

# Genesis Vicariate Newsletter

From the Vicar,

The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we, as Christians, are called to be a penitential people no matter how unpopular “penance” might seem. Sacramental theologian Joseph Martos noted, “‘Penance’ may seem to some to be an outdated word. ‘Penance’ is the shortened form of the word ‘penitence’ which from the Latin *paenitentia* means ‘repentance’—conversion of heart, an interior turning away from sinful attitudes and actions.”



Continuing, he says, “It means the same as the Greek *metanoia* which was among the first recorded words of Jesus’ public preaching: ‘*This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform [metanoieite] your lives and believe in the gospel!*’ (Mk. 1:15)” (*Doors to the Sacred*, 310). The end game, however, is not ashes but the Renewal of our Baptismal Promises—the goal of Lent. How have we been living them since this year began? How can Lent help us live them better for the rest of 2019? When we daily live our baptism we actually live Easter every day—even outside the Easter Season. Easter is all about the resurrection of Jesus—risen from His sleep of death in that dark, dank tomb in Jerusalem. His holy resurrection is a down payment for our own resurrection unto eternal life. Ashes reminds us that we can never accomplish this on our own—“*flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God*” (1 Cor. 15:50)—only with the Risen Lord can we claim our heavenly inheritance.

Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM

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## **A Live Musical Presentation of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm**

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## **Praise and Worship Event at Blessed Sacrament – May 9 and May 10**

The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament is hosting a Praise and Worship event, especially for youth, on the evening of May 9 and again in the morning on May 10. Schools and Parish groups are particularly invited and all are welcome. To learn more and to register, visit our website at [www.cathedral.aod.org](http://www.cathedral.aod.org) or visit the Cathedral Facebook page.

## **Healing Service at Blessed Sacrament – June 27**

The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament will have a Healing Service beginning with Confession at 6:15 pm and Holy Mass at 7 pm. Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. After Mass, there will be Healing Prayer Teams to pray over those who are interested. There will also be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 9 pm. All are welcome.

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## **Genesis Vicariate Rep Meetings**

The Next Genesis Vicariate Rep Meeting is Monday, March 25 at St Hyacinth at 6:30 pm.

**Bp. Donald Hanchon, Regional Moderator**  
 (313) 596-7444  
**Father Alex Kratz, Vicar**  
 (313) 727-9784

**Assumption Grotto**

**Pastor, Rev. Eduard P. Perrone**  
 13770 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, MI 48205  
 (313) 372-0762 ~ FAX (313) 372-2064  
[grottoctory@ameritech.net](mailto:grottoctory@ameritech.net)  
[www.assumptiongrott.com](http://www.assumptiongrott.com)  
 Saturday ~ 7:30 am (Latin), 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 9:30 am (Latin), 12 pm

**Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

**Pastor, Rev. J.J. Mech**  
 9844 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202  
 (313) 865-6300 ~ FAX (313) 867-4613  
[cathedral@aod.org](mailto:cathedral@aod.org)  
 Saturday ~ 8 am, Sunday ~ 11 am

**St. Moses the Black**

**Pastor, Rev. J.J. Mech**  
 1125 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, MI 48238  
 (313) 868-4308 ~ FAX (313) 868-9771  
 Sunday ~ 10 am

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles**

**Pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan**  
 3851 Prescott, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 (313) 891-1520 ~ FAX (313) 891-3552  
[qofaparish1917@gmail.com](mailto:qofaparish1917@gmail.com)  
[queenofapostlesparish.org](http://queenofapostlesparish.org)  
 Saturday ~ 5:30 pm (English)  
 Sunday ~ 8 am (English), 9:30 am (Polish)

**St. Hyacinth**

**Pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan**  
 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48211  
 (313) 922-1507 ~ FAX (313) 922-2459  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 11:15 am

**Our Lady Queen of Heaven – Good Shepherd Catholic Community**

**Pastor, Rev. Michael C. Nkachukwu**  
**Associate Pastor, Rev. Tyrone Robinson**  
 8200 Rolyat, Detroit, MI 48234  
 (313) 891-4553 ~ FAX (313) 891-5782  
[ladyofgoodshepherd@att.net](mailto:ladyofgoodshepherd@att.net)  
[www.ourladyofgoodshepherd.net](http://www.ourladyofgoodshepherd.net)  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 10 am

**St. Florian**

**Pastor, Rev. Mirosław Frankowski, SCh**  
 2626 Poland, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 (313) 871-2778 ~ FAX (313) 871-5947  
[office@stflorianparish.org](mailto:office@stflorianparish.org)  
[www.stflorianparish.org](http://www.stflorianparish.org)  
 Sunday ~ 10:30 am (Polish) 12:30 pm (English)

**St. Ladislaus Chapel**

2730 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm (English)  
 Sunday ~ 9 am (Polish), 6:30 pm (Polish)

**St. John Paul II**

**Pastor, Rev. Andrew Wesley**  
 5830 Simon K, Detroit, MI 48212  
 (313) 305-7394 ~ FAX (313) 305-7396  
[sjp2parish@gmail.com](mailto:sjp2parish@gmail.com)  
 Sunday ~ 10 am (Eng) and 11:30 am (Polish)

**St. Raymond – OIGC**

**Pastor, Rev. Michael C. Nkachukwu**  
**Associate Pastor, Rev. Tyrone Robinson**  
 20103 Joann Ave., Detroit, MI 48025  
 (313) 527-0525 ~ FAX (313) 527-9776  
[infosaintraymond@gmail.com](mailto:infosaintraymond@gmail.com)  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm, Sunday ~ 10:30 am

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