Lent is here! Don't miss it!

The Great Fast is upon us. This is the most sacred time for us Catholics, in which we pay extra attention to our spiritual life. We spend these 40 days in prayer, doing the works of charity, and fasting. At the same time, we should do our best to remove ourselves from the cares of this earthly life, which very often envelop our lives, making us forget that this life is fleeting, and our true homeland is awaiting us after this short and trouble-filled life.

In our church we give you much opportunity to better your relationship with God, reflect on your life.

Go to Confession

God does not want you to carry the burden of your sin with you. Give it away to Him. There is no other way.

Attend Church services

We hold special services during Lent:

Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, aka, Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great. It is truly beautiful ancient service, a combination of vespers and the Divine Liturgy, in which we reflect on our lives and repent of our sins.

All Souls Saturdays. During the Saturdays of Lent at 10:00AM, we pray for our deceased family, friends, and parishioners. After a person passes away, he or she needs our prayers more than ever. This is the most loving thing that we can do for our deceased loves ones.

<u>Fast</u>

Lent is the time of abstinence from certain foods and pleasures of this life. On Fridays of Lent, we abstain from meat. But this is the minimum, we want to go further. Try to give up something that brings you earthly pleasure, like social media and entertainment for the whole Lent or on certain days.

Lent, or as we call the Great Fast, is a holy time, take advantage of it. And you will see the spiritual fruits make a huge difference in relationships with God and others.

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First Sunday of Lent

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: by coming to save the world, our Savior, You filled all things with joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed when He took flesh of You, O Mother of God; and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory, He suffered it with the beauty of God. Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word, we portray it in images.

Prokeimen of Lent (Tone 4)

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

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Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

Verse: They call on the Lord, and He heard them.

Communion Verse Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous, Alleluia. (3) Income Report 02/14/2021 Sunday: \$939.00 Loose: \$15.00 Holyday: \$15.00 Dues: \$50.00 Initial: \$15.00 Diocesan: \$20.00 Energy: \$5.00 Total: \$1059.00 Building: 85.00 Cemetery: \$5.00

Announcements

All-Souls Services

We will be praying for all our deceased relatives beginning February 20th. Please attend and pray for our deceased family and friends, as this is the most loving thing that we can do for our deceased loves ones.

In the Catholic Church, we pray for our deceased loved ones for God to forgive them their sins and grant them eternal rest in Heaven.

Please remember the sick, shut-ins and deployed of the Parish and our community in your prayers, especially: James Scott, Herb Kirsch & Family, John Kerr, George & Patty Kotrick, Frank Farabaugh, Special Intention for a parishioner diagnosed with cancer (anonymous), Barb Sidwar, Sarah Kelt, Brody Dick, Dustin Kirsch, Joyce Dolges, Bob Manioc, Bill Knapik, Bob Kost, Gina Kuncelman, Paul Booterbaugh Sr., Mickey Clemento and Aiden Gray

Jokes of the Week

A wife had a dream that she was rocking a baby to sleep. In the morning, her husband, who is bald, told her that she patted his head for 30 minutes while repeating, "Go to sleep, baby."

My friend John had the solution to forgetting his wife's birthday and their wedding anniversary: He opened an account with a local florist and provided it with both dates as well as instructions to send flowers and a card signed "Your loving husband, John." For a few years, it worked. Then one day, John came home on their wedding anniversary. He saw the flowers on the dining room table and said, "What nice flowers. Where did you get them?" A newly wed was asked by his friends about married life. He said, "My wife cooks for me like I'm a god." The buddies all were impressed but then he add "by placing burnt offerings before me every night."