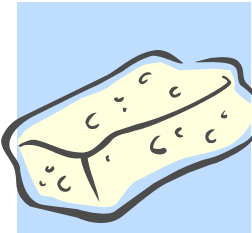


## LENTEN GOSPEL GIVING

The traditional foundation for Lenten practice rests on three supports: PRAYER–FASTING–ALMSGIVING. To assist families in the third of these supports, we again participate in LENTEN GOSPEL GIVING. Each week all members of the parish are asked to bring the item with them to Mass. Each item is chosen to reflect the readings of the day and the gifts will be donated to various needy causes. Please read the list below for each week's Scripture and its item. There will be a reminder in the bulletin each week.



### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—FEBRUARY 25/26

*"...when the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." (Genesis 9:11)*

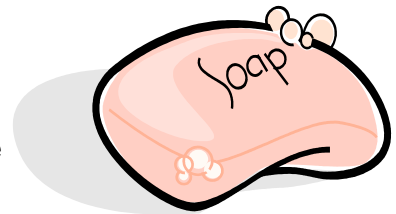
*"I am establishing my covenant with you...your descendants... and the animals that were with you and came out of the ark." (Genesis 9:9)*

The Story of Noah's Ark—please bring **SPONGES** or **WET MOPS** for The Wish Project.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 3/4

*"His clothes became dazzlingly white-whiter than the work of any bleacher could make them." (Mark 9:2-10)*

Dazzlingly white signifies cleanliness—please bring **BAR SOAP** for the New England Center for Homeless Veterans.



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT— MARCH 10/11

*"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom..." (1 Cor: 22-25)*

Wisdom—please bring **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** (pens, loose leaf paper, index cards, construction paper, scissors, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, poster boards) for Bellesini Academy.



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 17/18

*"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." (John 3:14-21)*

Light—please bring a package of **LOW ENERGY LIGHT BULBS** (60-75 watts) for Project Home Again.



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 24/25

*"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (John 12:20-33)*

Wheat—please bring a box of **CEREAL** for Neighbors in Need.



### PASSION SUNDAY—MARCH 31/APRIL 1

*"Many people spread their cloaks on the road..." (Mark 11:8)*

*"And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him." (Mark 15:20)*

Clothes—please bring a men's or women's **SHIRT** or **SWEATER** for Lazarus House.

