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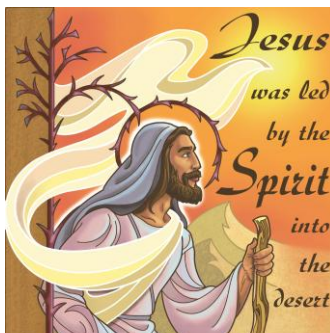
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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

FIRST READING: The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a).

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place out trust in you. (Psalm 33).

SECOND READING: God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

GOSPEL: Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	3/02		
TUES	3/03	8:00AM	Peel potatoes of piroghi's
WED	3/04	11:30AM	Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
THURS	3/05	8:00AM	Piroghi Project
FRI	3/06	4:00PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT	3/07	3:00PM	Confession
NEXT SUN	3/08		Spring Forward Daylight Saving Time



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 2nd – March 8th)

MON	3/02	7:50AM	+ Chet Frazier – (Rose Howarth & John Slezak)
TUES	3/03	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
WED	3/04	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic - (Family)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
THUR	3/05	7:30AM	+ Betty, Carl, Edward & Marie – (Sister, Annamae)
FRI	3/06	7:50AM	+ Francis Dukery - (Family)
SAT	3/07	4:00PM	+ (B) Brian Bambino – (Jerry & Mary Frances Sandusky)
SUN	3/08	7:30AM	Special Intentions for Zak Marshall– (Family)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday, March 1, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of *Genesis* describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season - all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others - and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 22nd – Feb 23rd, 2025)

Weekly	\$	3,524.00
Building Fund	\$	66.00
Energy	\$	123.00
Easter Flowers	\$	493.00

Lenten Piroghi Project - continues each week through March 26th (4 more weeks)

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be in the vestibule this weekend **Feb 28th – March 1st** or you can phone the office **Monday March 2nd** between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.** Pick-up is **Thursday 5th 11-2PM** or **Friday, March 6th** from 10-12.



All that's missing is U!

If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!!**
New volunteers are always welcomed!!

Stations of the Cross - will be held every Friday during Lent at **4PM**.



Catholic Ministries *DRIVE* **Sent To Serve**

The **2026 Catholic Ministries Drive** begins throughout our Diocese this weekend. This year's theme, **Sent to Serve**, reminds us that by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been Sent To Serve, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of Gods varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10) Our Catholic Ministries Drive supports 9 ministries throughout our Diocese, which all fall into one of our three mail focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priest 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.

Our parish goal this year is \$23,100. We would not only try to reach our goal this year, but increase our parish participation. If you did not receive a letter from the Bishop there will be pledge cards in the back of Church. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time offering.



Holy Name Society will be taking orders for pies from the Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown. Order forms are in the vestibule. Orders and payments can be placed in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to the **Holy Name Society**. Last day to order is **March 15th**. Pies can be picked up after all Mass **March 28th & 29th** in the church hall.

Due to the piroghi project, the **Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on **Wednesday, March 4th**, starting at 11:30AM.





Next weekend, March 7th & 8th

We will be selling chances for a **STER MONEY TREE** worth **\$250.00**

chances are \$1 for one -6 for \$5.00

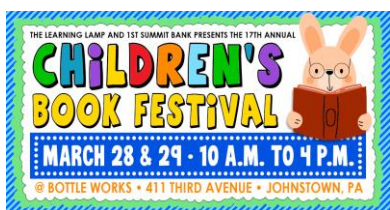
Drawing will be held on Sunday, March 22nd after the 10:30 Mass.

CRS Rice Bowl - Our CCD students as well as our



Parishioners will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services Lenten program once again. Please take one home and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

CCD student please return Rice Bowls by Palm Sunday, March 29th.



The Learning Lamp will be collecting new and gently used children's books from infant to middle school ages during the month of February. There will be a box in the vestibule if you would like to donate your new or gently used children's books.

St Anne Basket Party

Sunday, April 12, 2026 Therese Social Hall -

Admission \$10 -- includes a spaghetti dinner +25 chances on over 100 baskets!

Additional basket tickets -- \$5/for 25 chances

Tickets on Large Prizes also available to purchase

Doors open at 11AM Drawing begins at 2PM

Call Janet at 814-241-6198 to reserve your ticket today!!

Dinner tickets going fast!

Soft Walk Through - Saturday April 11th from 4:00PM - 7:00 PM -

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

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. **March 11th 3pm** or 6:30pm. Bring a Friend and join us as we journey through the life and spiritual relationship of St. Faustina and Jesus that she reveals to us in The Diary. We discuss some of the entries in her diary and pray the Chaplet. We also discuss our plans for Service Projects that we perform showing Mercy out and about in our community. Come see what we are all about and feel the spiritual rewards for a Fruitful Lent. Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717



Mom's House, Inc of Johnstown invites you to **Trivia Night, Tuesday, March 24th** at the Blvd. Grill.

Doors open at 5PM- First question is at 6PM. Admission includes food, drinks, and dessert.

Teams of up to 8 people- \$25 per person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegra or Rose at 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 \$14 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. Gobs are also available for purchase \$2.50 each. Delivery available within 5 miles call 814-341-0785.

SS Gregory & Barnabas Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent. Dine in & Take out orders

St Gregory St Barnabas
120 Boltz St 408 Luzon Ave
Daisytown 4-6:30PM

Good Friday meals at St Gregory form 3-6:30PM
No Phone Orders

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be having a **Lenten Fish Fry, every Friday of Lent**, now until March 27th, from 11am-6pm or until sold out. **Take out orders only, No Phone Orders.** All our food is made fresh from our own kitchen, homemade baked goods available. There will be a modified a la carte menu for this year.



Spring Forward, Next Sunday, March 8th