



THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday, March 6, 2019

This is a day of Fast and Abstinence. The Season of Lent, 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, begins today. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 am, 12 Noon, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm.

PARISH MISSION: Mon., March 25th – Wed., March 27th at 7:00 pm

This is the highlight of our Lenten Season. Be sure to set aside these evenings as our parish goes on a Lenten Retreat. Our Mission preacher will be Fr. Michael Najim, Pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Westerly. Fr. Najim and I were ordained together in 2001. He served as Assistant Pastor, St. Philip Parish, Greenville and Vocations Director before being named pastor in 2017. A wonderful and compassionate speaker, his theme will be "ENCOUNTERING JESUS: Who He is, What He does for us, and What He asks of us." Please join us for our annual Mission which will include a Holy Hour on Monday, a Penance Service on Tuesday and an Anointing of the Sick Mass on Wednesday.

LENTEN DAILY MASS – 12:00 Noon (Monday to Friday)

Bless your Lenten Journey each day with Holy Mass celebrated Monday through Friday at 12 Noon. A brief Lenten "thought for the day" will be given at every Mass. Additionally, the Holy Rosary is prayed before 12 Noon Mass at 11:30am. Please join us for this powerful gift for our day.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm, every Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and during our Parish Mission on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm.

EASTER TRIDUUM – Thursday, April 18th – Saturday, April 20th

*The greatest Liturgies of the Church's year are celebrated during the Easter Triduum. On **Holy Thursday, April 18th** we gather at 7:00 pm to recall the moment Jesus established the Priesthood and instituted the Eucharist. Following Mass, we process the Blessed Sacrament through the church and place the Lord in a special shrine where He is adored until 12 Midnight. On **Good Friday, April 19th**, we gather for Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm—the exact moment Jesus died. At 7:00 pm, we gather to celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which includes the communal proclamation of Our Lord's Passion, the Veneration of the Cross and a Communion Service. On **Holy Saturday, April 20th**, we gather at 7:30 pm to celebrate the greatest Liturgy of the Church's year—the Easter Vigil. We begin in darkness and light the Paschal Candle—the sign of the Risen Christ. Then, the whole church becomes awash with light as individual candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. Following three readings from the Old Testament, every light is turned on and the Gloria is sung for the first time since Ash Wednesday. The entire Mass basks in the glory of Christ's Resurrection and we are overwhelmed with joy. On Easter Sunday, the celebration of the Resurrection continues with Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am. **Please join us for these magnificent, life-changing liturgies that commemorate all that Jesus did to save us.***

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays at 7:00 pm

Come every Lenten Friday at 7:00 pm to “walk with the Lord to Calvary.” Meditations from Sacred Scripture with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament help us to remember the sacrifice and love shown for us by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Friday, April 5th

*On the **First Fridays** of the month, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed at 12:30 pm (following the 12 Noon Mass) until 7:00 pm. At 7:00 pm, we come together during Lent to pray the **Stations of the Cross**, followed by **Benediction**. Come spend an hour before the loving heart of Jesus, our Savior.*

OPERATION RICE BOWL – Palm Sunday – April 13th / 14th

*At the doors of the Church you will find the Rice Bowls ready to be assembled and filled. Place the **RICE BOWL** in a prominent place in your home and drop money in it every time you pass by. On **Palm Sunday Weekend**, the second collection at Mass will be the **RICE BOWL COLLECTION** for the poorest in our world.*