

A LENTEN INVITATION

My Dear Friends,

We are a celebrating people! It seems as if we have just celebrated the Birth of Christ, and now are entering into the Holy Season of Lent. This Season calls us to take a good look at ourselves to see how we truly stand before God.

This Season of Lent this year begins on Wednesday, March 9th with Mass and the distribution of ashes. The schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

Masses: 6:00am , 9:00am & 7:30pm

Services with Distribution of Ashes – 12:00 (Noon) 5:00pm

Throughout the Season, there will be many opportunities for us to examine ourselves before God. I ask you to please think about participating and attending these devotions and services which will enable you to follow in our Lord's footsteps as we walk together during Lent. Booklets will be available for your taking to help you in your daily prayer life. My prayer is that you truly use this Season, as Our God has given to us. The following is a schedule of Lenten activities:

Reverend Blaise R. Baran
Pastor

Mondays – Fridays of Lent
Tuesdays of Lent
Wednesdays of Lent
Fridays of Lent

9:00am – Mass
9:30am – Review of the 3rd Edition of The Roman Missal
7:30pm – *Reflections of Lent (To be Announced)*
9:30am and 7:30pm – *Stations of the Cross*

March 6, Sunday
March 9, Wednesday
March 11, Friday
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“Retiring Alleluias for Lent”
Ash Wednesday (Services listed above)
9:30am & 7:30pm – *Stations of the Cross*
5:00pm Knights of Columbus *Lenten Fish Fry/Community Rm*

March 13, Sunday
March 16, Wednesday
March 18, Friday

First Sunday of Lent
7:30pm – *Reflections of Lent (To be Announced)* Deacon Ed
9:30am & 7:30pm – *Stations of the Cross*

March 20, Sunday
March 23, Wednesday
March 25, Friday

Second Sunday of Lent
7:00pm – *Lenten Penance Service*
9:30am & 7:30pm – *Stations of the Cross*
5:00pm Knights of Columbus *Lenten Fish Fry/Community Rm*

March 27, Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent
Outreach Youth Ministry – Sale of Palm Crosses
Outreach Ministry – Sign ups for Families for Easter/Gift Tags

March 30, Wednesday

7:00pm *Charlie Baker Productions*
“*Rime of the Ancient Mariner*”

April 1, Friday

9:30am & 7:30pm – *Stations of the Cross*

April 3, Sunday
April 4, Monday
April 6, Wednesday
April 8, Friday

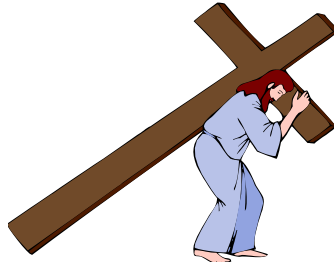
Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:00pm – *Holy Hour*
7:30pm – *Reflections of Lent (To be Announced)* – Father Blaise
9:30am & 7:30pm – *Stations of the Cross*
5:00pm Knights of Columbus – *Lenten Fish Fry/Community Rm*

April 9, Saturday

10:00am – Mass of Anointing

April 10, Sunday
April 13, Wednesday
April 15, Friday

Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:30pm- *Reflections of Lent (To be Announced)* –Deacon Sylvan
9:30am & 7:30pm - *Stations of the Cross*



PASSION WEEK

April 18, Monday

**7:30pm -*Chrism Mass* celebrated by Bishop Bootkoski
with his priests at St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen**

April 20, Wednesday

7:00pm - *Service of Tenebrae – Quiet, reflection, Prayer Time*

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 21

7:30pm – *Mass celebrating Holy Orders and Holy Eucharist*

Good Friday, April 22

3:00pm – *Lord’s Passion* / 7:30pm *Stations of the Cross*

Holy Saturday, April 23

**12:00 Noon – *Blessing of Food / Narthex* - **Deacon Ed
Deacon Sylvan****

8:30pm - *Easter Vigil Mass*

Easter Sunday, April 24

**8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
1:00pm (Spanish Mass)**

