

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH



**Ash Wednesday
March 6th**

Mass Schedule:

**8AM
12:05PM
7PM**

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

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HOLY REDEEMER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday at 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL

Closed for the Season



The Church is accessible to the Handicapped.
The **ELEVATOR** is to the left of the Main Entrance.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Please see Father Sullivan after Mass
to register with the Parish.

Mass Intentions



This Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM Paul McAllister
Sunday 8:00AM For the People of the Parish
 10:00AM For Living and Deceased
 Members of the Holy Redeemer Women's Club

This Week

Monday James Hanlon
Tuesday Denise Artaud
Wednesday 8AM Virginia Machie
 12:05PM Giles Chapin
 7PM Jean Dart
Thursday Darrell Azure
Friday Kathleen Eldredge

Next Weekend

Saturday 4:00PM Alice E. Twomey Weaver —
 5th Anniversary
 Len Japowicz
Sunday 8:00AM For the People of the Parish
 10:00AM Jack & Marie Hynds

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Lent Begins This Wednesday

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten Season. Lent is meant to be a forty-day retreat preparing every Catholic to spiritually celebrate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ during the Easter Triduum. Lent is a penitential season where we practice the disciplines of fasting, almsgiving and prayer to help us be more aware of the needs of the poor and our need to imitate the example of Jesus Christ more fully. The parish is providing several opportunities to put the Lenten disciplines into action.

Friday Program—On the Friday afternoons of Lent we will be reciting the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 4:30PM. Each week a different parish ministry will lead the recitation of the Stations. The version of the Stations used will reflect the theme of their work. This Friday the Stations will be led by the Choir and we will recite Everyone's Way of the Cross. After the Stations you are invited to share a simple supper of soup, bread and beverage. Following the meal, a short twenty to thirty-minute presentation of a segment of Bishop Robert Barron's program, "Priest, Prophet, King", will be offered. This week's presentation is entitled, "Adoration". Come join us for all or any part of the program.

Tabernacle Lamp: In memory of Darrell Azure.

Prayers: Please pray for those who are sick: Christina Boyle, James Nelson, Leila Porter, Marley Marie Smith, Fred Magnusson, Vera Russo, Sawyer Craig, Jack Gerard, Joyce Gallup, Dr. Peter McKay, Bill Manley, Joseph Filardi, Madeline Keogh, Oscar Sprague, William Harahan, Krissy Labbate, Clarence Silvia, Thomas Chestaw, Leonard Gratton, Pam Weiler, Heather Duarte, Hazel Byrne, Donna Grant, Dr. Peter Saunders, Helen Duarte, Christopher Westdyk, Ken Elliott, Sidney Harvey, Agnes Chrysogelos. Please pray for our beloved deceased: Darrell Azure.

Lenten Fast Regulations

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is only ten days away. It is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. Here is an update on the regulations governing those practices.

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days. On these days only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification".

**Holy Redeemer Parish
 Financial Report**

Thank you for your generosity
 to last week's collection

Last weekend's collection:\$2,699.00
 Last year's collection:\$3,540.00

Living Stewardship Now

Consider making a will or updating the one you already have. Make provisions for those you love and, if you have the resources, make gifts to the Church and favorite charities that will go on giving beyond your lifetime.

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**Wednesday Communion Services
 for Month of March**

Fr. George Bellenoit, who covers daily Mass for Fr. Sullivan's day off on Wednesdays, will be a "snowbird" for the month of March. In his absence Deacon Joe Mador will be conducting Communion Services on Wednesday.

From the Pastor

Reflections on Pope's Sex Abuse Conference

Pope Francis' historic worldwide conference on the Church Sex Abuse Scandal came to a close last Sunday. As is the case with all such events mixed reviews were offered on Monday. Some abuse victim advocates panned the conference's outcome. They were critical because the conference didn't promulgate concrete new regulations imposing strict universal one strike and you're out for clergy found guilty of sexual abuse and the accountability of bishops who cover up abuse. They also were angered by Pope Francis' remarks during his closing speech regarding the problem of sexual abuse in other facets of life.

As a final analysis is made it would be good to remind ourselves of the Pope's objectives going into the conference. Back in December in an article by Crux Now Catholic News Service, John Allen stated what were the Pope's expectations. He said one was that the Pope wanted to, "deliver an unequivocal message that clerical abuse is a universal problem, one that requires the participation of the Church at all levels to resolve."

Going into the conference about two thirds of the bishops, many of them from countries of the developing south, have had no direct experience with the clerical abuse scandal. Many saw it as an American or western problem and not something that they had to face. They resented pressure to spend time and resources on the problem. Many saw pressuring them to address sexual abuse as another chapter in Western colonialism.

The conference seemed to be successful in helping them to have a greater understanding of the problem. They were introduced to listening to the stories of abuse from victims from some of their own countries. Several of the speakers, Sr. Veronica Openibo from Nigeria, Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Mumbai, India and Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila, Philippines gave emotional addresses all reinforcing the reality of the problem in the Church throughout the world.

Allen in December said a second possible outcome was "announcing concrete methods for building stronger systems of accountability, not just for the crime of sexual abuse but its cover-up." That didn't specifically happen. What did come out of the conference was most likely the death of the use of secrecy in dealing with the issue. Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago and German Cardinal Reinhard Marx addressed accountability. Mexican Vatican correspondent Valentina Alazraki spoke about the importance of communication with the media in helping foster transparency. She warned that failure to do so was being complacent with covering up abuse.

A third outcome Allen anticipated was that Francis would "charge all these presidents of bishops' conferences with making a point of meeting abuse survivors when they go home." "There simply is no substitute for spending time with victims in terms of getting a sense of the horror that being abused as a child by a member of the clergy represents." In addition to the five abuse victims who spoke to the conference, the media reported that during the conference victims had unprecedented access to participants and Vatican policymakers.

Last week's conference has left much of the implementation of a response to clerical sexual abuse up to the local bishop's conference. That decentralized approach is probably more sensitive to the needs of different cultures from around the world. However, the conference has given the bishops' groups clear expectations of what their response needs to be.

In his December analysis John Allen predicted that not everyone would be completely satisfied by the results of last week's conference. He said, "Almost by definition, Americans are likely to be frustrated with what may seem the scant results of the February meeting. Things will rise and fall with how nimble the U.S. bishops are about putting together a plan of action that coheres with the indications it provides after it's over."

Last Sunday there was indications that U.S. bishops understand that to be the case. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, was quoted as saying, the USCCB's administrative committee will "work like mad" to modify its proposed protocols for bishop accountability." He said it was the bishops' expectations to be able to have these guidelines approved at the bishops' June meeting. Let's continue to pray for this outcome and for the survivors of abuse.

Lenten Folders-Parishioners on our mailing list received a Lenten Folder last week. We ask you put aside a quarter a day for a total of \$10 over the entire Lenten season. Your donation will be combined with other parishioners' donations and sent to Food for the Poor to build a modest home for a family in Haiti. The cost of a home is \$3,600. Last year parishioners donated \$4,000, for this purpose. How about building two homes this year?

Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever-Last week's bulletin included a flyer inviting you to participate in Dynamic Catholic's, "Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent", daily on-line Lenten reflections. Everyday of the season you can have a short reflection sent to your computer or other electronic device. Sign up at www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lent19. Have a good Lent.

Upcoming Marriage Encounter Dates

Last weekend Ginny and Joe Vатели spoke at the masses about Marriage Encounter Weekend. A weekend is planned for April 13-14, 2019, at Our Lady of the Cape, Brewster. Ginny and Joe left some applications on the table at the back of the Church. If you would like to participate in a weekend, please take one or register at www.wvmeMA.org or call 800-710-WVME (9963).



Save the Date
St. Patrick's Day
Charity Dinner
Sunday, March 17th
5PM — Church Hall
Adults: \$20.00 Children 12 and under: \$10.00
Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend
at the Mardi Gras Bake Sale



Cure those "winter blues" - Mardi Gras Bake Sale, sponsored by the Holy Redeemer Women's Club, this Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3 after all the Masses. Refreshments will also be served. Please join us as this is a wonderful opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners. All are welcome.