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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Ash Wednesday is this week, which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent can be very spiritually refreshing for us if we allow it. If we want to refresh our spirit we must then mortify, that is discipline, our flesh. If our bodies are too comfortable, our souls can become lethargic and slow. In order to quicken our soul we make the body just a little uncomfortable. This reminds us that we actually can go without those comforts we enjoy that were once luxuries and have, over time, become necessary in our routines.

Fasting is a proven, time-tested spiritual exercise that has given people more freedom and self-mastery. We want to have mastery over the flesh so that our cravings don't dictate our schedule, and we can make more time for prayerful pursuits. Here is how the Church describes fasting for us as Catholics as found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website:

"Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence [from meat] for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on **fasting** are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning **abstinence** from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the 'paschal fast' to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection."

Voluntarily fasting on other days during Lent can be very beneficial. Additional fasting from other things is possible. We can "fast" from social media, tv, music, or even give up chocolate, or our favorite beverage. These are good things, but I would encourage you to fast according to the way the Church describes it on days other than Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is nothing like feeling a little hungry during Lent to unmistakably remind us that it is not by bread alone that we live.

Lastly, it's important for us to remember why we have Lent. We make sacrifices for this 40-day period because Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us on the cross. The least we can do is respond to that act of love with a little self-denial out of love for Him. Doing so helps us make room to receive His love, which is constantly offered to us.

A word on almsgiving next week. Be assured of my prayers for all of you for a spiritually refreshing Lenten Season.

In Christ,
Fr. Hartge

FUNDRAISER: All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner on Fat Tuesday, March 5th, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Upper Level of the PCC. Cost is a Donation, and there will be a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the Consortium Youth Group. The Knights of Columbus are preparing the food and the youth will serve it. Pancakes, eggs, potatoes, sausage, and toast. We hope to see you there!

DEATHS: Our love, prayers, and sympathy go out to the families of Marty Hammond, Fr. Romano Ciotola, and Joe Siemer. We are sorry for their loss. May Jesus bless the deceased with eternal warmth, everlasting life, and may they rest in the arms of the Risen Savior.

ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be NO 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Rose, and NO Mass at Church of the Atonement and St. Patrick. The schedule is 9:00 a.m. School Mass at St. Rose. 10:00 a.m. Mass at Genesis Rehab. 6:30 p.m. at St. Rose and 6:30 p.m. at St. Bernard Corning.

K OF C FOOD DRIVE: Our Knights of Columbus Council 1065 is coordinating a major Food Drive during the 40 days of Lent. Each of us is challenged to donate a can or a box of food for each of the forty days. The Council's goal is to gather 2,000 pounds of food! Collection bins are in the rear of each church. Food will then be transferred to the St. Vincent de Paul Center in Corning. Please be Generous!

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED: There are a lot of open dates for Masses to be said in 2019. Remember family members and friends with a Mass for the repose of their souls. Masses can also be said for special Intentions, when special prayers are needed for various circumstances. The person making those kinds of requests is not mentioned, as to who the Mass is from. The stipend amount is \$10.00, which goes to the priest celebrating the Mass. Requests can be dropped in the collection baskets with an envelope marked where the Mass is to be said, what the Intention is, and who it is from. There are only 52 Sundays in the year for Masses at Church of the Atonement, St. Bernard, and St. Patrick so some requested dates at those parishes are limited. However, folks from the other three parishes are free to have Masses said at St. Rose during the week, since St. Rose is the only Church in the Consortium with daily Mass during the week.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT: Crooksville, St. Patrick's Bingo: Monday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. \$5.00 for master card and ticket...door prizes and 50/50 tickets...Come and have fun and good food! All are welcome!

Bid O'Luck: Fisher Catholic's **An Elegant Knight in Camelot** - Saturday, April 27th...Raffle Tickets are on sale! One \$7,500.00 prize and five \$500.00 prizes! Raffle tickets are \$100.00 each. Buy one for yourself, or gather your friends and split the cost. Contact Kellie Shonk at 740-654-1231 or keshonk@cdeeducation.org. Donations are also now being gathered for the dinner auction part of the Bid O' Luck. Not sure you have anything fabulous to donate? Give cash and let the committee shop for you! Goods and services are wanted for the silent and grand auctions. Contact Milea Quaintance at 740-689-3288 or quaint6@yahoo.com.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - MARCH 2ND-23RD

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

8:00 a.m. Women Meet, PCC/LL

+8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:15 p.m. Confession, St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. Mass, St. Bernard

5:15 p.m. Confessions. St. Rose

6:00 p.m. Mass, St. Rose

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

+8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass, St. Rose

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church of the Atonement

9:00 a.m. Mass, St. Patrick

9:15 a.m. CCD, St. Rose

10:00 a.m. CCD, St. Patrick- in the Hall

10:00 a.m. CCD, St. Bernard in the Social Hall

10:00 a.m. CCD, Church of the Atonement-in the Basement

10:30 a.m. Mass, St Rose

6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group, PCC/LL

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Rose

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Rose

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. St. Vincent De Paul OPEN**5:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Fundraiser/K of C****Pancake Dinner for Shrove Tuesday****6:00 p.m. RCIA Session 23 - Chapter: 25 Justice**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

+ASH WEDNESDAY**No 8:00 a.m. Mass**

9:00 a.m. Mass, St. Rose

10:00 a.m. **Mass Genesis Rehab Center**

5:15 p.m. Holy Hour

6:30 p.m. Mass, St. Rose**6:30 p.m. Mass, St. Bernard**

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Rose

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

9:00 a.m.

St. Rose School Mass**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ALL****FOUR PARISHES AT 7:00 p.m. - every Friday**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

7:30 a.m.

Men Meet, PCC/LL

+2nd Sunday of Lent

3;15 pm.

Confessions, St. Bernard

4:00 p.m.

Mass, St. Bernard

5:15p.m.

Confessions-St Rose

6:00 p.m.

Mass, St. Rose

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH - Day Light Savings Time begins**+2nd Sunday of Lent****8:00 a.m.-Noon****Pancake Breakfast Church of the Atonement****CCD-Church of Atonement in the Church**

7:30 a.m.

Mass, St. Rose

9:00 a.m.

Mass, Church of the Atonement

9:15 a.m.

CCD, St. Rose School

9:00 a.m.

Mass, St. Patrick

9:00 a.m.

Mass, Church of the Atonement

10:00 a.m.

CCD, St. Patrick -in the hall

10:00 a.m.

CCD, St. Bernard in the Hall

10:30 a.m.

Mass, St. Rose - **Rite of Sending****for RCIA Candidates****Rite of Election St. Paul Church Westerville****7th & 8th Grade CCD in****Religion Room St. Rose School****11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

7:30 p.m.

St. Pat's Bingo, Church of the Atonement

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

6:30-8:00 p.m.**"Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life" Leader: Deacon Ed Christ**

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

Noon

Over 50

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

Pot of Gold Party, PCC

ANNUAL POT OF GOLD: Tickets have been mailed. Sell as many as you can. The prize is \$5,000.00, plus \$500.00 for a Leprechaun Bonus. The awesome party will be March 23rd. More information will be coming your way!

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Application period runs through March 8th. For more information and to apply, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships, 257 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or call 614-443-8893.

LENTEN CHALLENGE: "LISTEN TO CATHOLIC RADIO am 820 THIS LENT." Try something new this Lent and consider listening to Catholic Radio AM 820! Listening to AM 820 is a good way to deepen your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith. Download the free St. Gabriel Radio mobile app.

FR. NOBLE sends a message from the Vocations Office....What can YOU do to encourage and support religious vocations in the Diocese of Columbus? Did you know that the Serra Clubs can help you do just that? The Serra Club is a lay International organization of Catholic men and women whose mission is to foster vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life through prayer, programs and activities. To learn more or attend a meeting, please contact VP of membership Dan Martin at martin.32@osu.edu. Please feel free to visit with no obligations. Our website is serracolumbus.org. PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS!!

WASTE LESS AND RECYCLE RIGHT! The Perry Co. Recycling Center is not set up to accept lids or caps. Help improve efficiency on the sort line! Remove caps and lids before you recycle your bottles, jars and jugs! **A.** Recycle containers at one of the 21 county recycle drop-offs. **B.** Give the plastic lids to one of the following programs: **1.** Perry County Junior Fair Board - benches for the fairgrounds! **2.** SHS - benches for tables for their park!(Drop off caps at SHS & SMS & Elem, call 740-743-1335 ask for Mrs. Wickerham) **3.** Maple Avenue Christian Church Crooksville - bench for Mount AL. (Drop caps at 112 Maple Avenue - 740-982-2651 - www.Perryrecycling.com)

BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE: The Conventual Franciscan Friars would love to have you visit the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio, on a pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage Director, can work with you to create a prayerful and spiritually renewing experience for anyone. Most pilgrimages are for one day in which the celebration of the Mass in the beautiful Basilica can be enjoyed, praying the Rosary, making the Stations of the Cross in the 30-acre Shrine Park, and participating in healing prayers while seeking Mary's intercession and companionship on their own. Groups can request a talk on a particular theme, history tour, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or devotions; there are many possibilities. Interested? Call Conventual Franciscan Friars at 419-396-7107 or go to pilgrimdir@olcshrine.com.

OFFERTORY INFORMATION

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

February 17, 2019
Needed to pay bills \$ **1,277.00**
 Online givers \$ 315.00
 Offertory \$ 993.00
 Total \$ 1,308.00
 Candles \$ 4.00
 Catholic Times \$ 121.00
February 24, 2019
 Offertory \$ 1,102.00
 Online Givers \$ 315.00
 Total \$ 1,417.00
 Fuel \$ 2.00
 Candles \$ 3.00
 School Support \$ 2.00
 Catholic Times \$ 17.00
 27 Envelopes

ST. BERNARD

February 16, 2019
Needed to pay bills \$ **\$1,173.00**
 Offertory \$ 792.00
 Total \$ 792.00
 Candles \$ 3.00
 21 Envelopes
February 23, 2019
 Offertory \$ 747.00
 Total \$ 747.00
 Candles \$ 2.00
 Catholic Times \$ 17.00
 26 Envelopes

ST. PATRICK

February 17, 2019
Needed to pay bills \$ **1,645.00**
 Offertory \$ 1,304.00
 Children \$ 4.00
 Total \$ 1,308.00
 Parish Repairs \$ 20.00
 Catholic Times \$ 17.00
February 24, 2019
 Offertory \$ 2,194.00
 Total \$ 2,194.00
 Parish Repairs \$ 237.00
 Catholic Times \$ 77.00
 School Support \$ 50.00
 Candles \$ 7.65
 Religious Articles \$ 10.00
 54 Envelopes

ST. ROSE

February 16-17, 2019
Needed to pay bills \$ **7,020.00**
 Offertory \$ 4,929.00
 Online givers \$ 500.00
 Total \$ 5,429.00
 School Support \$ 80.00
 Candles \$ 34.00
 Catholic Times \$ 84.00
 Fuel \$ 10.00
 120 envelopes
February 23-24, 2019
 Offertory \$ 4,177.00
 Online givers \$ 500.00
 Total \$ 4,677.00
 School Support \$ 320.00
 Candles \$ 35.00
 Catholic Times \$ 51.00
 105 Envelopes

DONATION:

To the Frank Patton Scholarship Fund from his daughter, Phyllis Patton Luke

AROUND the DIOCESE

MARCH is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. All persons with disabilities have gifts to contribute to the Whole Church. Embrace. Welcome. Participate. For resources available to individuals, families, and parishes to work towards the goal of full participation, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/persons-with-disabilities.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Is March 6th to April 17th..Faithful believers are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place at an abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts and sign a statement of peace. For details and to sign up for a time, visit www.gcrtl.org/40-days-for-life.html or call 614-445-8508.

GOD'S GRACE KNOWS NO SEASON" CONCERT, FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 7:30 P.M. Enjoy dinner at the Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00 p.m.! Walk the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lenten Day of Reflection Saturday, March 9th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please Register for the Lenten Day for the FREE lunch. Rino Angelini, and the Come Unto Me Liturgical Choir have led worship for 35 years at St. Peter Catholic Church, but their original music has touched people all over Ohio! Join us Saturday as he teaches about the Mass as it relates to Lent and how we see it through music during the Liturgical year. Both events FREE! St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus. Contact Rich Krehnovi at 614-891-0150, ext. 103. RSVP/ questions to Events@stelcc.org.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION IS THE WEEKEND OF March 9th-10th. This helps impoverished communities among the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleut populations in our country. These communities exist in almost every archdiocese and diocese in the United States. Missionary priests, religious brothers and sister, catechists, and lay people work tirelessly in parishes, missions, and reservations to bring the light of Christ to these communities. Please promote the collection!

BOTTOMS UP DIAPER DRIVE: Consider buying diapers for a needy single mom as part of your Lenten almsgiving this year. Bottoms up diaper drive supplies donated diapers to organizations like St. Stephen's Community House and Bishop Griffin Resource Center to help single mothers keep their babies clean and dry. To purchase diapers or for more information, go to <https://bottomsup.life> or call Jo Anne Welsh at 740-808-6131.

March 30th-31st the parishes will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise..** Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SACRAMENTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: March 13th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus 43229...Join us for a conversation with parents, catechists, teachers, parish staff and clergy about preparation and celebration of the sacraments for persons with disabilities. Offered in Spanish and English. This is a free event but RSPV is appreciated. March 14th - St. Paul the Apostle, 313 N. State Street, Westerville, Ohio 43082. This event will focus on the practical application of sacramental preparation and celebration, networking, and group discussion on best practices for pastors and other parish leaders. Registration is required by March 8th. \$10.00 fee includes lunch.

CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY: Quarterly Meeting will be held Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Therese's Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus. For those who wish, a hot lunch will be available in the Center's dining room at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00, lunch reservation requested. Julia McGhee will present "Our Place of Springs with Deep Roots and Wide Influence" - The story of St. Mary of the Springs Academy. For more information, contact Chairman Mike Finn at 614-268-4166 or FCoolavin@aol.com.

LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD, BRIGHTEN YOUR LIGHT is a day of self-care and healing, Saturday, March 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Martin dePorres Center, Columbus. Grounded in gratitude and humility, this day seeks to return the patience, compassion and love you give out, back on yourself. As caregivers, first responders, crisis counselors volunteers, and ministry leaders, taking the time for self-care is vitally important to your resiliency and renewal, which ultimately influences your capacity to serve and lead. We invite you to retreat and reignite through your passion, faith, and community. Freewill offerings are appreciated. Registration is required due to limited space and lunch is provided. To register, visit www.tinyurl.com/DHTF-register. For more information, contact Andrea Pannell at 614-241-2550 or apannell@columbuscatholic.org. Sponsored by the Diocesan Hope Task Force. Martin De Porres Center - 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM HELPS COMBAT LONELINESS: Loneliness and social isolation are now acknowledged to be major public health risks. In fact, **being lonely and socially isolated is worse for your health than obesity**, and has the negative health impact of smoking 15 cigarettes a day. So when the Senior Companion Program intervenes to provide companionship to older adults who are homebound, we not only help older adults *feel better-we actually help them improve their health.* To find out more about this program, contact Catholic Social Services. jnaporano@colscss.org.

WAY TO GO AUBRI: Aubri Spicer, a member of St. Rose Parish and an 8th grader at New Lexington Middle School, recently helped her team to an MVL basketball championship. The Lady Panthers also won the title last season as a 7th grade team. For her junior career, Aubri led her team in scoring while averaging 25.1 points per game...Congratulations, Aubri!

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: "People Connecting People" is the theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2019. Perry County Board of DD and other related organizations celebrate Developmental Awareness Month in March, and invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, **"People supporting People"**. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we have grown and adapted throughout the years to meet the changing needs of the people and families who rely on us for support. It is also a time to look toward the future and how we can continue to best support them and the broader community moving forward. As always, thank you for supporting the programs and efforts of the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities.....David C. Couch, Superintendent

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

+8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. St. Bernard for Ernestine Cox from Elaine Fuchs
6:00 p.m. St. Rose for Thelma & TJ Tracey from Cecilia Tracey

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

+8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. St. Rose for Joe Siemer from Rick & Cindy Dew
9:00 a.m. Church of the Atonement for Venita Appleman Plumb from Mary Chapman
9:00 a.m. St. Patrick for Eileen Clark from the Family
10:30 a.m. St. Rose for Sally Myer from James F. Myer

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

+St. Casimir

8:00 a.m. St. Rose

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

+Shrove Tuesday

8:00 a.m. St. Rose

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

+Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. St. Rose for Joe Siemer from John & Susie Elekes
10:00 a.m. Genesis Rehab Center
5:15 p.m. Holy Hour
6:30 p.m. St. Rose
6:30 p.m. St. Bernard for Elaine Fuchs from Katie & Mae Sabatino

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

+Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00 a.m. St. Rose for Anniversary of John & Kathleen Nash from the Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

+St. John of God

9:00 a.m. St. Rose School Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

+1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. St. Bernard for Jack & Lucille Summers from Claude & Nancy Summers
6:00 p.m. St. Rose for Pat P. Goebel from Kyle Eveland

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

+1st Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. St. Rose for Neil Garey from Ray & Harriett Garey
9:00 a.m. Church of the Atonement for Sammy & Polly Zinn from Tim & Kathleen Danielson
9:00 a.m. St. Patrick for Betty Pierce from Glenn Pierce
10:30 a.m. St. Rose for The People of God

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS • WEEKEND OF MARCH 9-10, 2019

	St. Bernard March 9th	Church of the Atonement March 10th	St. Patrick March 10th
LECTOR(S)	Rita Pompey	Kayla Daubenmire	Judy Paxton/Jeremiah Boyden
SERVER(S)	Jace Agriesti/ Jack Fuchs	Joey Perani/Andrew Dorsey/ Makenna Staker	Lane Baker/Jesse/Rebecca/ Sierra Kunkler/Alaina Boyden
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Betty Fuchs/Ellen Kader/ Francis Pompey	Tim/Kathleen Danielson/ Gemma Bowen	Deacon Mark/Deanna Davis/John/ Judy Kunkler/Susan Hooper
SACRISTAN	Ellen Kader		
USHERS		Mike Derwacter/ Joe Woneymaker	Jim Sites/Tim Paxton/ Judd Baker/Bill Gilligan
GREETERS			Harold/Judy Kunkler
GIFTS			Ethan/Mikaela/Rolland Shriner