## ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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#### **October 12, 2025**

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **Today's Scripture Readings**

FIRST READING: Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in

and allegiance to the LORD (2 Kings 5:14-17).

**PSALM:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

SECOND READING: Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere,

we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

**GOSPEL:** After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give

him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

#### <u>LITURGICAL REFLECTION</u>: THE GIFT OF SALVATION

Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God's hand in their healing. Only through God's intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God's presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith. For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings—life, love, gifts, and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### **LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS**

<u>5:30PM</u> Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Sunday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Lector: Elaine Angus

#### Mass Intentions for the Week: (Oct 13th - Oct 19ht)

**MON** 10/13 7:00AM... + (B) Michael Beblar - (Mom & Dad)

TUES 10/14 7:00AM... + Msgr. Harold Biller – (Thien & Ngoan Tran)

WED 10/15 7:00AM.....For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family

**THURS** 10/16 7:00AM... + Thomas Connelly – (Ron & Mary Lou Gelles)

FRI 10/17 7:00AM... + Martin & Matilda Simcic

SAT 10/18 5:30PM... +(WA) Kenneth & Mary Jane Ferg – (Daughter, Barbara Voci)

**SUN** 10/19 9:00AM. . . +(A) Carolina Kuhns – (Husband, Bob)

#### October 12, 2025

#### **Stewardship Reflections:**

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gifts to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from – our merciful and loving God.

The Samaritan from our Gospel today reacts to his gift of healing in much the same way as Namaan from our First Reading, and demonstrates the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship.

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Weekly	\$ 1,841.00
Poor Box	\$ 115.00
Monthly	\$ 87.00
Retired Priests Med	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 43.00
World Missions	\$ 15.00

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



# Our annual Free Spaghetti Dinner – will be held Sunday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. at 12:30PM,

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the

church. No take outs!

You must sign up to attend!!!

Deadline to sign up is Oct 19th



## 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive Follow Me.

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it is a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God's vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship – you make it possible. Thank you to the families who have pledged as of Sept 30th a total of \$6,520 (74%) towards our target amount of \$8,800. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target.

There is still time to make a pledge. Final pledge payments can be made up to Dec 31.

#### **Community News & Events**

## St. Patrick Church Annual Basket Party Sunday, Oct 19th

Will be held at the St. John Gualbert Activity
Center -- 110 Adams Street
Doors Open at 12 Noon
\$10 Ticket includes lunch. Buy your tickets
ahead at the St. John Gualbert Rectory Office.
Additional chances available to purchase.
For more information, please contact
Lolly Kennedy at 814-659-8717



The West End Improvement Group will the Annual Basket Party. This year will be a 2-day event, with a <u>Walk-Through on</u> Saturday, Nov 1 from 1-4PM. Tickets are \$5.

Saturday will also include baked goods for sale, with gobs and pies to list a few.

**Sunday, Nov 2**, doors will open at 11AM, drawing will begin at 1PM. Tickets are \$10.00 which includes lunch.

This year will include qualifiers/pull-tabs, in addition to 50/50, Lottery Tree, and over 135 baskets.

Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, garden, and community projects.

Any questions or to donate a basket, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558

Parish Mission Presents Fr. James DiLuzio, C.S.P from Paulist Fathers -- St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be hosting Fr. James DiLuzio, C.S.P for their Community-Wide Parish Mission, "Perpetual Pilgrimage". This threenight event will be held at 7:00 pm on October 14, 15, 16, 2025. Come and Journey with us through faith, history, and promise as we explore: Biblical Foundations of HOPE in Christ, Historic contributions of the Church through the ages and the enduring trust in God's promises that unites believers today. Please come with an open heart ready to be awed by the extravagant love of God. Open to adults and children in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at dcmlr@icloud.com

#### **Grief Heals with Kindness Presentation**

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be presenting a Community-Wide Grief Presentation "Grief Heals with Kindness". This one-day event will be held at 3 P.M. on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Come and discover the stages of grief and the corresponding forms of caregiving for each stage. This workshop will emphasize on the importance of expressing one's feelings and needs to others, as well as encouraging them to make decisions about activities in which to participate, who to be with and how to regain a sense of control. Adults in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are welcome to attend. Tickets are not required. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at dcmlr@icloud.com



HITMIX MUSIC BINGO – Will be held on Saturday, November 8th at St. Francis Activity Center at 134 Barron Avenue. Doors open at 5:00PM with first game beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$20 each and incudes food and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes every half hour. Also available for purchase are extra bingo cards, Qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED. Tickets will be available after September 13th. Must be 18 or older to participate! Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667



Deacon Nelson Lowes from Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi parishes in Johnstown invites you to join him and his travel companions on an enriching journey to Lisbon, Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Montserrat, and Barcelona. We will be traveling from May 7 to May 19, 2026. For more details, please visit Epic Journeys Tours (https://www.epicjourneystours.com/tours/fatima-lourdes-shrines-of-spain/). There are only a few spots left, so don't miss out on this opportunity to experience an unforgettable trip that is longer and more affordable than similar tours currently being offered. Deacon Nelson assures us, "It's also going to be a lot more fun!"

#### St. John Gualbert Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party:

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, November 2nd, 2025** at the **St. John Gualbert Activities Center**. The doors will open at 11AM and we will serve the dinners until 3PM. The cost is: Adults \$10.00. Kids ages 4-12 \$7.00, those 3 and under are served free! We do have take outs available, but you should stay for the basket party fun - lots of prizes with the baskets and 50/50 tickets all for sale at the party that day but you do not need to be present to win! For event tickets, you can reach out to Gloria Stephens at (814)418-0270, Charlotte Amenti at (814)322-2168 or the rectory office (814)536-0117

#### ABORTION:

Every baby only comes once and it is so important that we treasure each and every one of them. Every child's beginning starts from home, to be more precise, starts from womb. It is so important for our society to support, respect, care for and look after the pregnant women and couples who try to have babies. It is not about us. The future of the world depends on the future of our generations. To make our planet better or worse, we have to make our choice wisely.



"A Person's a person no matter how small"
-Dr. Seuss



#### **World Mission Month: A Call to Hope**

Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, Pope Leo XIV, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by St. Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5). In the 50th anniversary year of Evangelii Nuntiandi, we are reminded that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers" (41). Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses—bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace. Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church's call to support the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.

# St. Therese Church Oktoberfest

**Upper Decker Avenue** 

SATURDAY, OCT 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM - 8:00PM

SUNDAY, OCT 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM - 2:00PM

### **MENU**

GERMAN POTATO SALAD HALUSKI
PIGS IN THE BLANKET PIROGHI
KOLBASSI/SAUERKRAUT
HOT DOGS/SAUERKRAUT

## DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS ASSORTED PIES GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL







#### BEER WINE COOLERS SODA WATER COFFEE

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

THEME BASKETS

<u>SATURDAY</u> 5:30 - 7:30—Meat Raffle Wheel

2:00PM - Theme Basket Raffle Drawing



