

Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

Why do we fast and abstain?

“Unless you do penance, you shall likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:5)

Because we are sinners, justice requires each of us to make recompense to God for the honor we have denied Him by our sins. Because we have misused our goods, our souls and bodies—as well as those of others—the natural law requires us to strive to restore the order we have disturbed by our sins. Thus, the Natural Law and the Divine Law bind us in a general way to perform acts of penance. In order to help us fulfill this requirement, Holy Mother Church, knowing our weakness and laziness, binds us under ecclesiastical laws to perform works of penance at certain times.

Only the Church can hold us guilty of mortal sin for failing in this or that specific act of penance, but we can certainly offend God mortally by neglecting penance completely over a length of time. This principle should be kept in mind when deciding on concrete penitential practices in accordance with the requirements and guidelines. Rules for penitential days under present Church law details the bare minimum of penance which we must accomplish if we are to hope to stay out of mortal sin. Have a truly blessed and prayerful Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Newcomb



We will have Palm Crosses for sale for \$10 each. Please see call the parish office to order yours.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7pm.

Fr. Newcomb will be doing a Lenten service at the Drew Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 28th at noon during their annual Lenten Soup Lunch. Cost is \$3.



The archdiocesan goal for the 2018 Appeal is \$20 million. And our individual parish goal is \$38,000 I ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. It is only with your support that this campaign can be a success. We all have in our hearts the capacity to give as Jesus asked us to do. Next weekend will be our in pew pledge.

Liturgical Ministers for February 24/25, 2018

MASS	LECTOR	MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	B. HECKMAN	J. SNELLINGER, D. LIVINGSTON, H. ECKES	J. AND J. LEGATO
8:30AM	M. LATINI	J. HENDRICK, V. LIVINGSTON, S. RIORDAN	T. LAMOREAUX, D. TRUJILLO
11:30AM	H. MARINARO	T. MARION, M. ADAMCIK	J. ENNIS, Z. ADAMCIK, C. CENTAURO

The parish office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19th in observance of President's Day.

The next series that will continue on Monday's in the Saint Peter and Paul Meeting Room at 6:30pm is on Evangelization.

- 19 February: Signs and Wonders
- 26 February: How Jesus Makes an Evangelist
- 5 March: Sacraments and the Spirit
- 12 March: Leadership in the Church
- 2 April: Charisms of the Spirit
- 9 April: Joy in Persecution
- 16 April: The Belly of the Beast



We are offering transportation for those who would like to attend Mass on Saturday evenings and do not have transportation beginning Saturday, February 17th. Pick up will be at 3:30pm. Please call the parish office no later than Friday morning to schedule your pick up. All that would like transportation to Mass must sign a release form.

Knights of Columbus Co. #471 is having their Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 5pm until 9pm Traditional Menu of Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with Irish Soda Bread. Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Desserts included. Call Steve Riordan for tickets 629-3642. Cost \$30pp



Save the Dates! FAITH's Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner

Friday, March 16th from 4:30 to 6:45 More Details to Follow.

Volunteers are always welcome!

Ready for the next Parish Dance? Well, ALOHA! We are having a Luau. **Saturday, April 7th** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. More details to follow.



Signups for 40 Days for Life's Spring Campaign will be the weekends of Feb. 17/18 & 24/25 in the Narthex. Call Nancy Smith for more information 856-4610

Tea Time is Spring Time

Step back in time & join *Court Madonna's Garden* for an afternoon of tea and conversation at the Most Sacred Heart Church Hall

Date: Saturday, April 21st

Time: 12pm to 2:30pm

Donation: \$10 Ladies \$5 young ladies
Please RSVP to Barbara 856-2624



Fr. George Hafemann will be inducted into Burke Catholic's Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 5th. Tickets available at <https://secure.educationalnetworks.net/apps/s/index.jsp?ech=www.burkecatholic.com&s=1144>

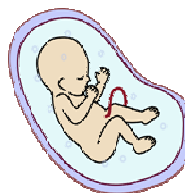
ANNOUNCED MASSES

- Monday, February 19**
9:00am Intentions of Nancy Smith, by Toni Marion
- Tuesday, February 20**
9:00am Marie Anglin, by Carol Wittine
- Wednesday, February 21 (Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church)**
9:00am Marianne Petitti, by Mary Billman
- Thursday, February 22 (Chair of St. Peter the apostle)**
9:00am T. Henry Jablonski, by Dolores Sentinella
- Saturday, February 24**
4:00pm The parishioners of St. Mary's
- Sunday, February 25 (Second Sunday of Lent)**
8:30am Dr. David B. Warren, by the Hagen family
11:30am Joseph Cox, by Mary Sharma and Family
1:00pm *Latin Mass*



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly this week in the church, in memory of Josephine "Josie" King, by Diane Stierle and Suzanne Ryerson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joann Wilcox, Jackie Mundy, Theresa Fuller, Luis Medina, Debi Cotugno, Guy Gouchenour, Tyler Lynch, Nancy Crumley, Hunter Crumley, Schyler Pittaluga, Martin Vella, Jeanine Lincoln, William Lincoln, Barbara Straub, Robert Cinerar, Sherill Galanakis, Michael Barnes, Ann Iannelli, Angela Portella, Joseph Portella, Francis Cruz, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Andrea Fedoruk, Elizabeth Brennan, Sandy Osbourne, John McKean, William Gaide, Dotty Lynch, Danielle Devore, Chris Marion III, Jesse Smith, Linda Fontano, Jasmine Smith, Bill Smith, Lisa Smith, Lou Harford, Patricia Meinhold, Susan Upton, Devin Upton, Kathy Drane, Kenneth Lynch, Wayne DeMarco, Toni DeMarco Muller, Donald Wolff, and Elizabeth Startup Jones.



Thank you for praying for me. I am one month now. I have a heart pumping my blood and a backbone. I am very, very tiny and I appreciate your prayers.

The collection for February 10/11 was \$4,939.50
Thank you for your continued generosity.