

### FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 22-28

Sunday, Mar 22: 2 PM - Deanery Reconciliation Service – Immaculate Conception, Nashua  
Monday, Mar 23: 9:30-11AM – Bible Study – Church Hall  
4:30-5:45 Adult Faith Formation – Church Hall  
Wednesday, Mar 25: 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church  
4:15 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church  
Friday, Mar 27: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper - Church Hall  
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church  
Saturday, Mar 28: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall  
2:45 - 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

### FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 29- APRIL 3

Sunday, Mar 29: 2 PM – Reconciliation Service - Church  
Monday, Mar 30: 9:30-11AM – Bible Study – Church Hall  
4:30-5:45 Adult Faith Formation – Church Hall  
Wednesday, Apr 1: 4:00 - 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church  
4:15 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church  
First Friday, Apr 3: 5:30 PM – Mass  
6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper - Church Hall  
7:00 PM –Stations of the Cross - Church

### HOLY WEEK: APRIL 4 -11

Saturday, Apr 4: 8-10 AM – Morning of Reflection - Church Hall  
2:45 - 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.  
Palm Sunday, Apr 5: Mass: 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM.  
Monday, Apr 6: 7:30 AM – Mass  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11AM – 1PM & 5 – 7PM – Church  
9:30-11AM – Bible Study – Church Hall  
Tuesday, Apr 7: 7:30 AM – Mass  
Wednesday, Apr 8: 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
4:15 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church  
Thursday, Apr 9: 7:00 PM - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Collection of Rice Bowls  
9:30 PM - Night Prayer  
Friday, Apr 10: Good Friday – Parish Offices Closed  
9:00 AM - Good Friday Morning Prayer  
7:00 PM - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Service  
Saturday, Apr 11: No 4:00 PM Mass. No Sacrament of Reconciliation today.  
7:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

**EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 12:** 7:00 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:45 AM Masses

**EASTER MONDAY: APRIL 13:** 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. During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

**Please pray for our catechumens: Isaac, Paula & Tara and our candidates: Deborah & Edward as they journey towards their Easter sacraments.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 26 and **GOOD FRIDAY**, April 10 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 59<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday, Thursday, Friday at 7:30AM, Wednesday at 5:30PM**

**Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 4PM, Sunday at 7, 8:45 & 10:45PM**



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday afternoons of Lent beginning March 4 from 4-5:15 PM.

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

Join us on Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 PM to share a simple meal 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 journey the Stations of the Cross.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** A faith-in-action program of Catholic Relief Services that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family. Everyone has the opportunity to participate in this program. Go to [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information. Rice Bowls will be available on the back tables in the church beginning Ash Wednesday and will be due back and presented at the offertory on Holy Thursday 4/9 at 7:00 PM Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:****Saturdays of Lent: 2:45 - 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: 4:15 – 5:15 PM**

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

**Sunday, March 22, 2:00 PM**

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

**Sunday: March 29, 2:00 PM**

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

**Monday, April 6: 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.

**Adult Faith Formation & Spiritual Growth Opportunities:****Adult Faith Formation: Mondays of Lent: 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30: 4:30-5:45PM - Church Hall**

*Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* video series from the Augustine Institute followed by group discussion. Facilitated by Fr. Dennis.

**Bible Study: Mondays of Lent: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6: 9:30-11AM - Church Hall**

A six-week study of Grace & Sin, Reconciliation & Forgiveness as found in holy scripture.

**Morning of Reflection: Saturday, April 4: 8-10AM – Church Hall**

Join us for a time of personal renewal that includes a presentation led by Fr. Dennis and group discussion. We close our time with Eucharistic Adoration in the church, a period of quiet time for reflection and prayer.

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

**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS: FEBRUARY 26-29**

Wednesday, Feb 26: 7:30 AM, 12:10 and 5:30 PM – Mass and Distribution of Ashes – Church

Friday, Feb 28: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper – Church Hall

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, Feb 29: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall

2:45- 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

**FIRST WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 1-7**

Sunday, Mar 1: 10:45: Rite of Sending for Catechumens to Rite of Election - Church

2:00: Rite of Election for Catechumens – St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester

Monday, Mar 2: 9:30-11AM – Bible Study – Church Hall

4:30-5:45 Adult Faith Formation – Church Hall

Wednesday, Mar 4: 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church

4:15 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

Friday, Mar 6: 5:30 PM – Mass

6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper - Church Hall

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross – Church

Saturday, Mar 7: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall

2:45 - 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

**SECOND WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 8-14**

Sunday, Mar 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins: Spring forward 1 hour

Monday, Mar 9: 9:30-11AM – Bible Study – Church Hall

4:30-5:45 Adult Faith Formation – Church Hall

Wednesday, Mar 11 4:00 – 5:15- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church

4:15 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

Friday, Mar 13: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper - Church Hall

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, Mar 14: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall

2:45 - 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

5:00 PM – Corned Beef Dinner – Church Hall

**THIRD WEEK OF LENT: MARCH 15-21**

Monday, Mar 16: 9:30-11AM – Bible Study – Church Hall

4:30-5:45 Adult Faith Formation – Church Hall

Wednesday, Mar 18: 4:00 – 5:15 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Church

4:15 – 5:15 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church

Friday, Mar 20: 6:00 PM - Simple Lenten Supper - Church Hall

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, Mar 21: 7:30 AM – Men's Prayer Group- Church Hall

2:45 - 3:45 PM – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Church