

Lent 2018

St. Catherine
Of
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COME PRAY WITH US

The Rosary is one of the most beloved devotions of our Catholic faith. It is one of the most powerful recitations we can make. Join us every Friday evening at 6PM in the Adoration Chapel as we pray for the sick and suffering, and other special intentions. We begin promptly at 6:00 PM and conclude by 6:30. Please consider joining us and experience the grace and peace our Blessed Mother offers us.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the church,

*Living Stations of the Cross presented by our young people will take place
TODAY— Sunday, March 18 at 7:00PM*



SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Five Tuesdays during Lent in Kelly Hall

All are invited to this simple Lenten meal and opportunity to reflect together on God's Word and the gift of our faith.

Simple Meal of Soup and Bread 6:00-6:30 PM.

Presentation and Discussion 6:30-7:30 PM.

March 20



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

For those who are available in the daytime and prefer a morning session, the presentation and discussion are repeated on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Carriage House.

March 21



LENTEN WEEKDAY MASSES

During Lent, daily Mass will be celebrated in our Chapel
Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM.



"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 5:00 PM every Sunday
Adoration Chapel

The Liturgy of the Hours is the richest single prayer resource of the Christian Church, with prayers, psalms and readings for each of the Hours of the day. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We invite you to join us as a community as we pray the official prayer of the Church every Sunday evening.

The Paschal Triduum ends with Vespers on Easter Sunday night. Please join us.



INTER ECUMENICAL MINISTERIUM SERVICES

Join your brothers and sisters from the various churches in our community on the Lenten journey. Each Thursday during Lent, beginning February 22, we will gather in a different church.

Each service will begin at 7:00 PM.

March 22 7:00 PM

Cross Road Assembly of God
Pastor Eric Luczak will preach



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Light Is On For You – all Mondays of Lent from 5:30-7:00pm, Our Parish, and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. In keeping with the spirit of the Pastoral Letter, *Wounded and Loved, Regathering the Scattered*, we are inviting Catholics to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The website, www.dioceseofscranton.org has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

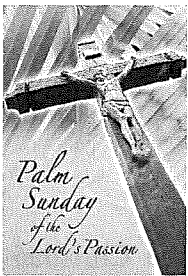
Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel
Mondays 5:30—7:00PM in the Cry Room in the Main Church
Lenten Reconciliation Services with a number of visiting priests:
Palm Sunday, March 25th at 3:00PM at OL Mt. Carmel, Dunmore
Monday of Holy Week, March 26th at 7:00 PM at St. Eulalia's
Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28th at 7:00 PM at St. Catherine's



PASSOVER SEDER MEAL

At 6:00PM NEXT SUNDAY, March 25th (Palm Sunday) in Kelly Hall. A modern Jewish Seder led by Rabbi Larry Kaplan. A full meal (chicken) will be served along with the traditional ritual of the Jewish Passover Seder just as celebrated by Jewish families and communities today. In all the beauty, poetry, song and delight of the Seder, an ancient ritual will come alive for us. Rabbi Kaplan serves as the spiritual leader of Temple Israel in Wilkes-Barre. Rabbi Kaplan has taught Jewish History at Wyoming Seminary and Old Testament at Kings College. He is also the Jewish Chaplain at the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital and is an instructor for the Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Program there. He is also the Jewish Chaplain at the Dallas State Correctional Institution.

A donation of \$5.00 on the evening of the Seder will help to defray the cost of the meal. **Please call the parish office at 842-4561 to make a reservation no later than Tuesday, March 20.**



FACING PALM SUNDAY WITH DREAD AND JOYFUL ANTICIPATION

In a crazy world, a holy time like Lent can zip by like the rest of the year. Author Alex Basile ponders if he is ready for the most sacred time in the Liturgical Year.

Each year I arrive at the doorstep of Palm Sunday with the same old feeling. I ask myself if this Lenten season was as productive as I had hoped it would be.

For teachers, March is a long, hectic month. Add playing in an Irish band and things go from bad to worse. I evaluate my spiritual life and realize I could have done more to shake the mediocrity off of my weary soul. I stand in front of students everyday and preach about conversion.

When I stare in the mirror, I contemplate if the man looking back at me has actually carried out any of the promises made on Ash Wednesday.

"This Lent went way to quickly," I mutter. "Sure, I rattled off a few extra prayers here and there," I rationalize. But did I actually change? Do the people in my life know how much I love them? Are there lonely individuals who need my care and attention? I have some difficult questions to answer.

The penultimate week of Lent presents us with time to pause and reflect before the culmination of Holy Week.

Can I be more like the One who gives me everything? Can I walk in his shoes next week and adopt his attitude for tomorrow and possibly for the rest of my life?

As we partake in the mystery of Holy Week, we should ask ourselves the hard questions and be honest with our responses. Use this Palm Sunday and the holiest week of the year to praise the King with all your might.

There will be moments when we, like the apostles, will be tempted to scatter and abandon Him because he demands too much from us. Run to Jesus and stay by His side. It is not too late to initiate real change!