

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11th, 2024

Lent Begins this Week!

Of all the liturgical seasons in the Catholic Church, Catholics are most known for the season of Lent. Our faith is more visible to the world when, on Ash Wednesday, we wear a cross of ashes on our foreheads. The season is also marked with sacrifice when, for forty days, Catholics typically “give something up” as penance along with not eating meat on Fridays.

Why Ashes?

Ashes are a powerful symbol of our death. We recall from the scriptures, after the fall of Adam and Eve, death entered the world as the voice of God resounded “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” We as humans tend to forget the reality of our mortality and the assurance of our coming judgment. We are blinded by distractions-- the worries of daily life and pursuit of pleasure. During the season of Lent we attempt to keep the reality of our death at the forefront of our minds so as to turn back to God and repent of our sins to be more prepared for the inevitable judgment of our souls.

Why “Give Something Up?”

Many Catholics make some sort of sacrifice during the season of Lent. These sacrifices are ways that we are attempting to root out sin in our lives. When choosing your sacrifice, do not take the easy route-- give up something that is holding you back in your spiritual life. Do you struggle with making time to pray? Try giving up social media, unnecessary phone use, or TV. Do you struggle with gluttony and impulse control? Sacrifice sweets, snacks, or other favorite foods. Perhaps you struggle with vanity- give up makeup, jewelry, and purchasing new clothes.

We also give things up as penance. Penance is things that we do in reparation for our sins in union with Christ’s sacrifice, which we know, paid the price for our sins. But even though Christ paid that ultimate price, sin has serious lasting effects on our souls and affects those whom we sinned against. Penance is necessary to heal our souls from the damage that we have caused, conforming us more closely to Christ on the cross. Essentially, penance should be in some way, difficult. So along with giving up direct vices, give up things that you find pleasurable for the sake of making that sacrifice: give up coffee, music, or warm showers.



Why Fasting?

During Lent, Catholics fast on two days in particular: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This fasting consists of two small meals (snacks) and one simple meal. Some may commit themselves to not eating at all on these days. Catholics who are the age of 14+ are bound to fast, except those who are ill, pregnant, and nursing.

Let’s be honest: fasting is not something we are accustomed to in our culture. Though, fasting is a very traditional religious practice for many reasons. First of all, it is a sign of repentance. More than a self-inflicted punishment, fasting is a simple way to humble ourselves, remembering that we are so dependent on God for our material and spiritual welfare. Also, fasting helps us to “empty ourselves” on a physical level. We know that being human means the physical and spiritual are intertwined so when we feel that emptiness on a physical level we are more inclined to feeling it on a spiritual level. We empty ourselves to make room for other things- for God! We allow ourselves to hunger for him on a physical and spiritual level. Fasting also helps to conform ourselves to the poor. It is easy to forget those who are hungry when we have never felt it ourselves.

Why No Meat?

Many may wonder why we make the specific sacrifice of meat on Fridays. Traditionally, meat was always viewed as a luxury- an expensive and tasty indulgence. Some may ask: but why is fish allowed on Fridays? Well, fish is not technically considered “flesh meat,” and traditionally not a delicacy in the way that flesh meats were. We abstain particularly from “flesh-meat” on Fridays also in devotion to the fact that Jesus sacrificed his flesh for us on a Friday. We may eat non-flesh products like milk, cheese, and eggs. Denying ourselves delicious, filling, and expensive meats on Friday is a form of asceticism or self-denial that can help us to grow in holiness.

Prayer

The hallmarks of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So along with giving things up, we should also take things on! One thing we should especially add to our lives this Lent is more prayer. Perhaps choose a new prayer devotion to add to your routine: the Rosary (maybe a full 15-decade Rosary if you are already praying a 5 -decade Rosary), a divine mercy chaplet, the Angelus, stations of the cross, or more adoration.

Almsgiving

Lent is a time to focus less on ourselves and more on our relationship with God and with others. Giving alms is a perfect way to do this! Challenge yourself to donate more time or resources to your parish and those in need. You may choose to make extra charitable donations, ask your parish the ways in which you can serve with your talents, visit the sick and elderly, or help a family you know is struggling.

Why Forty Days?

Lent is forty days long excluding Sundays. The number forty has rich biblical significance typically as a sign of penitential preparation or punishment. We may be most familiar with the fact that Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert before beginning his public ministry; so we too follow his example by fasting for forty days in preparation for the joy of Easter. Jesus’ fasting for forty days echoes many Old Testament events such as: the great flood lasting forty days and nights, the people of Ninevah repenting for 40 days after Jonah’s preaching, Moses and the Israelites wandering in the desert for forty years, and Elijah spending forty days in the desert before meeting God on Mount Horeb.

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"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity." - Archbishop Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B.

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4

Wednesday, 12 - 5

Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1

Mass Schedule

Monday - 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - 8:15 a.m.

Friday - 8:15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

*(See the Weekly Schedule for
changes to Mass times or location!)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Saturday 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

Adoration

Tuesday & Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

For **anointing of the sick**, please see

Fr. Ondeck after Mass.

For last rites, please call **304-691-0537**

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Eucharistic Testimony

A Eucharistic Revival Initiative

My wife and I never attended adoration together because I would go during the day while she stayed at the office. One day she decided she would go with me, it was a nice surprise.

While sitting very close to the Blessed Sacrament for some time, I suddenly noticed what appeared to be the face of Christ right before me in the Luna. I was totally stunned and really didn't know how to react. So I gently turned to my wife and asked her, "Do you see that?" She quickly and quietly responded, "Yes I do", I asked her, "What do you see?" She said, "I see Jesus's face." We could do nothing but stare at this beautiful gift that was given to us. We knew it was a rare thing and tough to share but we did share it with many people. A gift we will never forget.

This happened many other times during Fr Steve Valalonga's stay at Saint Patrick's.

On other occasions, when I would receive communion, it had a distinct taste/flavor. It was like eating a colorful flower or rose, or what you would imagine a flower to taste like, if you will. I thought many times it has to be Father's cologne rubbing off onto the host, I asked Fr what cologne he was using and he told me he didn't use cologne. I asked family and friends around me if they had taste the flowery taste in communion and each time they did not. I found it very odd but saw it only as a blessing and a gift which I will never forget.

Eucharistic Miracles Among Us



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament During Lent

Every Wednesday

February 21 - March 27

1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**Commit now to spending 30 minutes each week of Lent with
our Blessed Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule!**

Catholic Schools Week

Blessing bags for people in the community, a Eucharistic Procession, prayer service, and celebration of Candlemas were just a few of the wonderful and rather unique events our students enjoyed for Catholic Schools Week.

Special visitors stopped by to teach the children about various countries and cultures. Some gave demonstrations or spoke in other languages while others brought food/snacks for the kids to sample .

They were also visited by high school students who are alumni of our school. Some of the alumni read to our students and other's played in everyone's favorite Catholic Schools Week event, the students versus teachers/parents basketball game.



Calendar Cash Winners

Day	Amount	Winner	Sold By
2	\$ 75.00	Roy Skinner	K. Skinner
3	\$ 75.00	Kelsey Boyle	A. Gillespie
4	\$ 100.00	Scotty McCartney	J. McCartney
5	\$ 75.00	J. B. Lambert	J. Lipps
6	\$ 75.00	J. B. Lambert	J. Lipps
7	\$ 75.00	Carol Smith	J. McCartney
8	\$ 75.00	Bill Cogle	T. Cook



SCHOOL NEWS



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Emma Pascasio by Rudy and Karen Pascasio
Sunday, February 11, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, February 12, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred and Deborah Garton Butler
Tuesday, February 13, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, February 14, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
	6:00 PM	Mass for †Olga Angotti by family
Thursday, February 15, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Beth Nichols by Tim and Beth Moneypenny
Friday, February 16, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Sarah Rowgh by family
Saturday, February 17, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, February 18, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Davita Alfred Kisner by family

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of J. R Rowan by family., February 11 - 24, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Robert and Sophia Anisko, Heman Ayala, Violet Angotti, Jill Balser, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Josiah Eagle, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Emyle Johnston, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Alesha Lehman, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

• **All Veterans, and Military Personnel:** Bobby Summers

• **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

• **All seminarians:** Especially, Joe Derico.

• **All studying for the diaconate program:** Especially, Mike Brumley.

• **Former priests and religious of and from our parish**

• **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**

• **All struggling with infertility.**

• **Those preparing for First Communion:** Especially Claire Cid, Grayson Clevenger, Zeke Deaton, Brody Donaldson, Bailey Farnsworth, Christian Greathouse, Mason Karp, Isaiah Messer, Marcileen Queen, Kaedalyne Riley, and Ricky Walsh

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Weekend Collections

Saturday	120
Sunday	197
Total	317
Saturday	\$1517
Sunday	\$1576
Mail/Drop Box	\$90
Total	\$3183
School	\$240
Votives	\$55
Maintenance	\$95
Loan	\$40
Organ	\$0
Wesbanco Balance	\$47,795.23
Organ Loan Bal.	\$67,859.98

Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Holy Communion?

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion.

For those who cannot receive Eucharist at this time, we welcome you to join in our liturgy, to pray and sing with us. Please remain in the pew during the Communion Procession, offering your heartfelt prayers to our God of love and mercy. We eagerly await the time when you will join us at the Eucharistic table!

When Should Catholics Not Receive Holy Communion?

- If you have a mortal sin on your soul. Some serious sins include (but are not limited to) being married outside the church, being unmarried but living together or purposely not attending Sunday Mass or holy days of obligation. For more info on what constitutes a mortal sin, refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1857 - 1859.
- If you have not observed the Eucharistic Fast one hour before receiving. Mints and gum break your fast.
- If you have not yet received First Communion.

There will be a special collection February 10th and 11th for Church Missions within the United States. (This collection of two collections we previously had, Black and Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions. Funds will be divided between the two.)



Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

8:15 All School Mass

6:00 p.m., Mass

We will not have Adoration on this day!

**Each Friday of Lent
(Feb 16 - March 22)**

6 pm Stations of the Cross

**Each Wed of Lent
(beginning Feb 21)**

12:30 school Stations of the Cross

Exposition immediately after
Adoration during the afternoon.

**CONGRATULATIONS
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Congratulations Jillie McCartney

Jillie was out top Calendar Cash ticket seller this year.
Second and third place winners were Reagan and
Ryleigh Murphy and Avery Gillespie. Thank you to all
our students, parents, and parishioners who worked
hard to make this annual fundraiser a success!



Parish Dinner

When: Sunday, March 17

Time: TBD

Where: gymnasium

If you wish to help, please
contact the parish office.

This is a covered dish dinner with
meats, hot rolls, drinks and paper
goods provided.



Mullady Scholarship Application

Applications are now being accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award. This fund was started by Edwin and Mary Mullady to help Catholic students of Lewis County go to an accredited college. Applicants must be Catholic, currently enrolled in college or graduate school (no high school students). Applications can be picked up in the vestibule of St. Patrick's Church, the parish office or you can request an application be emailed to you. The application deadline is February 15, 2024.

Completed applications should be returned to St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Funds will be distributed in late February or March.

ON DECK

**Fridays During Lent
beginning February 16**

6 pm, Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 11

Donut Sunday

Monday, February 19

6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters meeting,
cafeteria

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Mass Times

• 8:15 a.m.

*Confessions will follow the 8:15 a.m.
Mass*

• 6:00 p.m.

We will not have Adoration on this day.

Thursday, February 15

Mullady Scholarship Application deadline

Sunday, March 17

Parish Dinner

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Our Neighbor Collection

February: Bath and Dish Soap,
Laundry Supplies

Items can be placed in the cabinet on
the back porch of the parish office.



Join us on Feb. 11
after Mass for
donuts and coffee
in the cafeteria.

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6:00 p.m., Cafeteria



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7:00 p.m., Cafeteria