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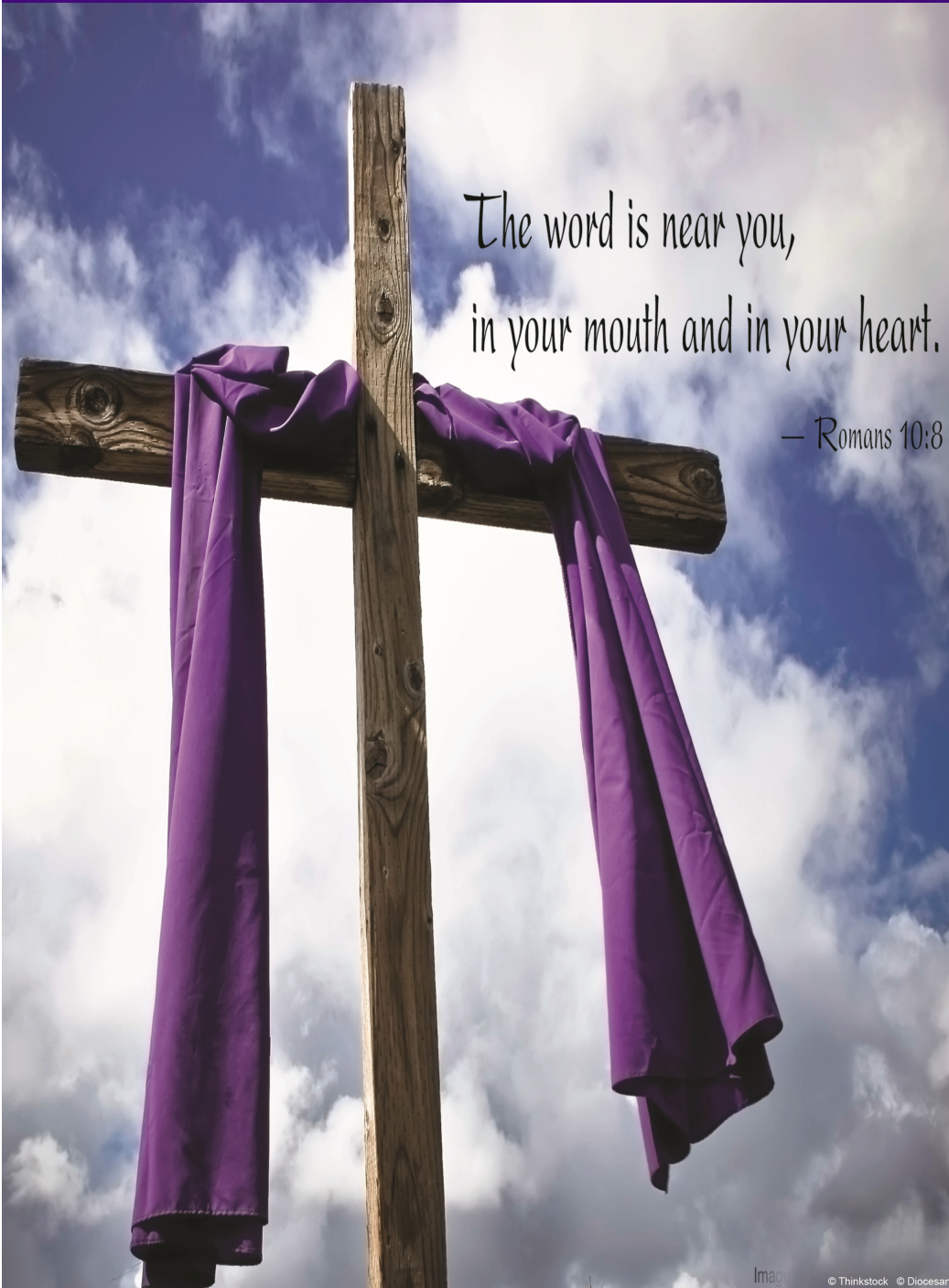
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St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church

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The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.

— Romans 10:8

Pastor

Fr. James Power

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St Joseph Parish

StJosephChurchOffice@gmail.com

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am

Daily: M, T, Th, F, 8:00 am

Wed. 12:10 pm

Confession: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00

pm | by appointment from 1:30-
4:00 pm. Closed Friday.

Parish Staff

Director of Faith Formation /

OCIA Melissa Joseph

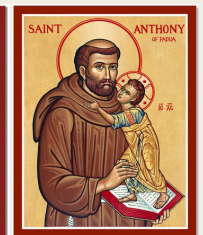
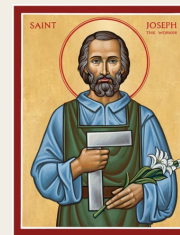
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Sunday: 8:30 am

Confession: by appointment

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Karrie Kardos

First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 9, 2025

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

It is now the First Sunday of Lent. We are only five days into our Lenten sacrifices. Sometimes beginning a habit is the most difficult part. Stay strong! Also, be sure that you are not doing these sacrifices for merely personal reasons; I would encourage you to spiritually offer them up for some particular prayer intention.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the St. Anthony Fish Fry this week. One down, only six to go! I would also like to thank everyone who supported our parish by attending. Be sure to come back next week and bring friends. Stations of the Cross are prayed at 3:00pm in the church, so you can come to Stations, and then be the first ones in line for some delicious food.

This past week we also had our Mardi Gras celebration at St. Joseph Church on Monday. It was lots of fun and the food was fantastic. The evening ended with a Mardi Gras trivia competition. The winning team was awarded some very valuable plastic Mardi Gras beads. The trivia competition really was a ton of fun, and I think it will be

making a comeback at future parish events.

On Wednesday at St. Joseph Church we begin our six-part speaker series: "Stations, Soup, and a Speaker." Stations of the Cross is prayed at 5:30pm in the church, followed by a soup supper in the Guild Hall and a talk given by a guest speaker. This week's speaker is Fr. Kevin Marks, the pastor of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hermitage. He will be talking about God's call in his life. He will also tell us a bit about the Eastern Catholic Churches.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our catechumens and candidates for making it to Lent. Lent is the home-stretch for those adults preparing for baptism or for entry into full communion with the Catholic Church. Today they will journey to St. Peter Cathedral in Erie with all of the other catechumens and candidates of our Diocese for the Rite of Election. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on this spiritual journey.

In Christ,
Fr. Power

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 9, 2025

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

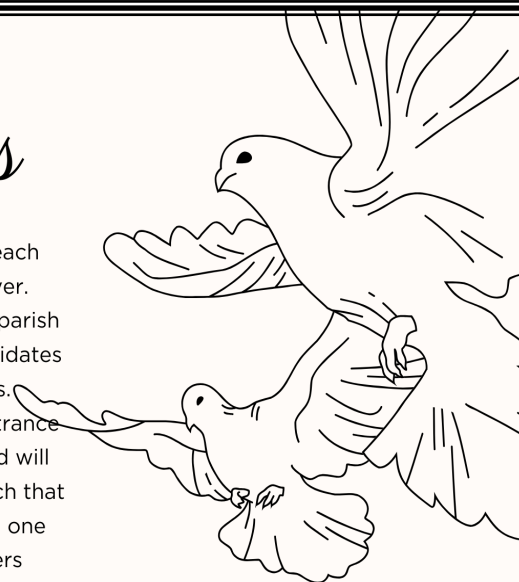
Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

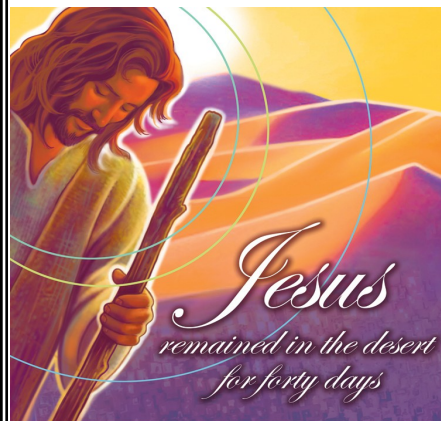
Prayer Requests

As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and lift each other in prayer. During this Lenten season, we are asking the parish to keep our students, catechumens, and candidates preparing for their sacraments in your prayers. Prayer request cards are available at each entrance at St. Joseph Church this weekend - each card will have one name and the sacrament(s) for which that individual is preparing. Please consider taking one and keeping this individual in your daily prayers during the Lenten season.

"Nothing helps a man more than prayer." - St. Philip Neri



REMINDER: St. Anthony's parish office is permanently closed. Any voicemails left on St. Anthony parish office phone will not be heard nor will they be returned. For any church assistance, please call St. Joseph Office at 724-981-3232.



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Gerrie Derr
(Family)

Tuesday, March 11

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Koch
(Cecelia Alter)

Wednesday, March 12

† 12:10 pm • St. Joseph
Mary Ellen McGonigle
(Jim & Joan Feeney)

Thursday, March 13

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Jim Black
(John & Carol Stafford)

Friday, March 14

† 8:00 am • St. Joseph
Donna Dekanich
(Pat & Diane Mastrian)

Saturday, March 15

† 5:15 pm • St. Joseph, Vigil
Deceased Members of the
Zbiegien Family
(Fran Billen)

Sunday, March 16

† 8:30 am • St. Anthony
Living Members of St. Anthony &
St. Joseph Parishes

† 11:00 am • St. Joseph
Mary Billen
(Nancy Rehner)

Weekly Reminders

For the Week of March 9

March 12 • St. Joseph
5:30 pm—Stations of the Cross

March 14 • St. Anthony
3:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

March 15 • St. Joseph
10:00 am—First Penance

March 16 • St. Joseph
9:30 am—First Eucharist Parent
Meeting

Altar Flowers

St. Joseph • Week of March 9



2025 Remaining AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES

June 8, 29	Sept. 7
July 27	Oct. 12
Aug. 3, 10, 24, 31	Nov. 16, 23

The dates listed above still remain to be filled. The cost is \$50 and is to be collected at the time of reservation. To reserve your date, you may stop in the parish office between 9:00 am-12:00 pm M-TH or call the church office at 724-981-3232.

Candles

St. Anthony • Week of March 9

The Sanctuary Candle at Saint Anthony Church is lit for David Egercic from Ann L. Yazvac.

Funeral

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Daniel Clyde. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Please Pray For

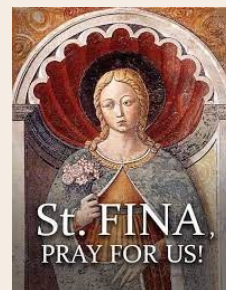
Ford Bartle, Liam Rueberger, Peggy Heldorfer, Gene Pacsi, William Haroldson, Helen Donnelly, Msgr. Andrew Karg, Lois Trimble, Adele Ontko, Delbert Ontko, Beth Bottenfield, Rich Pannutti, Ed Doughty, Jean Hetrick, Frances Rice, Marie Peterson, Ed Gursky Jr., Joe Biro, Chuck H., Lorraine Penhos, Walter Zuhosky, Loretta Krutsch, Lisa Dawson, Marcie Mondoc, Dennis Staul, Carol Thomas, Barbara LeMon, Levi Bowser and Joe Ference.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT FINA (1238-1253) March 12

God calls us to be saints no matter what our circumstances. Some young, some old, some rich, some poor, some in positions of power and some of humble means. Seraphina, or Fina for short, was just a child when God called her to demonstrate heroic virtue. She was a beautiful girl born into a poor family. After her father's death, she fell victim to a strange illness that paralyzed and misshaped her, making her unsightly, in constant pain and unable to move. Her mother was forced to leave her for hours at a time to work to provide for her family. Fina realized she was called to imitate Christ's suffering and clung to the crucifix for consolation. Then her mother also died and she had only one friend who visited her and brought her food. She had a special devotion to Pope St. Gregory the Great, and often asked for his intercession. He appeared to her one week before her death and told her that God would give her rest on his feast day (March 12). The whole city, who had abandoned her during her time of need due to her illness and physical appearance, attended her funeral and began to pray to her. Her neighbors found white violets at her resting place and to this day the white violets that bloom in March are called St. Fina flowers. She was only fifteen years old when she died. May we all learn from the example of St. Fina to be patient in bearing our own crosses and draw strength from the sufferings of Jesus to endure them.

—Tami Urcia



St. Joseph News and Announcements



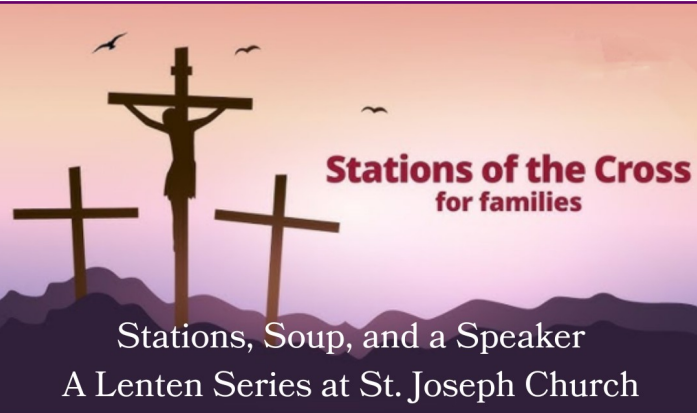
Featured Item: "Mac-n-Cheese"

Please place your donation in the shopping cart located in the Gathering Space or at the Clepper's entrance.

Upcoming Featured Items

Boxed Potatoes * Canned Fruit * Cereal

For qualified individuals, upcoming March Food Pantry distribution dates are Friday, March 7th and 21st from 9:30-11:00 am.



Stations of the Cross for families

Stations, Soup, and a Speaker
A Lenten Series at St. Joseph Church

Each Wednesday During Lent

**5:30 pm Stations of the Cross with a Soup
Supper and Guest Speaker to Follow.**

March 12: Fr. Kevin Marks from St. Michael
Byzantine Catholic Church

March 19: Rev. Dr. Glenn Hink from Sharon
First Presbyterian Church

March 26: Fr. Andrew Boyd from Immaculate
Heart of Mary Catholic Church

April 2: Lutheran Bishop Michael Lozano

April 9: TBD



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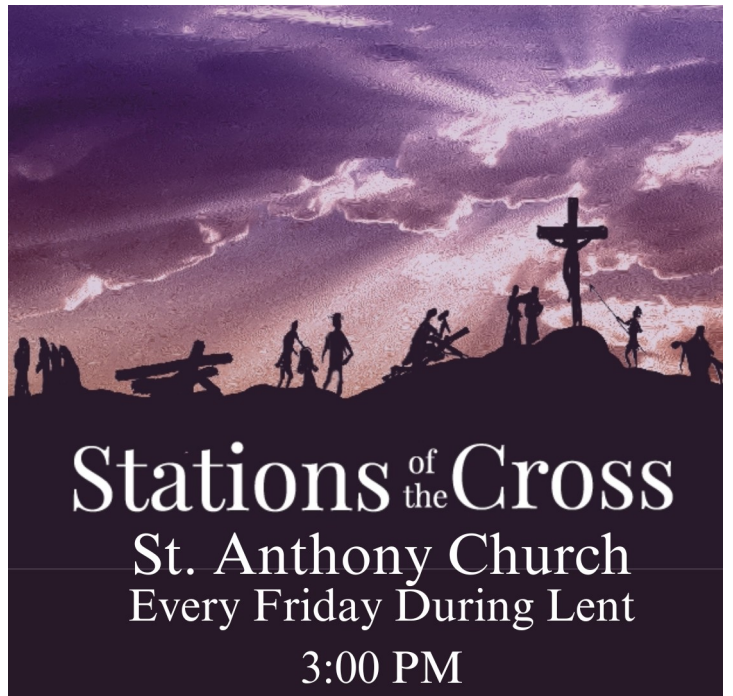
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CSA: Pastor CSA letters have been sent from the diocese to parishioners and should be arriving to your homes. There is a mistake as to where your pledge should be sent. The envelopes included with your letter show that St. Anthony pledges are to be mailed to the St. Joseph office. That is incorrect. All St. Anthony pledges are to be sent to the St. Anthony parish office. You may do so by putting your pledge in the Sunday offertory or mail to 804 Idaho St., Sharon, PA 16146. Thank you for your cooperation.



Stations of the Cross

St. Anthony Church
Every Friday During Lent

3:00 PM



**St. Anthony
Fish Fry**

4:00-7:00 PM

**Every Friday During Lent
Including Good Friday.**

**Cost: Baked or Fried
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Palacinke Dinner-\$13

Dine In or Take Out!

Cemeteries Christmas Decoration Please remove ALL Christmas flowers/decorations from our cemeteries, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Holy Cross, Holy Trinity, and St. Stanislaus. Thank You.

Our Stewardship

Offertory for the

Weekend of March 3

St. Anthony

Sunday Offertory.....\$2,621
 Attendance.....105

St Joseph

Sunday Offertory.....\$6,479
 Budgeted Offertory.....\$7,174
 Deficit.....\$695
 Number of Envelopes Returned..... N/A

Our gratitude to those who support our parishes.

Ministry Schedule – March 15/16

St. Joseph • 5:15 pm (Saturday)

Lector P. Lozano
 Extraordinary Ministers
 of Communion T. H. Cole, S. Messina, F. Smeraglia
 Altar Servers D. Eller, A. Jordan
 Greeter Volunteer

St. Anthony • 8:30 am (Sunday)

Lector M. Burns
 Extraordinary Ministers
 of Communion R. Radkowski, K. Zurko
 Altar Server J. Slanitz
 Offertory Counters..... Group 1

St. Joseph • 11:00 am (Sunday)

Lector G. Beshero
 Extraordinary Ministers
 of Communion S. Cleary, P. Emery, C. McKnight,
 J. McLaughlin, V. Mulligan
 Altar Servers V. Donatelli, S. Pass
 Greeter M. Rodriguez, E. Rodriguez

Baptism: A pre-baptism class is required before scheduling a baptism. Please call 724-981-3232 to schedule a class and your baptism date.

Matrimony: Please contact the pastor for marriage preparation at least one year in advance of the wedding.

Prayer Line: For intentions, please call 724-981-3232.

St. Joseph   St. Anthony 

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First Sunday of Lent Putting God to the Test

I always thought of the temptations in the desert as part of Jesus' growth in "wisdom, age, and grace" (Luke 2:52). They show how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations—those of Jews waiting for a messiah—instead of doing what his Father wanted. So he could have provided for all our needs (turn stones into bread,) brought peace to the world as a great leader (worship the devil,) or been a superhero (jump off the temple without harm). But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into "bread" (i.e., money)? When we ask God to help us by doing everything for us, we are tempting the Lord. God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over. It might be a friend who helps us find the right doctor for a medical problem.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring about that peace. We could follow Jesus' command to love those around us, so that peace spreads from our actions. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, curing diseases, stopping hurricanes or earthquakes, and strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way.

Tom Schmidt



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