the Social

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 6<sup>th</sup>**



**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.



### Fasting and Abstinence

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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 18<sup>th</sup>)** 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 60<sup>th</sup> year.



### 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

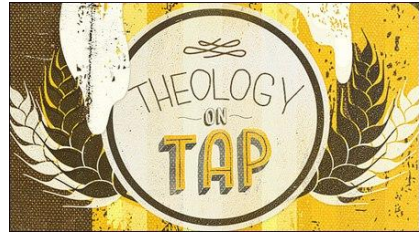
### Piroghi Project



**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**



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.

**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

### 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 \[mporada@dioceseai.org\]\(mailto:mporada@dioceseai.org\) or \[araymond@dioceseai.org\]\(mailto:araymond@dioceseai.org\).](#) 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.

**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



**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. 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)





## April 2025



**4/19 Peter Zupan**

**4/23 Mark Vrabel**

**4/01 Agnes Ceslovník  
Sandy Drobnich**

**4/26 Patrick Flynn**

**4/02 Ronald McCullough**

**4/27 Rick Marsh, Jr.  
Heather Brillhart**

**4/06 Mike Polenik**

**4/30 Jaime Shingler**

**4/07 Carol Nestor**

**4/06 Michael Polenik**

**4/12 Caleb Wess**

**4/15 Carolyn Eppley Mills**

**4/17 Robert Hoegg**



### AREA PENANCE SERVICES



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