



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

Confessions – Anytime by appointment

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm; Saturdays: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

February 14, 2021

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 14

- 7:00 am Mary Skallos (Mike & Lois)
- 8:30 am Rick Borland (Carol)
- 10:00 am Anna Smiy (Barb)
- 11:30 am Kathy Montrose (Lorraine)

Monday, February 15

- 7:45 am Michele Ruby (Paul & Jan)

Tuesday, February 16

- 7:45 am Nicholas Colinear (Gummo)
- 6:30 pm No MASS

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

- 7:45 am Elyse Alberts-Azzato (Family)
- Noon All People in Need of Prayers (Garbowsky)
- 6:30 pm Richard Kotch (Barnyak)

Thursday, February 18

- 7:45 am Katy Hudson (Daughter)

Friday, February 19

- 7:45 am Tony Mauro (Family)

Saturday, February 20

- 8:00 am Month's Mind
- 4:30 pm Mary Ann Angel (Lauren)
- 6:00 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 21

- 7:00 am Dorothy Linn (Rockacy Family)
- 8:30 am Jessie Stark (McCarthy)
- 10:00 am Candace Martin (Gladys)
- 11:30 am Richard Thomas (Salomon, Kurt, Renee & Braydon)



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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

*A powerful sign of a shared commitment
to Christ and the call to conversion.*



Lent is a movement from ashes to the baptismal font. We dirty our faces on Ash Wednesday and are cleansed in the new waters of the Easter font. More profoundly, we embrace the need to die to sin and selfishness at the beginning of Lent so that we can come to fuller life in the Risen One at Easter.

When we receive ashes upon our heads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are

creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are

dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion ("Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel"). We remember that we are members of the body of Christ through fasting and penance (sackcloth and ashes) we can be restored to the perfect image of Christ in the resurrection!

Renewing our sense of who we really are before God is the core of the Lenten experience. It is so easy to forget, and thus we fall into habits of sin, ways of thinking and living that are contrary to God's will. In this we are like the Ninevites in the story of Jonah. It was "their wickedness" that caused God to send Jonah to preach to them.

Jonah resisted that mission and found himself in deep water. Rescued by a large fish, Jonah finally did God's bidding and began to preach in Nineveh. His preaching obviously fell on open ears and hearts, for in one day he prompted the conversion of the whole city.

From the very beginning of Lent, God's word calls us to conversion. If we open our ears and hearts to that word, we will be like the Ninevites not only in their sinfulness but also in their conversion to the Lord. That, simply put, is the point of Ash Wednesday!

WARNING: Allowing the Ashes to be a mark of conversion may afford you the BEST LENT EVER!!



Receiving ashes with this intention will destroy the life you know and fill it with a new life unburdened by sin and renewed in Grace.

The Distribution of Ashes are Scheduled as Follows:

7:45 AM During Sacred Mass
Noon During Sacred Mass
6:30 PM Service

REMINDER: ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE!!!!

The Catholic Church marks this most solemn beginning of the Lenten Season not only with the outward sign of the Ashes received that day but a profound deep sense of preparation and conversion with honoring the Sacred Fast and Abstinence as well. What exactly is required and when is the Fast and Abstinence during Lent?

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

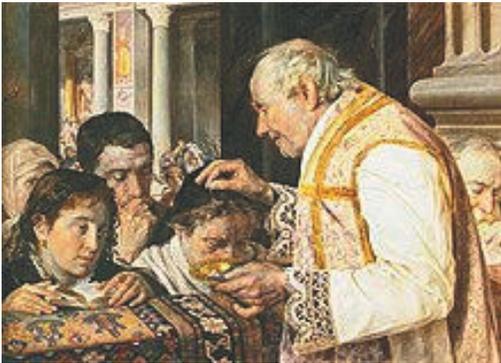
Abstinence is binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

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.

Abstinence: A person must refrain from meat (Fish is not considered “Meat”)

The “Sprinkling” of Ashes vs Mark on the Forehead



On the head of the penitent on Ash Wednesday has been long the traditional way to begin the Lenten Season! The marking of the forehead (what we are familiar with) is only a practice in the English-speaking nations. Why the difference? Which is correct? Both are correct with different emphasis.

Sprinkling of Ashes is the outward sign of the traditional penitent of the Old Testament. Job put on sackcloth and dumped a bowl of ashes over his head to show great sorrow and dismay as an act of penance to humble himself before God as he suffered such calamities of the loss of family and favor. The people of Nineveh covered themselves in sack cloth and ashes at the preaching of Jonah in fear that they would be destroyed!

In this light the sprinkling of ashes follows the scriptural origin of beginning at time of repentance.

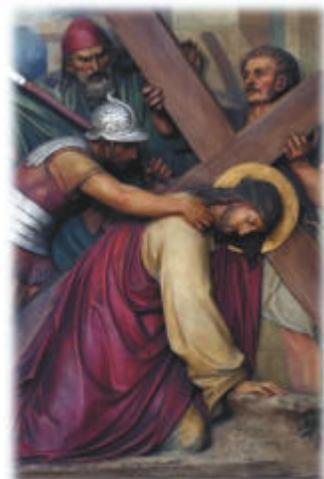
The placing of Ashes on the Forehead of a penitent who begins Lent has been more of an outward sign to others that we are marked in our mortality and desire to die with Christ to self so that we can rise with him in the resurrection. It is a powerful sign and reminder that Lent marks a time of fasting, prayer and service to others. Those who wear the sign as well as those who see it know that conversion is underway.

This year because of the pandemic and desiring a “No Contact” Liturgy we will distribute the ashes by placing them on the top of the penitent’s heads as a sign of the Old Testament tradition. This is different than our custom but still a powerful individual sign. Since most of us are staying in self quarantine the outward sign for others would not be seen much this year. A different experience that may afford a clearer 20/21 vision in humility and sacrifice!



Note: The two pictures show the time frame of the tradition and the necessity of the tradition during the pandemic. This will be what you experience this year!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – A LENTEN TRADITION



My favorite devotion is the “Stations of the Cross” - the commemoration of Jesus’ passion in the fourteen steps to His death. The fourteen steps invite us to meditate, accompany and learn from Him the price of our souls and the depth of His love for us!!

With the pandemic and Lent approaching I wanted to assure you that we will still have the stations twice every Friday (Noon & 6:30 pm) so that those who feel comfortable coming can attend.

We will also post the Stations on the OSM YouTube channel every Friday at 11am so that you can participate at home. Please know that I will be offering my prayers for perseverance through the pandemic into a new life which is led by Jesus’ example of suffering!



On These Things for Lent...

- making time and space to remember what it means to be Christian, by remembering the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in a special way.
- remembering the life and message of Jesus—recommitting to living as followers of Jesus in today's world.
- giving up the negative in our lives to make room for more positive.
- being open to change of heart and habit—to deepening our relationship with Jesus and with each other.
- taking time out from the usual daily routine to focus on what is most important in our lives.
- acknowledging the parts of our lives that need forgiveness and changing, and working to make them right again.
- clearing out some space in our lives so that God can enter and fill it; and taking time to discover where God has always been.

The Three Disciplines of Lent: *Fasting, Prayer, Almsgiving*

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| <p>Fasting: Fasting is an integral part of Lent. Traditionally it has included reducing the amount of food we eat and abstaining from meat. We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. The purpose of fasting is to turn our attention to both God and others.</p> <p>Things to fast from...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watching television • foul language, sarcasm, and put-downs. • buying new things: clothes, music, magazines, jewelry, etc. • snack or junk foods • spending money on entertainment • being angry at other people • holding resentments • gossiping • being dishonest. <p>Feasting: The dictionary defines a feast as “something that gives unusual or abundant pleasure.” Jesus tells us what gives us the most real and lasting joy: it is sharing ourselves in love for others, for our friends, our family, and also for our neighbors in need. During Lent, we pay attention to feasting on joy, compassion, service, and hope so that we might grow in faith all year long.</p> <p>Things to feast on...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayer • acts of kindness to others • forgiveness • participating at Church • participating in liturgy and Eucharist • giving our time in service • receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation • acts of service and charity • giving money or personal possessions to people who are hungry or in need | <p>Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the story of the Last Supper of Jesus in chapter 13 of the Gospel of John, verses 1-15. • Read the story of Easter chapter 20 of the Gospel of John, verses 1-9. • Pray the “Our Father” three times today—in the morning when you get up, at noontime, and when you go to bed. • Say a prayer for someone who is sick today. • Pray for a forgiving heart and ask the people you have hurt to forgive you. • Participate in Ash Wednesday services with your family. • Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. • List three blessings you have been given. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for the blessings in your life. • Pray for the children and families who are homeless, and think about ways you and your family might help them. • Pray the Rosary. • Go to a website like Catholic Online for specific Lenten prayers: www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?s=27 | <p>Almsgiving (Acts of Charity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show an act of kindness to each family member today. • Show an act of kindness to a friend and to someone who is difficult to like. • Together with your family, spend time serving others during Lent. Work at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Visit elderly people who are in nursing homes or shut-ins. • Bring food or clothing to the parish or community food pantry, food bank, or homeless shelter. • Do someone else's chores one day this week. • Donate a new item of children's clothing to the local homeless shelter or clothing center. • Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to others who are in need. • Write a letter or create a card for someone who is sick or might be lonely. • Buy a can of food to give to a food bank or homeless shelter. • Talk with your family about eating one simple meal each week of Lent and putting the money you save in the Operation Rice Bowl box or giving the money to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. |
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¹ From *Generations of Faith* by John Robert Co.

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Heidler, Pack, Seubert, Rimlinger & Kutler Families by Lorraine

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Helen Smith

Divine Mercy Candle:

In Memory of Joseph Kauric

St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of Kathy Montrose by Rose Hilinski

Altar Candles for the Month of February:

In memory of Anthony Delaney from Family



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The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Leviticus | 13:1-2; 44-46 |
| 1 Corinthians | 10:31-11:1 |
| Mark | 1:40-45 |

The First Sunday of Lent

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| Genesis | 9:8-15 |
| 1 Peter | 9:16-19; 22-23 |
| Mark | 1:29-39 |

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for Jeff Fiorino on the death of his father Rudolph Fiorino who died recently. Please pray for the family of Angie Marchionna who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Stewardship Corner:

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share:

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| Sunday Offertory | |
| The Week of January 31, 2021 | \$19,098.46 |
| OSV Online Update for January, 2021 | \$10,080.88 |
| Diocesan Online Update for January, 2021 | \$3,795.00 |

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday starting after 7:45 am Mass and continuing all day until 6:15 pm; confessions (5:15-6:15 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm). There are special prayer booklets available containing Prayers for Vocations during adoration. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Servants of Divine Mercy Outreach - The Servants of Divine Mercy pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick & dying. To request this beautiful Chaplet to be prayed for a specific person call 724-600-5007 or email kstynchula@msn.com

Sunday Mass is aired @ 8:00 am on the "Operation Safe Mode with Father John" YouTube channel.

Reminder that the church is open for private prayer Daily. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



LENT 2021— Lent begins on Ash Weds, Feb 17, 2021 and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday. It is a time in which Catholics make sacrifice and perform charitable works as penance for sins. The Ashes were made by burning the palms used last year on Palm Sunday. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to **FAST** on Ash Weds and Good Friday. Fasting means one large meal -or- one main meal with 2 smaller meals. Catholics are also required to **ABSTAIN** from eating meat on Ash Weds and **ALL** Fridays during Lent for those 14 years of age and older. You will notice the color **Purple** is used. This is a sign of penance, sacrifice and preparation and is worn during the seasons of Lent and Advent.

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Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Immaculate Conception

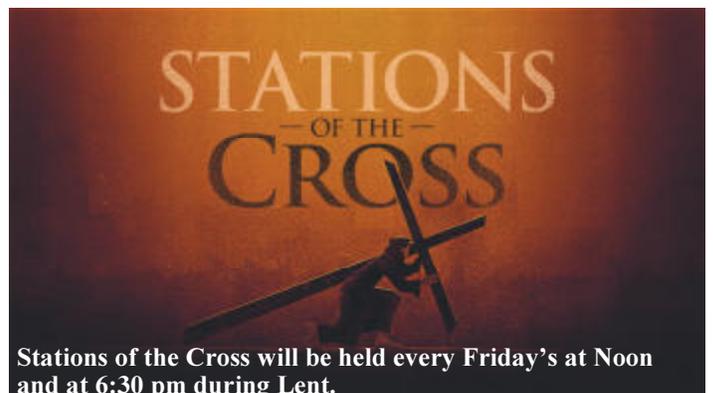
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| 7:45 am | Mass with distribution of ashes |
| Noon | Mass with distribution of ashes |
| 6:30 PM | Mass with distribution of ashes |

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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| 8:30 am | Mass with distribution of ashes |
| 12:15 pm | Prayer service with distribution of ashes |
| 6:30 pm | Mass with distribution of ashes |

St. Agnes

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| 7:30 am | Mass, Church |
| 12:00 pm | Liturgy of the Word |
| 6:30 pm | Mass |



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday's at Noon and at 6:30 pm during Lent.

Months Mind Mass is being offered February 20th - 8:00 am for the following:

- ✠ Christine Schmidt
- ✠ Kathleen Bogonovich
- ✠ Anna Mae Filkosky
- ✠ Jerry Capo
- ✠ Donald Graham
- ✠ John Basista
- ✠ Joseph Plassio
- ✠ Michael Furlin
- ✠ Frank Wolfe
- ✠ Mary Lois Ford
- ✠ Mary Margaret Stewart

Please remember them and all of our faithful departed loved



The Comfort Blanket Ministry has blankets available for anyone in need of comfort and prayer. As the pandemic continues, many are isolated. If any of your friends, relatives or neighbors are facing this isolation, please consider giving them a

comfort blanket. They are available in the church office. If you have any special requests or questions, call Mary Ann Rodman at 724-515-7645.



**Queen of Angels
Catholic School**

Angel's Corner

New and prospective students can register now for a virtual open house or for a private tour at Queen of Angels Catholic School, North Huntingdon, PA. Learn about ways we educate students safely in-person and the many educational options we provide parents, including a full-day preschool and kindergarten option!

A virtual Open House for Grades 1-8 will be held on February 17th at 6:30pm and a virtual Open House for Grades Prek-K March 10th at 6:30pm.

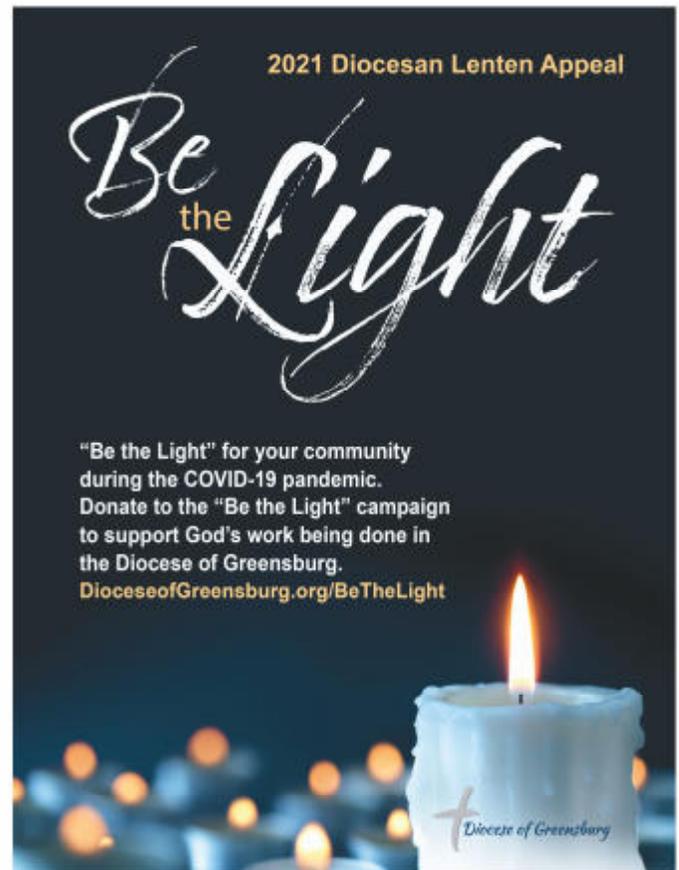
Register today at www.queenofangelssch.org or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 724-978-0144.

\$\$ Come in for some COOL DEALS \$\$
St. Vincent de Paul's Greensburg Store is holding a
Half-Price Sale on
All Winter Apparel – New and/or Gently Used
Starting Monday, February 1
These deals are HOT!

St. Vincent de Paul Store
126 South Main Street
Greensburg PA 15601

Store Hours: Monday, Wednesday 10 - 3

Around the Diocese



Be the Light' with 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal - The 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is offering parishioners throughout the Diocese of Greensburg a chance to "Be the Light" for their faith community. The Lenten season is a reminder that Christ is the light in our lives and this is an opportunity to "Be the Light" for those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone in some way and this includes the faithful of the diocese. There is a way to help by supporting the 2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference in your parish. Donate to the "Be the Light" campaign to support God's work that is being done in the Diocese of Greensburg. **Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/BeTheLight.**

Stretching with Scripture - During the winter months, join us for a body and soul exercise class just for women. The class is offered **every Monday at 5:30pm and Wednesday at 10am** via Zoom Video Conferencing. It combines gentle exercise with scripture verses for a total body-mind workout. Our presenter is Mary Evers, A.C.E., Certified Group Exercise Instructor. This includes standing postures with some on a mat engaging all the major muscle groups as well as focusing on balance and flexibility. We end with prayer in motion and a meditation. Registration and a zoom link is available by contacting Sandy Monier (smonier@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or Mary Evers (forevermary@comcast.net). Cost for the class is \$5 and paid directly to Mary Evers.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021 - Order of the Mass

PRELUDE

A Solemn Sarabande

Peter J. Smith

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

1. Your hands, O Lord, in days of old Were
2. And then your touch brought life and health, Gave

strong to heal and save; They tri - umphed o'er dis -
hear - ing, speech, and sight; And those you healed, their

ease and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave. To
strength re - stored, Ac - claimed you Lord of light. And

you they came, the blind, the mute, The
so, O Lord, be near to bless, Al -

pal - sied, and the lame, The lep - er set a -
might - y now as then, In ev - 'ry street, in

part and shunned, The sick, and those in shame.
ev - 'ry home, In ev - 'ry trou - bled friend.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron,
"If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants.
If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.
"The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!'
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32
Owen Alstott



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or
the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in every way,
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,
that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
 "If you wish, you can make me clean."
 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand,
 touched him, and said to him,
 "I do will it. Be made clean."
 The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.
 Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once.
 He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,
 but go, show yourself to the priest
 and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;
 that will be proof for them."
 The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.
 He spread the report abroad
 so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
 He remained outside in deserted places,
 and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
 the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Heritage Mass

Owen Alstott

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

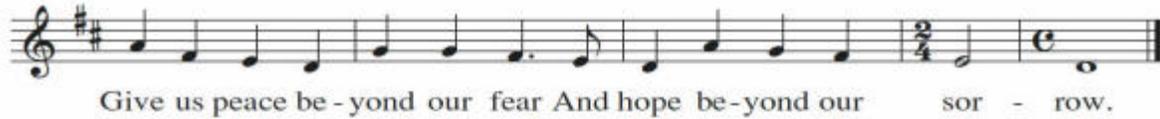
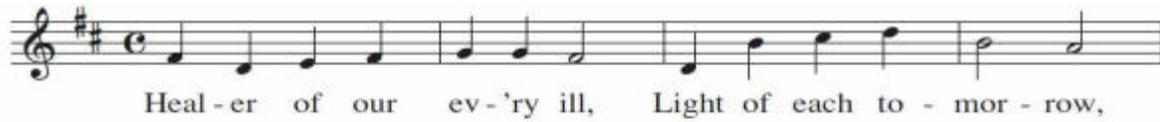
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

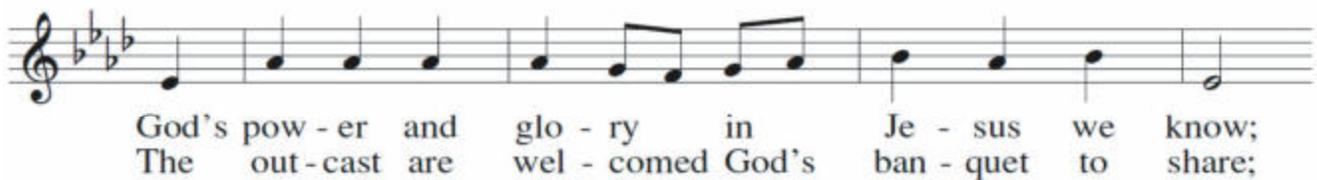
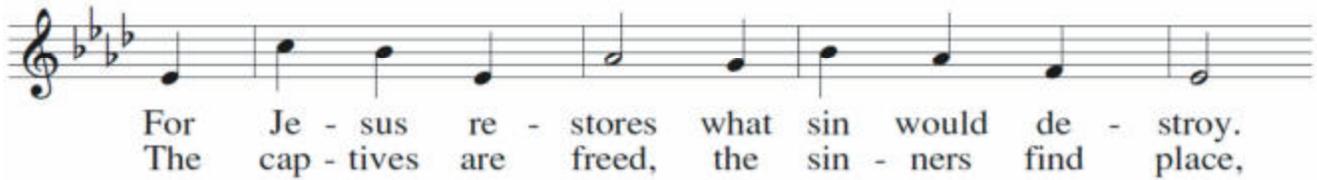
Healer of Our Every Ill



Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, 88 9 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Kingdom of God



Text: Bryn A. Rees, 1911–1983, © 1973, Alexander Scott
Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848–1918

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Laudate Dominum”
Raymond H. Haan

St. Agnes 2021 Fish Fry

PLEASE COME! INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS
DRIVE-THRU TAKE OUT

New Hours

6 Fridays during Lent
Feb. 19, thru March 26, 2021
from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Resurrection Hall.

This year's Menu:

- * BAKED COD DINNER ..\$10.00
- * FRIED COD DINNER....\$10.00
- FISH SANDWICH.....\$7.50
- BAKED FISH.....\$7.00
- FRIED FISH.....\$7.00
- SANDWICH BUN\$1.00
- HALUSKI \$2.50
- HOMEMADE SOUP (CUP) \$2.50
- HOMEMADE SOUP (QUART) \$8.00
- FRENCH FRIES.....\$2.50
- PIEROGI..... \$2.50/THREE
- \$8.00/DOZEN
- COLESLAW..... \$1.00



Come enjoy...
Chef-seasoned Panko hand-breaded fried cod or Parmesan-cruste**d** baked cod.

Homemade Soups of the Week

- Week 1 - Potato
- Week 2 - Gourmet Cream of Mushroom
- Week 3 - Broccoli Cheese
- Week 4 - Potato
- Week 5 - Gourmet Cream of Mushroom
- Week 6 - Broccoli Cheese

* **Complete Dinner includes:** Baked or Fried cod, choice of one side dish (French fries, haluski or pierogis), coleslaw and sandwich roll. All other items are à la carte as priced above.

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Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."



Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology.

The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the

Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became raged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. However, other tales of St. Valentine's life claim he was executed either in the year 269, 270, 273 or 280. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

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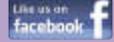
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