

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 11-17

Sunday, Mar 11: Daylight Savings Time Begins: Spring forward 1 hour
Wednesday, Mar 14: 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church
4:30 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
6:05 PM – Women's Prayer Group – Church Hall
Friday, Mar 16: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper in the Church Hall
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church
Saturday, Mar 17: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall
3:00- 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
5:30 PM: Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper – Church Hall

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 18-24

Sunday, Mar 18: Knights of Columbus host breakfast after all masses
2 PM Deanery Reconciliation Service – St. Joseph, Nashua
Monday, Mar 19: 4:30 – Adult Education – Catechism of the Catholic Church for Adults – Church Hall
Wednesday, Mar 21: 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church
4:30 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
6:05 PM – Women's Prayer Group – Church Hall
Friday, Mar 23: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper in the Church Hall
7:00 PM – Youth Ministry Living Stations of the Cross - Church

HOLY WEEK: MARCH 25-31

Saturday, Mar 24: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall
3:00- 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
4:00 PM: Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday
Bring your old palms to church. There will be collection baskets at the entrance of church for them.
Palm Sunday, Mar 25: Mass: 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM.
Monday, Mar 26: 7:30 AM - Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11AM – 1PM & 5 – 7PM - Church
Tuesday, Mar 27: 7:30 AM – Mass
Wednesday, Mar 28: 4:30 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
5:30 PM – Mass
6:05 PM – Women's Prayer Group – Church Hall
Thursday, Mar 29: 7:00 PM - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Collection of Rice Bowls
9:30 PM - Night Prayer
Friday, Mar 30: Good Friday – Parish Offices Closed
9:00 AM - Good Friday Morning Prayer
7:00 PM - Good Friday Service
Saturday, Mar 31: No Men's Prayer Group
No 4:00 PM Mass. No Sacrament of Reconciliation today.
7:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 1

7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM Masses

EASTER MONDAY: APRIL 2: PARISH OFFICES CLOSED: No AM Mass

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT

The annual observance of Lent is the season during which we prepare for the celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord. Through its two-fold theme of repentance and Baptism, the season of Lent disposes the catechumens, candidates and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Easter. Catechumens (the un-baptized) are led to the sacraments of initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the scrutiny's and catechesis. Candidates (baptized Christians) are led to full communion with the Catholic Church by the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion, a penitential rite, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through the spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises. (Ceremonial of Bishops, #249)

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14 and **GOOD FRIDAY**, March 30 are days of fast and abstinence. **FRIDAYS OF LENT** are days of abstinence.

FASTING is to be observed by all who are 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is to be observed by all 14 years of age and older. On the Fridays of Lent, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

FASTING, ALMSGIVING, AND PRAYER are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful, catechumens, and candidates are encouraged to undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday afternoons beginning Feb 21 from 4-5:15 PM with confession from 4:30-5:15 PM.
 First Friday Mar 2, 8:15 AM – 11 AM

Friday Evenings of Lent: Simple Lenten Suppers: 6:00 PM

We come together as a parish family on Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 PM to share a simple meal. The meal will consist of chowder or meatless soup, bread and water. We ask that you please call the office (673-1311) if you are interested in providing a crock pot of meatless soup. There is a sign-up sheet in the church hall for soup-makers. There is no charge for this meal; however donations will gratefully be accepted.

Friday Evenings of Lent: Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Following the Simple Lenten Supper we gather in church to join in the Stations of the Cross.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:**Saturdays of Lent: 3:00 - 3:45 PM**

Lent is a most appropriate time to celebrate this sacrament of God's merciful healing, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). The sacrament **will not be available on Holy Saturday**. The sacrament is always available by appointment by calling the parish office at 673-1311.

Wednesdays of Lent: 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Reconciliation will be available before the 5:30 PM Mass.

Sunday: March 4, 3:00 PM

Parish Reconciliation Service to be held at St. Patrick Church, Milford. Multiple priests will be available to hear your confessions.

Sunday, March 18, 2:00 PM

Deanery Reconciliation Service to be held at St. Joseph Church, Nashua. Multiple priests will be available to hear your confessions.

Monday, March 26: 11:00AM–1:00 PM and 5:00–7:00 PM:

Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation where every church in the state of New Hampshire will have confessors available during these times.

Operation Rice Bowl: a program of Catholic Relief Services runs throughout the Lenten Season. Everyone has the opportunity to participate in this program. This program benefits poor countries around the world. Rice Bowls and instructions will be available on the back tables in the church on Ash Wednesday and will be due back and presented at the offertory on Holy Thursday 3/29 at 7:00 PM Mass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*“We adore you O Christ and we praise You, because by your holy cross
 You have redeemed the world.”*

THE LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS: FEBRUARY 14-17

Wednesday, Feb 14: 4:30 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
 7:30 AM, 12:10 and 5:30 PM – Mass and Distribution of Ashes – Church
 Friday, Feb 16: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper in the Church Hall
 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church
 Saturday, Feb 17: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall
 3:00- 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
 4:00 PM – Youth Mass – Church
 5:30 PM – Teens Night Out – Bowling: Lefty's Lanes

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: FEBRUARY 18-24

Monday, Feb 19: President's Day: Parish Offices Closed
 Wednesday, Feb 21: 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church
 4:30 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
 6:05 PM – Women's Prayer Group – Church Hall
 Friday, Feb 23: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper in the Church Hall
 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross – Church
 Saturday, Feb 24: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall
 3:00- 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3

Wednesday, Feb 28: 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church
 4:30 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
 6:05 PM – Women's Prayer Group – Church Hall
 First Friday, Mar 2: 7:30 AM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11AM - Church
 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper in the Church Hall
 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church
 Saturday, Mar 3: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall
 3:00- 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 4-10

Sunday, Mar 4: 3:00 PM – Parish Reconciliation Service – Church
 Monday, Mar 5: 7:00 PM – CARA Survey results presentation- Church Hall
 Wednesday, Mar 7: 4:00 – 5:15 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church
 4:30 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
 6:05 PM – Women's Prayer Group – Church Hall
 Friday, Mar 9: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper in the Church Hall
 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church
 Saturday, Mar 10: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall
 3:00- 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church
 4:00 PM – Youth Mass – Church
 5:00 PM – Teens Night Out – Church Hall