



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

It is my joy to communicate with you of the season of Lent. It begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. It runs from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. It's the time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes it is not just another day at Church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

During the season of Lent, church offers us Lenten regulations which we are expected to follow. They are as follows:

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

Easter Duty: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.


Let us make use of the 40 days of Lenten season not only as a time of self-improvement but focus more on Jesus. Let us turn towards Him and ask for a renewed experience of his presence, which will transform our lives.

Lenten Blessings,
Fr. Benjamin



Today's Homily

Our mission is to become holy; it begins in this world and is brought to completion in eternal life.



BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

February 29th & March 1st, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (22A)

Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Mathew 4:1-11

Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.



"Rosebud" Bouquets
Ronald Kennick, Sr.,



Carol Crowley
(Jim Crowley's wife)



As we begin on Ash Wednesday our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we would like to invite all members of our faith community to take part in offering Lenten Promises together. During Mass over the next few weekends we will be

asking you to write down your Lenten Promise, what will you be doing this Lent to prepare yourself for Easter joy. These promises will then be placed on the altar for Ash Wednesday and will remain until Easter Sunday. We hope you will join us in this Lenten activity.



Ash Wednesday Service ~ 7:00am
 Ash Wednesday Mass ~ 8:00am & 7:00pm



Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

M – Memorial A – Anniversary L – Living

Monday, February 24th

8am Father's Day Intentions

Tuesday, February 25th

8am All Souls

Wednesday, February 26th

7am Ash Wednesday Service
 8am Father's Day Intentions
 7pm Mother's Day Intentions

Thursday, February 27th

8am For All Parishioners

Friday, February 28th

8am All Souls

Saturday, February 29th

5pm Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, March 1st

8am All Souls
 10:30am Carol Crowley – **M**
 (Stephen & Valerie Horvath)



Our (Confirmation) Faith Formation for the Tenth Grade class has adopted the site of WNY Foodbank @ St. Casimir's Church.

We are collecting personal care items and cleaning supplies.

There will be bins in the back of the parish hall.

Items to be donated include:

Soap/body wash, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, razors/shaving crème, feminine hygiene supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, Lysol spray/wipes, laundry detergent.



I am happy to let you know that we have received our sixth installment from Upon this Rock in the amount of \$3,462.34, the current projects are as follows: to repair the basement laundry room floor from flooding, this will be done in the Spring.

In union of prayers
 Fr. Benjamin

Gift to God:

Collection Week Of: 02/16/2020

\$ 1968 Regular Collection,
 \$ 582 Religious Education,
 \$ 10 Catholic Relief Services

Attendance Week Of: 02/16/2020

Saturday Mass 5pm – 51
 Sunday Mass 8am – 73
 Sunday Mass 10:30am – 85
 Total = 209

Counters for March 1st ~ P
 September-January

YTD Collections	\$63,989
YTD Budget	\$63,885
YTD Variance	\$104

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 29th	5pm	Emma Kolacki
Sunday, March 1st	8am	Help Needed
	10:30am	Regina Izydorczak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 29th	5pm	R Cavaretta & P Schumacher
Sunday, March 1st	8am	D Folaron & M Kasprzyk
	10:30am	T Painter

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 29th	5pm	Nancy Palumbo
Sunday, March 1st	8am	Bill Franczak
	10:30am	Mary Ruminski

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sat/Sun February 29th – March 1st
 • 5pm K Shanahan • 8am L Ruminski • 10:30am S Jackson