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See Weekly Schedule

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Tuesday: 9 - 4
Wednesday: 9 - 1
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February 26, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Changing of the Seasons and Our Lives

An Pastoral Exhortation

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s a seminarian I once approached one of our faculty members, a Benedictine monk, and asked him, “Father, how many Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?” Immediately he got a very confused look on his face, tilted his head, and said, “Change?!” Well, it took the wind out of my sails, but he made his point. As Catholics we really dislike change, and yet we find ourselves thrown into the midst of it regularly throughout our liturgical year.

The rhythm of the Church’s liturgical year is one which should envelop all of us as we strive to enter more fully into the life of the Church and not remain mere bystanders who just “show up” on Sundays. Because contained in that rhythm is a living, breathing tradition that follows the life of Our Lord and Savior through every major stage of His life, and that should be something that interests and calls all of us to a closer relationship with him. Indeed, for us as Christians, there can be no surer way of achieving a healthy relationship with Christ than to walk with Him and to grow with Him throughout the liturgical year.

Now we prepare ourselves to enter into the Great Fast of Lent, a season marked by austerity, penance, and true conversion of life. For the past several decades we as Catholics have taken a very light stance toward this season which has always been heralded as an excellent spiritual opportunity. It really is no wonder when we consider our society at large. We tend to shy away from penance for fear of being less than completely comfortable, and we eschew fasting and self-denial as being silly traditions from a bygone age.

In truth, however, there is much spiritual benefit that we can glean from acts of penance and self-denial, and if we are ever going to break free of the

stranglehold that secularism and modernism have over us, we owe it to ourselves to try. I don’t recommend jumping completely into the deep end of the pool right off the bat, because that is the surest way to fail in our Lenten practices. But we should all give serious consideration in our prayer to what God is calling us to do, how He who created us is trying to lead us, and the steps that we can take to most benefit from the graces that He wants to give us.

We should start by posing the question: *What does God want from me?* This is a question that we should ask ourselves on a daily basis, but most especially it is pertinent when we are looking to enter into a season that calls us to draw closer to God. *What in my life is a barrier in my relationship to*

So where does that leave us? As our Lenten journey is about to commence, each and every one of us, regardless of age or where we are on our spiritual journey, should be praying and thinking about how we can use the 40 days of Lent to draw closer to God to become better than we are in our devotion, in our moral lives, and in our relationships with others. The true spirit of Lent is not captured in one’s ability to successfully “give up” a food item or habit that we will simply readopt (and probably to the point of sinful gluttony) on Easter Sunday! The true spirit of Lent is found in the deep, inner conversion of soul that happens as the result of placing ourselves squarely in the hands of our Heavenly Father, asking Him what *He* desires for our lives, and then implementing a comprehensive plan of action that is goal oriented and that leads us on a 40-day journey from death into life, from our old ways to a newness of spirit. In order to serve as a guide for this journey, I offer some considerations and helpful thoughts.

First, consider the **three penitential practices** that St. Paul and the Fathers of the Church promote throughout their writings: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each one of these practices

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PRAY FAST GIVE

God? It could be wasting time, or inconsistent Mass attendance; maybe we don’t spend enough time in prayer (or any!) or there’s a particular teaching of the Church that we stubbornly refuse to accept or learn more about. These barriers are habits and sins that often creep up on us without notice. They invade our hearts and drive a wedge between us and God. And more often than not, we dismiss them as insignificant with excuses of sinful Pride like “God understands,” or “That’s just a man-made rule.” We fool ourselves into thinking that God overlooks the ways in which we let him out of our lives, when in reality nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, God not only notices—he *actively cares*. And we know this because he made the effort to create us, to permit us to exist, and to offer us salvation from our sins. A detached, disengaged, or ambivalent God simply would not make that kind of effort.

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UpFront
with Mary Hendricks

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 26, 2017 Year A
Matthew 6:24-34

“Victim 0001” on September 11, 2001, was Fr. Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest who was pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Manhattan and a chaplain for the New York City Fire Department.

Fr. Judge, 68, was one of the first responders when the call came in that a plane crashed into the World Trade Center. He met NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani as the priest rushed toward the North Tower. “Pray for the city,” the mayor told him. “Pray for the people.” Fr. Judge prayed over bodies in the street before he went into the lobby of the tower where a makeshift command post had been set up.

He offered assistance, administered the Sacrament of the Sick (formerly known as last rites), comforted the injured. Father was praying out loud “Jesus, please end this right now! God, please end this!” when a piece of debris from the collapsing South Tower shot through a window in the lobby of the North Tower and struck him in the head. He was killed instantly.

The photograph of the firemen carrying Fr. Judge out of the rubble is one of the more famous images to come out of the 9/11 tragedy. But there’s more that Fr. Judge is remembered for.

This prayer was found in his pocket the day he died:

**Lord, take me where You want me to go.
Let me meet who You want me to meet.**

**Tell me what You want me to say,
And keep me out of Your way.**

It’s known as “Mychal’s Prayer.” The prayer was printed on the holy card distributed at his funeral. It’s a reminder to “Let go, and let God.”

That’s also a slogan from Alcoholics Anonymous. Fr. Judge was a recovering alcoholic, sober 23 years when he died, who spent many hours counseling addicts. At a support meeting, probably AA, he told a depressed young man, “Why are you worrying about the future? God hasn’t made it yet. Listen: because God has not yet made tomorrow, omnipotent, all-knowing, all-seeing as he is, he doesn’t know what’s going to happen. So who the (expletive) do you think you are? Don’t get into the future. It’s a very dangerous place for alcoholics.”

And a dangerous place for everyone else.

Jesus reminds us today: “Don’t worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.” We shouldn’t concern ourselves with what we are to eat or drink, our body, what to wear, or even about our life. God cares for every living thing, no matter how insignificant that creature may seem to us—the birds, the flowers. We are no less than these.

God knows what we need, and worrying doesn’t do a bit of good. “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides,” Jesus says.

Isn’t that a great promise? Let’s stay out of the future. It’s too dangerous to imagine. Today is sufficient.

Carpe diem!

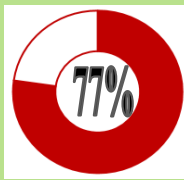
I’M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date: \$266,504.50

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”
— Francis of Assisi



ASH WEDNESDAY

TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

February

25 Sat: “Pursuit-” Youth Retreat, cafeteria, 7 pm

March

1 Ash Wednesday & the beginning of Lent!

5, 12, 19 & 26: DTS-6pm

12 Sun: Parents meeting, First Reconciliation, after Mass

17 Fri: **Mass for St. Patrick’s Feast Day, followed by St. Patrick’s Day Irish Fest**

19 Sun: GIFT, cafeteria, after Mass

21 Tue: **Lenten Penance Service**

N.B. Every Friday of Lent (except March 17), Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00 p.m., concluding with an opportunity to venerate a Relic of the True Cross of Christ!

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on those evenings. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Jim Kerrigan (Mon General), Sr. Theresa Metz, Nick Bakas, Anita Ballard, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver’s father), Rob Dodson, Larry Lowe, Shannon & George Kiro (Nick Kiro’s sister and father), Shelly Kraus, Clara Ann Moran, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Jackie Robinson, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- ♦ **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

We are collecting NEW socks for the homeless. Socks for men, women, and children can be taken to the parish office or left in the sock box in the church. Socks will be distributed to shelters who work with homeless people.

The next regular monthly meeting will be **Monday, March 20 at 6 in the parish meeting room.** ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

ignite
your faith

**Middle & High School Rally
&
Confirmation Gathering
Sunday, March 19**

St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, WV

This is an opportunity for ALL middle and high school students and teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to gather. Small parishes and large parishes will be represented. Participants will have fun, meet new friends, pray, learn, laugh and have the opportunity to grow in their faith. The day is high energy, just like the participants, with lots of music and movement.

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Kids' Corner
Catechesis

How come when I pray
to God He doesn't al-
ways answer me?

There's a difference between
hearing and answering. God
hears all our prayers, but he
doesn't always give us what
we ask for. Also, he answers
all our prayers, but not always
the way we want him to.
When we ask God for some-
thing, sometimes he answers
no or wait. A good answer is
not always yes.

Key Verse

Yes, the Lord hears the
good man when he calls
for help. He saves him out
of all his troubles. The
Lord is close to those
whose hearts are break-
ing. He saves those who
are sorry for their sins.
The good man does not
escape all troubles. But
the Lord helps him in each
and every one. (Psalm
34:17-19)

Related Verses

Psalm 139:4; 2 Corinthians
12:8; 1 Peter 5:7

CALENDAR CASH
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2/17/2017: \$75, Autumn Stout sold by Kami
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2/18/2017: \$75 Jamie Darlington sold by B.
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2/19: \$100 Mandy Bennett sold K. Bennett
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2/21/17: \$75 Cheryl Moore sold by A.
Shaver
2/22/17: \$75 John Krafft sold by S. Mick
2/23/17: \$75 Janet Grimes sold by R. Smith
Winners are updated daily on the schools
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on the third and fourth Thursday of each
month at Marist Hall located at Holy
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hours.

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For the 26th consecutive year, the
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Narcotics Anonymous
NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

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school building facing the rectory
for AA and NA meetings.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday—February 25
Saturday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Most Rev.
Thomas J. McDonnell, D.D.
RDGS: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; 10-11;
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday — February 26
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; Cor 4:1-5;
Mt 6:24-34
11:45 Confessions
12:00p Mass (Latin) for †Edwin and Mary Mullady
Quinquagesima Sunday

Monday — February 27
Monday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for Jackie Fealy by Garry Lynne
Shearer
RDGS: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday — February 28
Tuesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for Edna Brumley by Junior and Ronnie
Brumley
RDGS: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday — March 1
ASH WEDNESDAY
12:00p Liturgy of the Word Service with Imposition
of Ashes
3-6:00p Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction at 5:45)
3-5:45p Confessions
6:00p Mass & Imposition of Ashes
for Rev. John Tracey
RDGS: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-
6:2; Mk 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday — March 2
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:15a Mass for Richard and Mary Virginia Karp by
Rue and Diana Thompson
RDGS: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday — March 3
Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:15a Mass for Special Intentions
RDGS: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday—March 4
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for
RDGS: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:24-37

Sunday — March 5
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for
RDGS: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom
5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
11:45 Confessions
12:00p Mass (Latin) for †
First Sunday of Lent

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 119
Sunday: 193
Latin Mass: 14

General: \$3497
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School: \$20
Latin Mass: \$201

(Tax statements for those giving more than \$200 in 2017 were
mailed on January 31, if you did not receive one, please call the
parish office at 304 269-3048.)

Upcoming Collections and Appeals

March 1 (Ash Wednesday): Church in Central and Eastern
Europe
March 4 & 5: Catholic Missions among Black and Native
Americans
March 19 & 20: Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

Ministry Schedule for
March 4 & 5, 2017

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Greeters: John Weber and Emma Pascasio
Servers: Allia Shaver, Hunter Blake, Drew Moodispaw
Reader: Teresa Angotti
Offertory: Moddispaw family
EMHC: Margaret Blake
Cantor: K. Sims

Sunday, March 5, 2017
Greeters: Mary Ann Edwards and Mikey Linger
Servers: Macy Franklin, Joe Derico, Joey Aman
Reader: Joe Flesher
Offertory: Dave and Nicole Aman and family
EMHC: Paul Derico
Cantor: John Collins

February Linens: Luanne Bowers
February Funeral Greeters: Gennette Casto, Barbara King

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addresses a different aspect of the Christian life, and has proven over 2,000 years to be indispensable to anyone who is truly serious about their relationship with God. **Prayer** is more than just reciting wrote prayers—it is a soulful conversation that, more often than not, requires very little speaking on our part. Rather it is a state of *receptivity*, where we open our hearts to what God has to say to us. **Fasting** comes in a variety of forms. It usually involves the restriction of food and drink. In some cultures it even is used to induce moments of hallucination and “spiritual awakening.” But at its most basic it

alive, when confronted with the reality of his sinful nature, can honestly say that there is no room for improvement in their relationship with God. And the most faithful, Christ-centered Christians on earth will all say the same thing: there's always more they can do. We have to take to heart the words of Jesus calling to His Apostles: Do not be afraid! We have to be willing no longer to live in fear of what radically living our Faith means for us and our lifestyles, and charge forward into Lent with a firm resolve to be the Catholic men and women that God created us to be—fully alive, fully on fire, and fully committed

Italy and the people prayed for the intercession of Saint Joseph to end the drought. After the prayers brought relief to the region, the practice of preparing a feast for the poor was started in memory of the patron saint of workers and protector of families. The goal is for each of us to donate one can of food for each day of Lent to achieve a total of forty cans. We will amass the donations at the altar of Saint Joseph right here in church and all donations will then be distributed to a food bank at the conclusion of Lent. The donated cans can be any size or type of food, but please keep in mind that your contribution does need to be in a

to live *in* the world but not be a *part* of the world.

Third, after we get past our own misgivings and justifications, look at the three penitential practices and ask yourself: *What can I do in each of these categories to become a better Catholic?* With prayer, it might mean attending daily Mass more often or a promise to pray the Rosary every day. With fasting, it could be not going to out to eat or cutting the cable. With almsgiving, it could be giving the money saved from fasting to the parish's Social Concerns collection or making a contribution to the St. Joseph's Table canned food drive. Everyone will find his or her own ways of entering into the Lenten Season, and there really is no right way (though there are certainly some wrong ways!).

What is of paramount importance, regardless of how we choose to manifest our Lenten devotion, is our attitude. Do we plan to do the same thing we do every year? And how long has it been since that actually had a real *spiritual* impact in our lives? Or are we going to resolve to face this new season with a commitment to be better, to strive for a substantive improvement in our relationship with God, and to actively engage as disciples of Christ who are fully *intentional* and not just along for the ride?

Each of us has within the grace and strength to make this the best Lent of our lives because we are hardwired to have a desire for God and the promises He has made to us through Faith. Our reticence, our hesitation comes only through the fear that has been implanted in us by sin. It is the same fear that makes us dislike change, turn away from uncomfortable situations or hard truths, and cling to the sins and habits that we have permitted to become parts of our personalities. But, as Pope Benedict XVI once quipped, “You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” Our greatness begins when we cast off our desire for comfort and once again put on the “armor of God” (Ephesians 6:11) and fight back against what we all know to be the single greatest hurdle on our journey to Heaven: ourselves!

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Various Goings-On During Lent

- **Stations of the Cross**, every Friday at 6:00 p.m. (except March 17)
- **Fish Fry**, every Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- **Eucharistic Adoration**, every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 5:55. Rosary will be prayed at the normal time. (This takes the place of the previously scheduled Adoration period on Fridays.)
- **Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation**, every Wednesday, 3:00-5:45 p.m.; Saturday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- **Lenten Penance Service**, Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Musings

Lent: What to Look For

People regularly hear me speak about how we Catholics worship God with all five of our senses. Divine worship should necessarily be a *sensual* (read: pertaining to the senses) experience. We see the beautiful vestments and statuary; we smell the incense and the beeswax of the candles; we hear the chanting of the hymns; we taste the Eucharistic banquet; we feel the tangible gestures of faith—the Sign of the Cross, kneeling, etc. All of this leads to us being more deeply engaged in our entrance into the Sacred Mysteries, using the bodies that God has given us to experience our act of worship in a profoundly personal and meaningful way.

With the changing of the liturgical seasons it should not be a surprise that our sensual experience of Mass notices differences. In one of my parishes I had a parishioner who always spent the winters in Florida. She would leave right after Christmas and return in time for Easter. Well, one year Easter came late, and so she ended up returning to the parish the week before Holy Week. After Sunday Mass I caught an earful of criticism about how disappointed she was at the changes I had made, and how depressing the parish was now. I had to stop her and explain that she left the parish two days after Christmas and returned in the middle of Lent! There were no Christmas lights or flowers or joyful music; the sanctuary was barren and the statues were covered up. I suppose that I was as baffled as she was angered. *It didn't register with her that Lent and Christmas should look and feel different.*

So, as we prepare for Lent, there are some things that will be noteworthy. First of all, you will see a change in our candles. Altar candles are made of beeswax. (Closer to Easter, you'll read about the text of the *Exultet*, the Easter proclamation, and the significance of beeswax candles.) Anyone who has seen real beeswax, however, will note that it is usually a dark, orange-brown, almost khaki

color in its natural state. In order to make the candles white, the wax is bleached and its natural color is lost. But during Lent, the Church rejects the refined extravagance of bleached beeswax in favor of the darker, more natural and raw unbleached wax. While many do not notice it, those who do are often captivated by the warmth and sobriety of the effect.

As the Lenten season is marked by austerity and penance, we will also *hear* changes in how we worship. In addition to the particular prayers of the Mass taking on a more penitential character, the most noticeable difference between this and a truly festive season will be *silence*. The Fathers of the Church extol silence and stillness as crucial to communing with God. In our modern culture we are constantly bombarded with noises and sounds from TV and smartphones (hopefully not in Church!) that we have lost the ability to focus. Silence in the Mass provides us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the liturgy. While the lack of instrumental interludes is, at first, jarring (we often presume a mistake has been made...), the silence is intended as a vehicle conducive to profound prayer. We will also depart from Mass in silence. Because of this, I ask that everyone be respectful of those who wish to remain in the Church after Mass to prayer. Please refrain from carrying on conversation in the pews, and do maintain a reasonable and respectful volume in the vestibule.

As Lent unfolds before us, the Liturgy of the Church offers to us a wealth of traditions and practices that unite us not only with God, but with countless generations of Catholics who have used these 40 days as a time of intense spiritual preparation. In all of our penance and preparation, though, we must remember that Lent is a marathon, not a sprint. If we are to succeed in our personal preparations, aided by the stark and well-ordered worship environment, we must start small, be consistent, and use all the tools at our disposal to make our hearts pure and fitting dwellings for the Risen Lord who comes to us at Easter.

Pope Francis “Tweets” @ Pontifex

“God knows better than we do about what we need. We must have faith, because his ways are different from ours.”



Commentary for the Readings in the
Extraordinary Form:

Quinquagesima Sunday

"Jesus said to him, "Receive thy sight, thy
faith has saved thee" (Gospel).



"We are going up to Jerusalem," city of
His Great Sacrifice, during Lent. His inti-
mate followers were spiritually blind to
the need of a Good Friday.

In this picture we even see them *angrily*
trying to hold back one who wanted to
see the need of Lenten penance—faith
which lives by love: love for God, love for
neighbor (Epistle). Where there is love,
there is no labor; but if there is labor, it is
loved. The Introit, Prayer and Gradual
inspire us with confidence as we too, "go
up" with faith (Offertory) and charity
(Communion Verse).

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Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

02/27	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, <i>Confessor</i>
02/28	Feria
03/01	Ash Wednesday
03/02	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
03/03	Friday after Ash Wednesday
03/04	Feria