

MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, February 22, 2020

5:00 PM Intention of Fr. Martin McDonnell

Sunday, February 23, 2020

9:00 AM Mary Smith

10:30 AM Dorothy Rocco

12:00 PM Intention of Patricia Giugliano

Daily Mass February 24 - 28 @ 9:00 AM

Monday David Williams

Tuesday Monsignor Roger Hebert

Wednesday 9:00 People of the Parish

7:30 People of the Parish

Thursday 7:30 Eileen & Eugene McFadden

9:00 Erich Specht

Friday 7:30 Gilbert Naumann

9:00 Eric Rodriguez

Saturday, February 29, 2020

5:00 PM Intention of August Specht

Sunday, March 1, 2020

7:30 AM Charles & Helen Sawicki

9:00 AM Kathleen Marshall

10:30 AM Jimmy Smith & James Lawrence Smith

12:00 PM Roger H. Ramirez

The community of Good Shepherd joyfully welcomes our

Newly Baptized:

✠ **Theodore Lennox Reardon** ✠

Son of Sadye & Patrick

Rejoice, for now you are truly a child of God.



For anyone seeking
• Baptism • First Eucharist •
• Confirmation •

February 29th at 10 AM - 2:30 PM

St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ

RCIA Retreat for Candidates and Coordinators



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS
meets 2nd Saturday monthly

March 14 @ 10:00 am

Contact the parish office or visit our website.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

We imitate the holiness of God when we refuse to exact vengeance or bear a grudge against each other.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul gives us a profound reason why we should respect one another: We are the temple of God.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

What differentiates the disciples of Christ different from others is their willingness to love as God loves.

**Scripture reflection with Fr. Tim
+ Pause + Reflect + Act +**

- 1) What might happen if you were to picture God's presence and image inside those with whom you have felt anger or hatred?
- 2) How would you describe the difference between God's wisdom and the world's wisdom?
- 3) In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "turn the other cheek". What is your understanding of this phrase and how might you use this advice in a situation you are currently in?
- 4) Have you had an experience in your life where you practiced Jesus' commandment to love your enemies? What was the outcome?

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers,

† **Nicki Clemens** †

who entered into eternal rest.

May her soul eternally Rest in Peace.

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN for February 15th and 16th:

First Collection: \$6,066.00 2nd Collection: \$2,169.00
(Parish Maintenance)

Our thanks to all of our parishioners who respond each week to the needs of our parish and who make their weekly offering a part of their budget. Your contributions, both monetary and in service, are important to our parish.

May God bless you for your generosity.

PRIEST'S MASS SCHEDULE

FEB/ MARCH	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
2/22-23	Fr. Michal		Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
2/29-3/1	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
3/7-8	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
3/14-15	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim



- ◆ Following the 4:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service all are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for grilled cheese and tomato soup; hosted by our Confirmation students.
- ◆ **7:30 AM Mass has been added** to the Daily Mass schedule as well as each Sunday during Lent. (*Mass intentions are available and may be requested. Please contact the parish office.*)
- ◆ **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Monday from 7:00-8:30 PM (Confessions are also heard on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 PM.)
- ◆ **The Stations of the Cross**—*a beautiful and contemplative way to journey through Lent.* Each Friday during Lent, at 7:00 PM in the church, the Stations will be led by a different individual or group; providing a unique experience each week. Please join us as often as you are able. **The first Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, February 28th** led by Faith Formation students.

ASK A FRANCISCAN...

People who dwell on past hurts sometimes become very vindictive about them. I am quick to anger when I hear anyone taking God's name in vain, but I start praying for them. Where are God's love and compassion found?

They are found first in the Bible, God's unique self-revelation. But they are also found in the lives of Christians and many who are not Christians. Each person must accept responsibility for his and her actions; we dare not allow ourselves to become simply reactive to another person's decision.



Rev. Richard Kunzman will be visiting our parish the second Sunday of Lent, to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Rev. Richard Kunzman is a priest of the Diocese of Camden, NJ. He resides in Washington, DC.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

In appreciation of all parishioners who actively participated in various ministries, our annual luncheon is Sunday, March 1st. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Phyllis at [973-786-6415](tel:973-786-6415) or phyllis@goodshepherdrc.org.

St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Fest
Saturday, March 14 • 6:30 - 10:30 PM
Tickets: \$30.00 per person



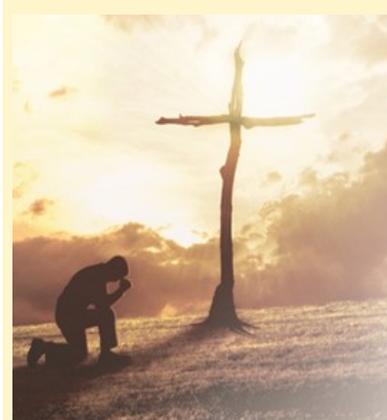
Please call Bob Gallagher for tickets: (973) 670-6777.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Please join **His Holiness, Pope Francis**, who has chosen the following intention to be prayed for during the month of **February**.

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

Session Two: An Encounter with Mercy

Sin always damages our relationships with God and with others, and, depending on the gravity of the sin, it may even rupture these relationships. Jesus calls us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to forgive us and wash away our sins, but also to heal our wounds and the root causes of our sins. We are not defined by our mistakes; we are defined by the Father's love for us!

This week, login to formed.org and watch *Forgiven*, Session 2.



FORGIVEN
THE UNIVERSAL POWER OF CONFESSION

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign-Up, Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization", choose "Good Shepherd"
3. Enter your name and email and you're in!



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

FAITH FORMATION NOTES



FAITH FORMATION CLASS DATES Gr 1-8

Week of:
2/23
3/8
3/22
4/19

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES 9th Grade

3/15
3/22
4/19

CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES 10th Grade

2/23
3/8
3/29
4/26

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SERVICE RETREAT

2/28

PARISH HALL
5:00—8:00pm



ASH WEDNESDAY

Please mark your calendar to join us for grilled cheese, tomato soup and fellowship hosted by our Confirmation students following the 4:30pm Ash Wednesday service on February 26th.



REMEMBER:

Jesus teaches that almsgiving, prayer, and fasting should be done in secret.

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. It's an opportunity for our parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live our Gospel call to seek those in distress and help those in need.

During the next 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people in Kenya, Vietnam, and Honduras where CRS is at work. And, through the stories, we'll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond. We will reflect on how we are called to recognize the needs of our global human family. We will see how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can provide for those worldwide who are most in need, especially those who are hungry and lack proper nutrition. During the season of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. Please pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl today in the atrium.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges his listeners and us to evaluate constantly the messages we receive from our society and culture. He tells us that being his disciple requires us not to settle for what everyone else does, but to go beyond what society expects of us and do what God expects of us.

Young people often exercise their freedom of expression by saying or doing things in opposition to their parents', teachers', or other elders' wishes. Use this experience to highlight how Jesus' teaching to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" was in opposition to what was socially acceptable in Jesus' time and in our own time as well. (Loyola Press)



What Would Jesus Do?

What Will You Do?

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance—calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the blessings God has promised to bestow on us.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

Days of Abstinence: No meat may be eaten on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday for all those who are 14 years or older. (This does not end at age 60).

Days of Fast: A limit of one full meatless meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (for all who are 18-60 years old).

Easter Duty Obligation: Every Catholic must receive Holy Communion and go to confession between the First Sunday in Lent and Trinity Sunday.

Acts of Devotion: are encouraged on a voluntary basis. These may include spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness. Of course, the greatest prayer and to receive the greatest fruits of the Lenten season is by participating in daily and Sunday Masses.

Eucharistic Fast: You should fast one hour from foods and liquids. (Water and medicine are exceptions to this fast).

Why we receive the ashes:

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told, *Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return.*"

The Ashes:

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

9:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Ash Service / 7:30 pm Mass

Ministry Schedule

Please remember to sign the book in the atrium.

Date	Time	 Lectors	 Eucharistic Ministers	 Altar Servers	
Saturday 02/29	5:00 PM	Linda Gray	Roberta Harden Dale Logarzo Melissa Lewis Carol Miller	Christine McCormick Kurt Dericks Joy Harrington	Nina Graceffo Ava Graceffo Joey Graceffo
Sunday 03/1	9:00 AM	Faith Formation Lector	Betty Gates Bogdan Bienko Andy Grinthal	Eunice Howley Carole D'Esposito Alice Giliberti	Connor Kovach
	10:30 AM	Confirmation Class Lector Bob Pfeiffer	Bill Schilling Salvatore LoIacono Ken Dunlap	Sylvia Dunlap Lynnette Nagle Karen Hogan	Joseph Licata Hayden Denmead Gavin Denmead
	NOON	Faith Formation Lector	Sioban Rooney-Opperman	Eileen Cahill	Shane Smith Sophia Vitez