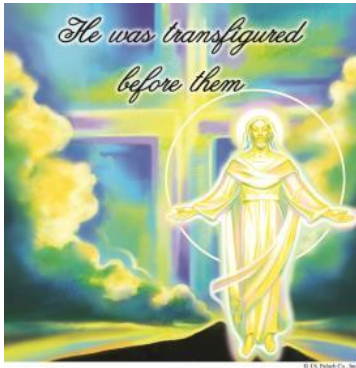


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March 1, 2026

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: We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM Saturday, March 7th
Lector: Ed Olshefski

9:00 AM Sunday, March 8th
Lector: Linda Lopez

Mass Intentions for the Week: (March 2nd – March 8th)

MON 03/02 7:00AM. . . + Jack & Ester Sloan – (Family)
TUES 03/03 7:00AM. . . + Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)
WED 03/04 7:00AM. . . . For Living & Deceased Members of the Kamnikar/Gardill Family
THURS 03/05 7:00AM. . . + John & Maria Hoa Pham – (Thien & Ngoan Tran)
FRI 03/06 7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT 03/07 5:30PM. . . . Pro Populo
SUN 03/08 9:00AM. . . . Christian Mothers

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 21st & Feb 22nd, 2026**

Weekly	\$ 1,711.00
Monthly	\$ 25.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 105.00
Black & Indian	\$ 35.00
Poor Box	\$ 88.00

*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!*



We are still collecting for The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party

We are once again 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 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.



St Anne Basket Party

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Held at St. 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 11:00AM

Drawing will begin at 2:00PM

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

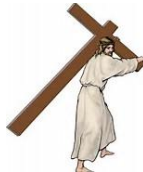
Dinner tickets going fast!

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

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

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

Lenten Reading Material --- is available in the back of the Church. Please use these booklets to help you **through your Lenten journey!**



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.



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 \$6,400.

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.

Community News & Events



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project is now going on and will continue for next four weeks.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: will be available each week in the back of church. Pick up your order on Thursdays Noon – 2PM or Fridays 10AM to Noon in the St Therese Social Hall.

Cost is \$8.50 dozen

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.

Best 1 Hour spent!

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.



HITMIX MUSIC BINGO – Will be held on **Saturday, April 25th** at St. Francis Activity Center at 134 Barron Avenue, Johnstown. Doors open at 4:30 PM with first game beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$25 each which includes turkey dinner 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.** Must be 18 or older to participate! Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667 with any questions!

New Family Ritual

Instead of giving up something this Lent, families are encouraged to add something to the lives of others. Some suggestions may include a weekly visit to an elderly person, bringing a fish dinner to a shut-in, inviting a young family to a Christian family movie night held at home or perhaps having the courage to share the love of God to someone who desperately needs it!



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

Bon Air

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



Looking for a Personal Caregiver?

I am a Licensed LPN with over 40 years of experience.

References upon request.

Please call Teresa @ 814-410-7024