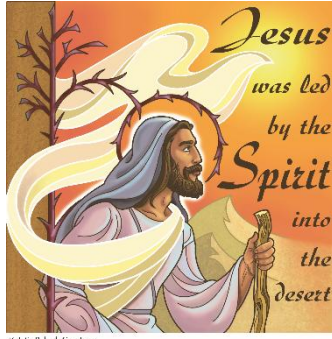


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March 9, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent

Today's Scripture Readings

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM **Saturday - March 15th**
Lector Ed Olshefski

9:00AM **Sunday - March 16th**
Lector: Linda Lopez

Mass Intentions for the Week:

(March 10th - March 16th)

MON	03/10	7:00AM. . + Sr. Catherine Paff - (St. Anne Parish Family)
TUES	03/11	7:00AM. . + Matilda & Martin Simcic
WED	03/12	7:00AM. . + Anna Mary Myers - (Dad)
THURS	03/13	7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar
FRI	03/14	7:00AM. . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT	03/15	5:30PM. . + Agnes Malysko - (Sister, Eileen)
SUN	03/16	9:00AM. . + Holy Souls of Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)

March 9, 2025

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 1st & 2nd, 2025**

Weekly	\$ 2,081.00
Monthly	\$ 151.00
Building Fund	\$ 15.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 81.00
Black & Indian	\$ 10.00
Lenten Offer	\$ 55.00

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!



Christian Mothers Monthly Meeting – is being held **today, March 9th**. Everyone is welcome.



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.



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 **next weekend, March 15th & 16th** 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.

Black & Indian Mission Collection – will be taken up on the first Sunday of Lent. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

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

Piroghi Project



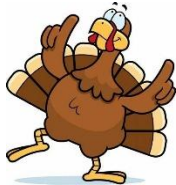
St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project – continues during Lent.
Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

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



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!

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. March 12th 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



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.



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



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 / xcrunr1@yahoo.com

