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February 15, 2015

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Can you recall the geography of the past weeks in these stories from Mark's gospel? Right after his baptism in the Jordan and the temptations in the desert, Jesus began his very active ministry: he called his first disciples, cured a demoniac in the synagogue, entered the house of Peter's family and cured his mother-in-law. Today we find him outdoors, since lepers were barred from the community (cf. our first reading: "They shall dwell apart, making their abode outside the camp"). We can presume the encounter between Jesus and the leper happened in the countryside, where other lepers were forced to roam.

Jesus' first response to the leper is that he was "moved with pity." The English translation doesn't communicate the depth and intensity of Jesus'

Mission Statement: Holy Child Parish

United with the Pope, we the members of Holy Child Parish seek to be a welcoming church, which fosters spiritual development and expresses charity by living in word and deed the life of Christ. Under the leadership of the bishop, our goals are to implement effective ministries through word, worship, and the sacraments, to enhance the spiritual growth of our parish family, and to encourage, through works of love and faith, the unity of the Church.

feelings. The word Mark uses ("splachnizomai") suggests that Jesus didn't just feel compassion or pity for the man. The verb describes a gut, or instinctual response, which moves a person to do something for someone in dire need. Jesus doesn't just feel bad, or have pity for people, he reacts instinctively and does something.

Who among us might feel isolated in our community? What about the handicapped, elderly, women, immigrants, the very poor and even teens? How are they treated by our parish, their families, neighbors and the community? Remember, the man Jesus healed was outside the community. That's how the above-mentioned often feel – cast off and forgotten.

We say we "feel bad" for someone. According to what Jesus did, that isn't enough. We need to get in touch with our deep feelings of compassion and then do something for those who move us. And still more – we need to go beyond the usual boundaries our church and society observe. By curing the excommunicated leper, Jesus tells us where we Christians should be found – "outside the pale" – beyond traditional boundaries. Why? Because that's where we will find Jesus and his community of the healed and saved. (First Impressions)

Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

12:00 PM – MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF
ASHES AT ST. MARY'S

6:00 PM – MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF
ASHES AT HOLY CHILD

Intentions for this Week

Saturday, February 14

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Sally Ward by Good Samaritans

Sunday, February 15th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Patrick Kump by George and Anita Kump

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Clement & Adeline Lisitski by Hanson Family

Monday, February 16

No Mass

Tuesday, February 17

No Mass

Wednesday, February 18th, Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM at St. Mary's

Emily Letowa by Fr. Brian Clarke

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Ryan McElderry by Eric and Kristin Rider

Thursday, February 19

12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Helen Kordyl by Matt and Maryann

Friday, February 20

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Irene and Chester Bubacz by Family

Saturday, February 21

4:00 PM at Holy Child

All Parishioners

6:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

Helen Signor by Children

Sunday, February 22nd, 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM at Holy Child

Kathryn Holton by Ann Monaghan

11:15 AM at Holy Child

Fabian, Helen and Joan Manikowski by Family



The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the real presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.

The Sanctuary Light at St. Mary's in Blossburg is offered this week (February 15) in memory of Bernard Stachowski by Family. The Sanctuary Light at Holy Child is offered in memory of Deceased Members of Holy Child Parish.

Bingo workers for February 21: Linda Doud, Connie Williammee, Mary and Bruce Nance, Rita Hanson

Kitchen workers for February 21: PREP Parents: Farrer, Mitchell

Collection Counters:

February 15: Dave Slusser and Rob Minnich

February 22: Anna Marie Mimplitsch and Anne Kaminski

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturdays

at 3:30 PM at Holy Child

at 7:30 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa

For other times, call the rectory to make an appointment.

Ministers of the Altar

for this weekend February 14 & 15

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Anna Marie Mimplitsch

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: Ron Becker

6:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Pam Thomas

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Linda Hawn

Servers: Jon Baker, Isabella Hazelton

E. Min: Nick Olson

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Kayla Nash, Bob Wood

Servers: Brendan Nash

E. Min: Bill Page

Ministers of the Altar

for Ash Wednesday, February 18th

12:00 PM at St. Mary's

Readers: Ray Brundage

Servers: Need Volunteer

E. Min: Tony Lupkowski

6:00 PM at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Nick Olson

E. Min: Bill Page

Ministers of the Altar

for next weekend February 21 & 22

4:00 PM Saturday at Holy Child

Readers: Bob Wood

Servers: Tristan Templeman

E. Min: John Ranck

6:30 PM Saturday at St. Mary's

Readers: Peter Lupkowski

Servers: Bill Lupkowski

E. Min: Chris King

9:00 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Maryjane Seifried, Jim Weiskopff

Servers: Sophia Scouten, Grace Scouten

E. Min: Joan Miller

11:15 AM Sunday at Holy Child

Readers: Suzanne Case, Kayla Nash

Servers: John Minnich

E. Min: Courtney Hull

Readings

February 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm 32:1-2,5,11

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

February 16

Gn 4:1-15, 25

Mark 8:11-13

February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10

Mark 8:14-21

February 18

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

February 19

Dt 30:15-20

Luke 9:22-25

February 20

Is 58:1-9a

Matthew 9:14-15

February 21

St. Peter Damian

Is 58:9b-14

Luke 5:27-32

February 22

1st Sunday in Lent

Gn 9:8-15

Psalm 25:4-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and
renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.
Grant this through Our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God Forever and ever.
Amen.

THIS WEEK HOLY CHILD PARISH

Saturday, February 14

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall

Sunday, February 15th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ✦ No PREP
- ✦ Doughnuts served downstairs in Holy Child Hall after both Masses

Monday, February 16

- ✦ No Mass
- ✦ Office Closed
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo at St. Mary's

Tuesday, February 17

- ✦ No Mass
- ✦ 9:00 AM Good Neighbors in HC Hall
- ✦ 7:00 PM Faith Sharing in Paris Center

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday

- ✦ 12:00 PM Mass and Distribution of Ashes at St. Mary's
- ✦ 6:00 PM Mass and Distribution of Ashes at Holy Child
- ✦ Office Closed
- ✦ 9:00 AM Good Neighbors in HC Hall

Thursday, February 19

- ✦ 12:00 PM Mass at Holy Child

Friday, February 20

- ✦ 6:00 PM Mass at Holy Child followed by Stations of the Cross and a Meager Meal
- ✦ 9AM - 5PM St. Mary's Church Open

Saturday, February 21

- ✦ 5:00 PM Kitchen opens at H.C. Hall
- ✦ 6:30 PM Bingo in Holy Child Hall

Sunday, February 22nd, 1st Sunday of Lent

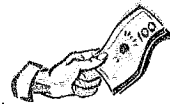
- ✦ 10:00 AM PREP
- ✦ 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus in Parish Center

2015 Holy Child Parish Lottery Winners

Date	Winning Number	Amount Won
2/2	056	No Winner
2/3	428	\$50.00
2/4	663	No Winner
2/5	000	\$50.00
2/6	434	No Winner
2/7	995	No Winner
2/8	832	\$250.00

Gifts to Your Parish

February 7 & 8



Sunday Envelopes: \$4183.50
Loose: \$ 207.00

Fuel: \$110.00 Dues: \$35.00 Ash Wednesday: \$10.00

Total: \$4545.50

Cemetery Maintenance: \$15.00

Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity to your parish are needed and greatly appreciated. The amount needed from our weekly collections to meet our budget is \$4893.85.

In addition, we received \$105.00 for the Care and Education of Priests and \$10.00 for Campaign for Human Development. This money is sent to the Diocese of Scranton.

PLEASE PRAY.....

We pray, always, for deceased parishioners, family, friends, and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



For those serving our country:

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.



For those who are ill and their caregivers:

Sis Seiser, Mary Wivell, Pat Cole, Jeffrey Seeley, Patricia Kaminski, Christine Wilcox, Ron Andrews, Ardith Matreski, Nancy Bullock, Michael Rumsey, Linda Kichline, Joe Alampi, Patty Vlajic, Ken Riseborough, Charlotte Von Hendy, Janet Warren, Cathy Alampi, Dee Borden, Bill Brennan, Linda Roupp, Ron Wood, Celia Levindofski, Charles Shedden, Vincent LaDalia, Mary Ann Bacard, Sis Sandstrom, Edwin Rosa, Maryann Thomas, Bonnie Casselberry, Allison Orchowski, Gary Johnson, Connie Leone, Lloyd Barrett, Dawn Egan, Eleanor Brion, Kathleen Evans, Carol Folcarelli, Desiree Bleam, Dennis Bogaczyk, Carter Goodwin, Jeannie Leone, Bryan Augustine, Nancy Matthews, Anna Marie Mimplitsch, Anna Friedmann, Carol Knable, Benjamin Alessi, and family, friends and parishioners in nursing homes. Please call the parish office to add names of those for whom you wish us to pray or to remove names as needed. To respect our parishioners' privacy, please ask them before having their names printed in the bulletin.



Are you a PREP student in grades 3 and up?

Do you want to be more involved in the Mass?

Do you enjoy singing?

We have a new opportunity for you! Starting in February, students in 3rd thru 6th grade are invited to sing with the Sunday, 9:00 AM choir on the last Sunday of each month. Interested students should report to the choir loft at 8:00 AM for practice, on the last Sunday of the month. Following practice, students will remain in the choir loft with the choir and sing during the Mass.

The days that the Children's Choir will meet are February 15, March 15, April 26 and May 10.

Please check the bulletin for any changes to the monthly schedule.

(The choir director reserves the right to dismiss any students who are disruptive during the Mass.)

Be a Man!

Becoming the Man God Created You to Be
**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE SET FOR
APRIL 25th**

The First Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8 AM – 3 PM at King's College in Wilkes-Barre.

Fathers, sons, grandsons and friends are all most welcome to register for the event. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will join with participants throughout the day and celebrate a closing Mass.

Register at www.dioceseofscranton.org

Attention Men of the Parish

If you are interested in attending the Catholic Men's Conference, please call the office this week. Our neighboring parishes are trying to organize bus transportation so we need to get a count.

St. Mary's Bingo needs your help! Bingo is held every Monday evening at 6:30 PM and we need volunteers to help with the games. Doors open at 4:30 PM. We can be flexible in scheduling so please consider the gift of your time. Call June Otis @ 570-412-2361.



We are currently making changes to the website for Holy Child Parish. The bulletin will be available in PDF format from the website starting next week.

Safe Environment for Children:

Holy Child Parish is committed to ensuring a safe environment for children.

- ❖ Holy Child Parish is committed to uphold the "national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" as established by the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops.
- ❖ All adults who work with our children are trained in the "VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children" Program.
- ❖ All adults who work with our children are screened by law enforcement.

All adults who work with our children acknowledge and accept the "Diocese of Scranton Volunteer Code of Conduct."

NOTICE REGARDING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BY ORDAINED OR LAY PERSONNEL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Such an act should be reported to local law enforcement and the Diocese by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator (570-862-7551) or the Chancellor (570-207-2216) or the Vicar General/Director of Clergy Personnel (570-207-2269).

Upon receiving a report of this kind, the Diocese of Scranton is committed to assisting victims or survivors of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being.

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/about/compliance-office/>



Daybreaks – *Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter* by Rev. Paul Turner are now available in the back of both churches.

The Good Samaritan Society will be having another Easter Raffle this year. Please look for your tickets in next week's bulletin and sell as many as you can!

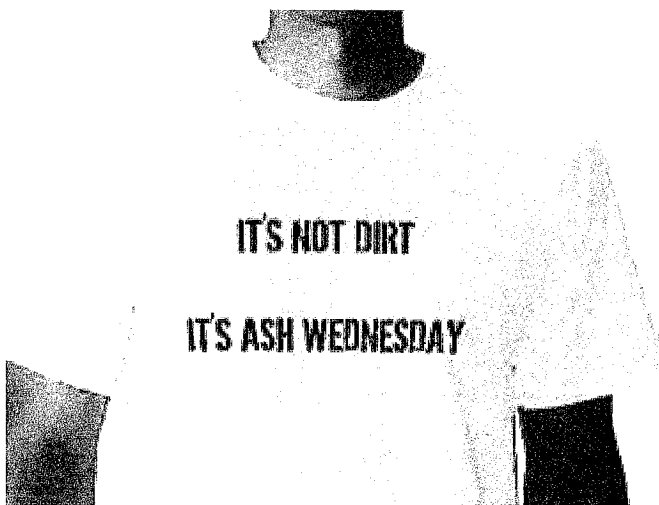


Don't forget our Troops! Packing this month will be for Military Appreciation Month. They really enjoy hearing from the kids, so keep those cards and letters

coming – pictures too.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Wivell, a parishioner who died this week. Also please remember her loved ones during this difficult time.

Meager Meals Needed... If you would like to provide a meager meal in March during Lent after Stations of the Cross at Holy Child, please contact Dotty Welsh @ 570-662-2057. Meager Meals consists of meatless soup and bread.



The Liturgy Committee would like you to be aware that there are opportunities at all Masses to sing!

4:00 PM on Saturdays at Holy Child: Anyone is welcome to go upstairs to sing; no advance notice necessary.

6:30 PM on Saturdays at St. Mary's: Anyone is welcome to sing in the choir. There are practices before special seasons, Advent and Lent. Contact Sue Singer @ 570-638-2985 if interested.

9:00 AM on Sundays at Holy Child: At the 9 AM Mass, anyone is welcome; no advance notice necessary. The adult choir meets at 8:15 regularly before Mass every Sunday to practice.

11:15 AM on Sundays at Holy Child: Individuals of all ages are welcome anytime. Emails can be sent during the week with the hymns for the following Sunday. If interested, speak with any of the musicians or come up before Mass.

In addition to sharing your gift of singing with others, singing in a choir is a great way to earn service hours for students and a good activity for families especially during the Christmas and Easter Seasons.

Wellspring staff and community wants to thank Holy Child Parish for the gifts that were provided at Christmas. Many clients were helped and made merry due to the generosity of parishioners here at Holy Child.

A new chairperson is needed for the Cemetery Committee. This would be an individual who would be willing to oversee meetings and serve on Pastoral Council. (The duties of organizing funerals and managing the sale of plots would be assumed by office staff.) If you feel you are called to this ministry, please contact Fr. Jacek or call the office.

Schedule for Lent

Ash Wednesday – 2/18

Mass and Distribution of Ashes:

12 PM at St. Mary's and 6 PM at Holy Child

Stations of the Cross beginning with Mass and followed by a Meager Meal on Fridays during Lent:

2/20 – 6:00 PM at Holy Child

2/27 – 6:00 PM at St. Mary's

3/6 – 6:00 PM at Holy Child

3/13 – 6:00 PM at Holy Child

3/20 – 6:00 PM at Holy Child

3/27 – Mass at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's followed by Meager Meal; Living Stations of the Cross at 8:00 PM

Fridays during Lent – St. Mary's Church will be open from 9 AM – 5 PM

"The Light is On for You" – Confessions on Monday nights at Holy Child

2/23 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

3/2 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

3/9 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

3/16 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

3/23 – No Confessions

Palm Sunday, March 29th

No PREP

Chrism Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral on Scranton

Tuesday, March 31st at 4:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Altar Server Practice at 6:30 PM

7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Child

Washing of feet & Presentation of Oils

1st Communion children participate in Mass

Church open until 10:00 PM for Adoration

Good Friday, April 3rd

12:30 PM – practice for Altar Servers

1:00 PM – **Service at St. Mary's**

2:30 PM – practice for Altar Servers

3:00 PM – **Service at Holy Child**

Holy Saturday, April 4th

10:30 AM – Blessing of the Baskets at St. Mary's

12:00 PM – Blessing of the Baskets at Holy Child

12:30 PM – Altar Server Practice for Vigil

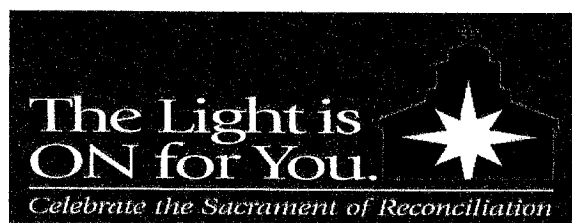
8:00 PM – **Easter Vigil Mass**

Easter Sunday, April 5th Mass Schedule

7:00 AM at St. Mary's

9:00 AM at Holy Child

11:15 AM at Holy Child



The Light Is On For You – all Mondays of Lent from 5:30-7:00pm, Holy Child and all the parishes in the Diocese of Scranton will be open for individual confessions. The website, www.dioceseofscranton.org/light has materials to assist you in preparing to make a good confession, prayers you may find helpful, and answers to frequently asked questions. Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

FAQ's about the Sacrament of Penance

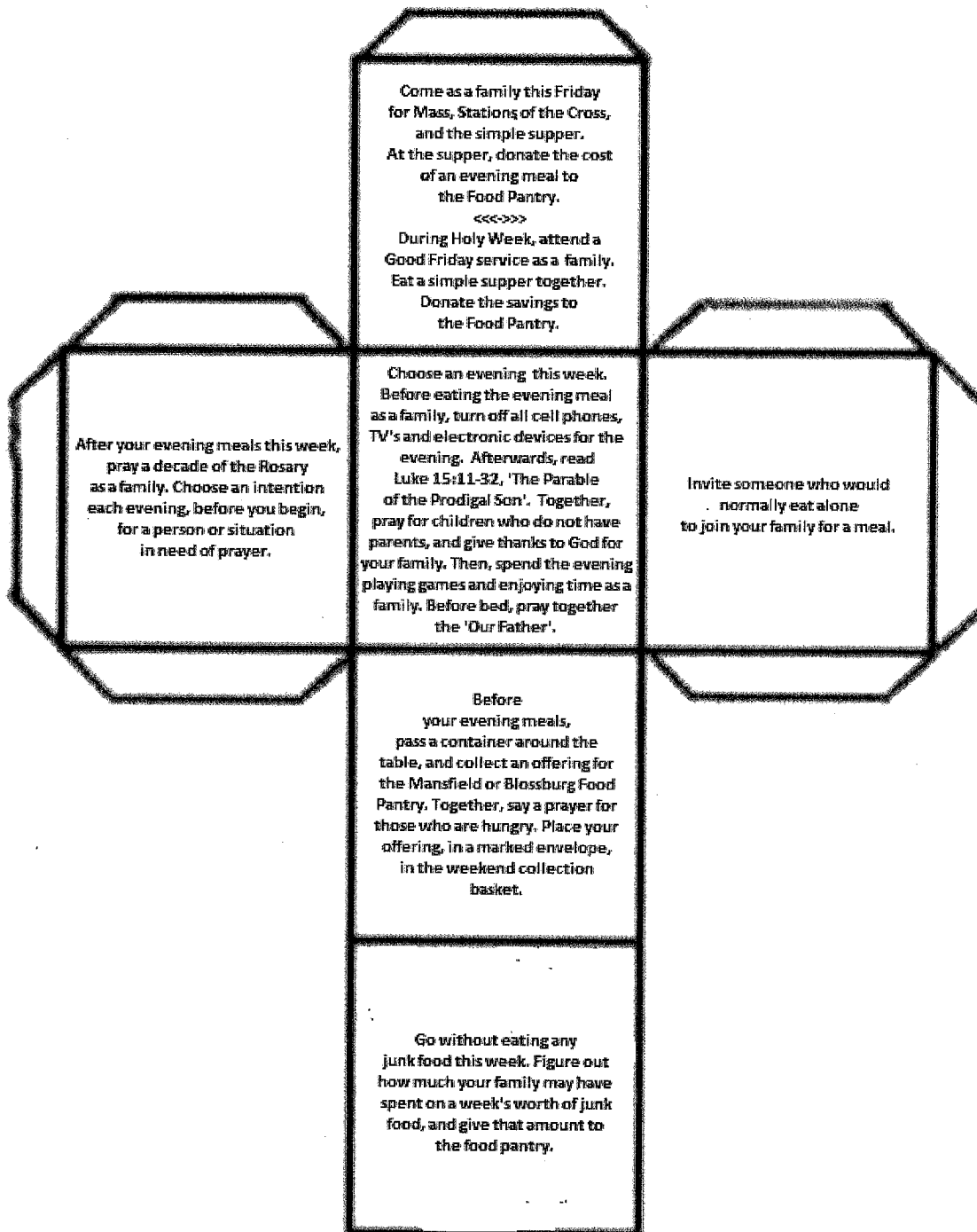
Q. Why do people vary in calling it the Sacrament of Penance, Confession or Reconciliation?

A. The names emphasize different aspects of the sacrament. Penance refers to our repentance, sorrow and resolution to amend our life with God's help. Confession refers to the act by which we tell our sins to the priest. Reconciliation refers to the goal of the celebration by which the sinner is reconciled to God and the Church (see CCC 1423-1424). The ritual for the sacrament is called the Rite of Penance, but is fitting to refer to it with any of these titles. In fact, the Catechism refers to it also as "the Sacrament of Conversion" and the "Sacrament of Forgiveness."

Q. What do I need to do to make a good confession?

A. The sacrament consists of three actions on the part of the penitent: contrition, which is sorrow for one's sins; confession, that is examining one's conscience and telling one's sins to the priest; and penance, namely a desire to make up for one's sins and amend one's life. Together the three are called the "acts of the penitent."

Weekly Lenten Family Penance Cube



Family discussion questions for Lent...

1. How many days are there in Lent? Why?
2. How many Sundays are there in Lent?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What is the liturgical color of the Season of Lent?
5. Which Sunday in Lent is rose?
6. Which Sunday in Lent is red?
7. What do we call the week before Easter?
What happened to Jesus during that week?
8. What are the three practices of Lent?

Directions...

1. Cut around the outside of the template above.
2. Fold along inside lines to create the sides and tabs to form a cube.
3. Use a little glue or double sided tape to fold in the tabs to form a die, words on the outside.
4. Before Mass each Sunday in Lent, choose a family member to roll the die.
5. Read, then do that penance during the week.

A Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent.
And when I've given it up, remind me to pray to You instead,
To thank You, to love You, to hear from You each and every day in Lent. Amen

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Good Neighbor Easter Eggs

60¢ each or \$6.00 / dozen

Please indicate the number of each kind you are ordering.

Peanut butter/light chocolate _____

Peanut butter/dark chocolate _____

Coconut cream/light chocolate _____

Coconut cream/dark chocolate _____

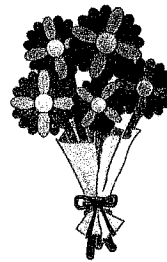
Amount due: \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Order deadline: March 22, 2015
(No orders accepted after that date)

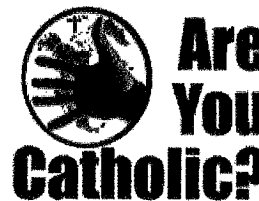
Unless other arrangements are made, eggs will be ready to be picked up on Palm Sunday weekend, March 28 - 29



Happy 50th Anniversary

John & Ann Kearns
February 20, 2015

It will soon be time to do the parish calendar for March. If you have an event you would like to see on the calendar, please call or email the office by 9 AM on Thursday, 3/26.



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