

# ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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**April 6, 2025**

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

**FIRST READING:** The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21).

**PSALM:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**SECOND READING:** The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14).

**GOSPEL:** A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11).

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION: SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST**

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns.

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### Liturgical Ministry Schedule

**5:30PM** Saturday - April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Lector Ed Olshefski  
Volunteer

**9:00AM** Sunday - April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Lector: Linda Lopez  
Elaine Angus

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### Mass Intentions for the Week: (April 7<sup>th</sup> - April 13<sup>th</sup>)

MON 04/07 7:00AM . . + Agnes Malysko - (Sister, Eileen)  
TUES 04/08 7:00AM. . . Special Intention for Diana Thomas - (Connie)  
WED 04/09 7:00AM . . + Ed Krupa - (Agnes & Eileen Malysko)  
THURS 04/10 7:00AM. . + Martin & Matilda Simcic  
FRI 04/11 7:00AM. . + For Deceased Members of the family of Cirila Graicar  
SAT 04/12 5:30PM. . . Pro Populo  
SUN 04/13 9:00AM. . . Christian Mothers

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**Stewardship Reflections:**

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent. First from Isaiah, "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Next from St Paul, "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." Then the verse before the Gospel, "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

A clear theme emerges from these verses – when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple – to serve in a ministry or to tell others about your faith – because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new – and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Weekly	\$ 1,232.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 40.00

*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!*



**St Anne Basket Party**

Sunday, April 27, 2024 Held at St. Therese Social Hall -

Admission \$10 -- includes a spaghetti dinner +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 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM – 7:00 PM -

25 basket chances for only \$5 - **No Meal**

**Call Janet to reserve your ticket today!!**

**Dinner tickets going fast!**

**You don't want to miss out on the delicious spaghetti dinner**



Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

**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.

**Community News & Events**

**Piroghi Project**



**St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project – Last Week to Order.**

**Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week. A Sign-up sheet** is in the back of church or you can call the office on Monday from 9AM – 10:30AM to place your order. Pick up your order on Thursday from 11AM – 2PM or Friday from 10AM to Noon in the St Therese Social Hall.

**Cost is \$8/dozen**

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** next get together will be **Wed. April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and 6:30pm.** Bring a Friend! Don't let this Lenten Opportunity of Spiritual Growth pass you by. Join us and see why so many love being a part of Divine Mercy in Action+

We are the hands and feet of Christ **SHOWING** Corporal Works and **BEING** Spiritual Works of Mercy to OTHERS. Info Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-9717



## Grief Support Group



**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](mailto:mfpetrak@hotmail.com).

**Families and the Gospel:** (JN 8:1-11)  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent** Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and putdowns. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning

**Visitation Parish Pilgrimage --** We are currently planning a jubilee year pilgrimage to The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg Maryland for Friday, May 16, 2025. The Pilgrimage will include luxury bus transportation to and from the Shrine, a tour of the basilica and the grounds, Mass and dinner. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person. If you are interested, please call the rectory office at (814) 536-6110 ext.1 by April 15th. We look forward to sharing the day with you.

**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 \[mporada@dioceseaj.org\]\(mailto:mporada@dioceseaj.org\) or \[araymond@dioceseaj.org\]\(mailto:araymond@dioceseaj.org\).](#) Alternatively, submit resumes to 2713 West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 1660

**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 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.

# Cash\$ Bash

**Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Company** (Fairfield Avenue) will be holding a **CASH BASH April 26<sup>th</sup> 5-8** Doors open at 4PM. \$20 admission which includes dinner and drinks.



As you do your spring cleaning are you finding gently used items that you are looking to donate? You're in luck the St. Therese Christian Mothers are holding a Flea Market & Bake Sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9AM – 1PM in their Social Hall.  
**Watch this space for information on Gathering Dates**



## 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.

Our Mother of Sorrows	Monday	April 7	6 – 7:30 PM
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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

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