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Saint Peter and Saint Casimir Parish Westfield, MA

has been entrusted and is committed to proclaim and communicate the saving message of Jesus Christ. As a Roman Catholic Family, with the **Eucharist** as our center, we draw strength and dedicate ourselves to praise God through prayer, worship and service.

*A collaborative participation in all aspects of
Parish life is encouraged.*

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to share the Gospel of Christ with all God's people in the following way:

- * The religious education and formation of all parishioners in the living tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.
- * The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church.
- * The celebration of the Eucharist and sacraments, proclamation of the Word of God, prayer and adoration.
- * The assessment, communication, and fulfillment of the spiritual and emotional needs of all parishioners.



Daily Mass Schedule

7:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday

Eucharistic Prayer Service, 7:15 a.m. on Friday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held every Saturday afternoon from 3:00-3:30 pm or by appointment.

During Lent, every Tuesday from 4 to 5 pm.

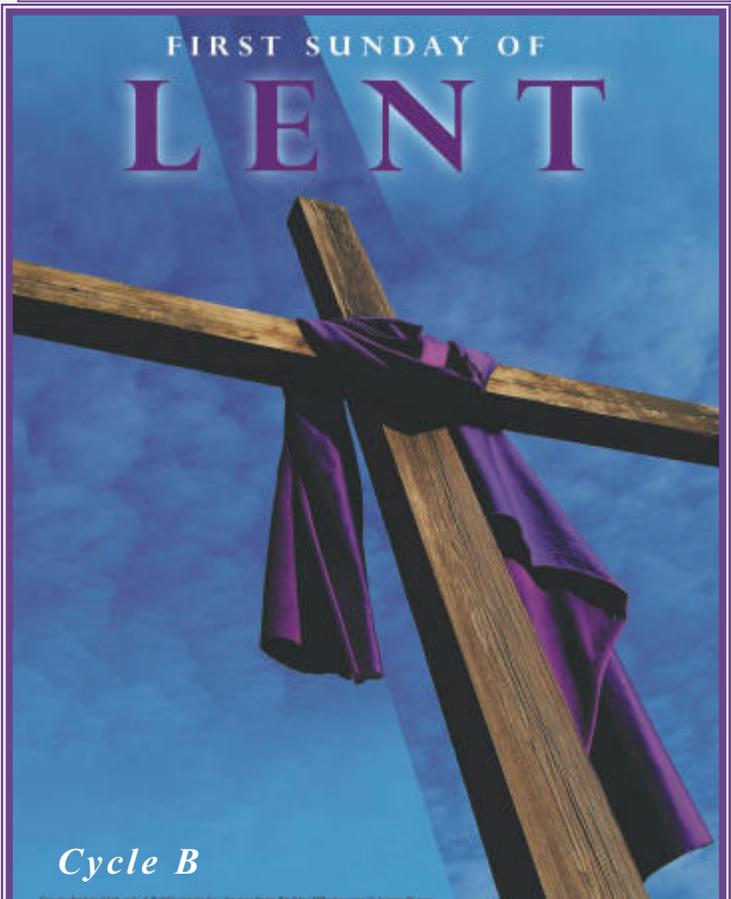
Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We Welcome New Parishioners

Please call the Parish Office at 568-5421 to obtain a census form and to register as a parishioner. In order to obtain a 'letter of good standing' to act as a sponsor for the sacraments you must be a registered parishioner.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

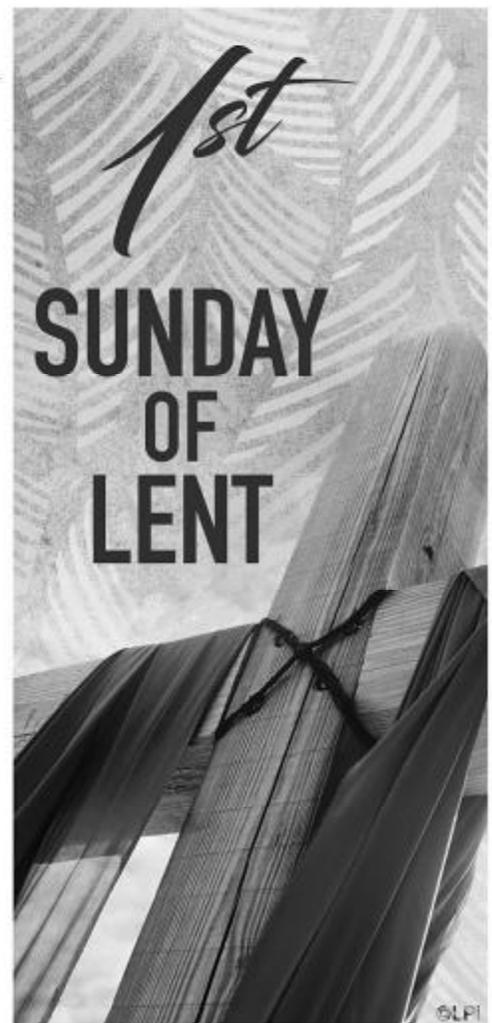
SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



*Repent,
and believe
in the gospel.*

— MARK 1:15



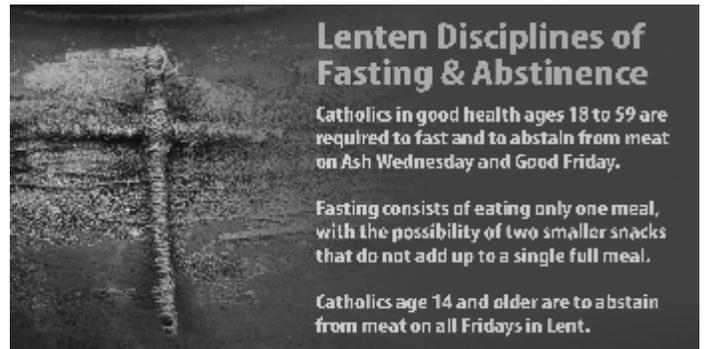
St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

Seminarian -Vocation Fund ~ Bishop Byrne sent us a letter which was shared with all in the January 31st bulletin describing this special collection. As it was outside our standard collections, the diocese was to send us envelopes for this purpose. However we never received them. The office staff has made our version of the envelopes for your use. Just put your name and number on the front. We will look up your number if necessary. Place it in the collection basket at any time over the next 4 to 6 weeks and we will forward those funds to the diocese then. Thank

"Sowing the Seeds," this year's theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on each of us to spread the love of God, the gospel, and our faith. Through our contributions, together we shelter the homeless, respect life from conception to death, feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, and educate others in our faith. May our seeds of faith fall on fertile ground- especially for those most in need. You can make your contribution to Annual Catholic Appeal: online at www.diospringfield.org/aca or by calling: 413-452-0650. All donations are tax deductible.

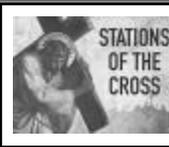


Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Stations of the Cross ~ Please join your fellow parishioners in praying the 'Stations of the Cross'. All Fridays during Lent at 3 pm.



ROSARY SODALITY – Annual dues of \$5 are usually collected in January but this year we have extended that to the end of February. If you have not yet sent yours in, please use the blue and white envelopes in the pews

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Martha Bachleda, Peter Crepeau, Joseph Pignatare, Mary Barry, Robert Pierpont, Billy Antonucci, William Costello, Richard Johnson, Grace Pignatare, Michael Francis, Stella Fisher, Natalia Masaitis, Dorothy Telepciak, Brie Merlot, Richard Briere, Patricia Matson, Irene Kmiecik, Therese Hentnick, Millie Lamb, Shirley Richardson, Marilyn C., Jim and Marilyn Pitoniak, Jim Dowd, Anna Jakus, Raymond Wright, John and Carol Howard, Jim and Mary Ann Slowick

Eucharistic



Tuesday...
All day... Adoration

Adoration

Eucharist Adoration after the
7:15 am Mass until closing at 5 pm.
Prayer group at 3 pm

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. Volunteer to spend time in adoration with Jesus. Questions? Call Joanne at 562-6866. It will be the best time you will spend on earth.

We pray for all our sick at home and in nursing homes: that they may be restored to good health and be made comfortable.

Next Weekend Lectors Schedule

	<i>Sat. 2/27/21</i>		<i>Sun. 2/28/21</i>
	4:00 pm	8:30am	10:30 am
<i>Lector</i>	D. Horrigan	A. Crum	M. Wright
<i>Host</i>	F. Horrigan	E. Onofrey	M. Wright



Calling All Grandparents **FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH PRAYER TIME** MARCH. 2, 2021, 11 am in the church. HAVE NO ANXIETY ABOUT ANYTHING “Rejoice always, Pray constantly, Give thanks in all circumstances...Do not quench the Spirit...Hold fast to what is good” (1 THESS 5: 17-21) St. Peter & St. Casimir Parish, Wsfld. Contact Alicia at 568-0123

OLBS WESTFIELD VIRTUAL LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES ~ This year the Speaker Series will be ‘virtual,’ available on YouTube, with a great line-up of speakers – beginning with our new **Bishop William Byrne!** Our theme for this year’s Speaker Series is: **‘KEEPING FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC - GOD’S GOT THIS!’** An opportunity to find the blessings during this challenging time of the Pandemic, with our eyes set on Easter Joy! Other speakers will include author, speaker, radio show host – **Gary Zimak** - who will touch on many themes of his book - ‘Give Up Worry for Lent’ (available through the OLBS Parish Office for \$10.00). Additional speakers include - **Sr. Bethany Madonna, Fr. Mike Schmitz, April Helenek, and Fr. Chris Alar.** Join us each **Wednesday of Lent, beginning February 24 through March 31, at 6:30 pm,** or watch the video any time after that on YouTube. There is no cost for this Series! **Options to access the Series online: (1) Go to Youtube.com and type in the search field ‘OLBS Westfield Lent’ or (2) Go to either diospringfield.org OR diospringfield.org/olbs and click on the link.** For additional information, contact the OLBS Parish Office at 413-562-3450

February 21, 2021

Saturday, February 20

4:00 † Joseph Sokolowski

Requested by Barbara

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am † The Cloutier & Smith families

Requested by Rita Farnsworth

**10:30 am † For the Unborn in the womb
& the souls of those who suffered abortion**

Requested by Ray and Maryanne Wright

Monday, February 22

7:15 am †

Tuesday, February 23

7:15 am †

Wednesday, February 24

7:15 † Souls in Purgatory

Requested by a friend

Thursday, February 25

7:15 am † ☿ Tara, Gabriella

& Jose Pichardo ☿

GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSINGS

Requested by Mom and Dad

Friday, February 26

7:15 am ☼ Eucharistic Prayer Service ☼

Saturday, February 27

4:00 † Joseph V. Swikalus,

ANNIVERSARY REMBRANCE

Requested by Ceil

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am † Doris Tesini, Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Rita Farnsworth

10:30 am †

Special Collections

Black & Indian Missions
Catholic Relief Services

this weekend
March 13 and 14th

Parish Offerings

January

\$ 10,429

Week ending 2/7/21

\$ 3,061

Week ending 2/14/21

2,282

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