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First Sunday of Lent • March 13, 2011

# dear Padre

## What are ember days?

March 13, 2011

*Do Catholics still observe ember days? I've never heard of them, but my great aunt mentioned them the other day.*

*Antoinette*

**Dear Antoinette,**

We no longer observe them in the United States, but Catholics in other countries do.

Ember days are like days of Lent cut out of the Lenten calendar and pasted, three at a time, into other parts of the calendar to mark the four seasons. The ember days are—or were—the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays after the Memorial of Saint Lucy (December 13), the First Sunday of Lent, Pentecost, and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14).

Until the 1960s, in the United States the vigils of great feast days and the ember days were days of fast and abstinence. This obligation has long ceased, and even the memory of these days is almost gone. In some countries where people still live close to the land, they keep ember days, praying for God's goodness to them and their labors.

Unfortunately, in our country almost all sense of a need for days of prayer and penance are gone. Some days still invite such a response from us, like the Feast of the Holy Cross, and the vigils of days like Pentecost, the Immaculate Conception, or the feast day of a saint who is important to us personally.

There are seasons to be kept. Our Christian faith can help us keep the beauty of seasons and days in feasting and in penance and prayer.

*John Hamrogue, CSsR*

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### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

**THIS WEEK**

*March 12th and March 13th*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**USHERS GROUP III**

Coffee Social

**SATURDAY, March 12**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+LOIS DUNHAM**  
Request of Richard & Gail Gidius

**SUNDAY March 13:**

7:30 a.m. Rosary after Mass  
10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+LUCINDA PRENTICE** request of  
St. Maurice Fair Group

**MONDAY MARCH 14**

7:00 p.m. Property Mngt Meeting, Parish Center

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

7:15 p.m. Youth Choir rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

9:00 a.m. Mass for **+Rolande & Clifford Mishio** request of  
niece and nephew  
9:00a.m.-noon Christmas Fair Group workshop

**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**6:00 P.M. CHILDRENS MASS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

9:00 a.m. Mass for **+Rolande & Clifford Mishio** request of  
Solange Fournier



St. Patrick used the Shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Three Persons, One God

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

**Fish Dinner** sponsored by KofC, Parish Center 4 to 6:30p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Mass for **+Joe McMahon**, request of Kathleen  
and Tony Coneely followed by

**STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

3:15-3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

IF YOU HAVE REQUESTED A MASS ON A SATURDAY OR  
A SUNDAY, PLEASE LET THE USHERS KNOW, BEFORE  
MASS, THAT YOU WOULD LIKE (OR NOT) TO BRING  
THE GIFTS UP TO THE ALTAR. □

**NEXT WEEK  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SATURDAY, March 19:**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+Carrie Ness**  
*Altar Servers:* Megan Shorey and Kaila Toce  
*Minister of the Word:* Charles Luchini  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Ted Lloyd

**SUNDAY, March 20:**

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Mary Radion**  
*Altar Server:* Altar servers needed for this Mass  
*Minister of the Word:* Stephen Paul  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Arlene Giglio  
Additional Extraordinary Minister needed at this Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **Ann and Edward Dvorscak**

*Altar Servers:* Elizabeth Foran and LeeAnn Snuffer  
*Minister of the Word:* Joel Cohan  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Cliff Scorso

**WEEKDAYS**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22:**

9:00 a.m. Mass with Rosary following  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

9:00 a.m. **LEVI FOURNIER**  
9:00 –noon Christmas Fair Group workshop  
4:30 – 5:45 p.m. gr. K-5 Faith Formation Classes  
6:30 – 7:45 p.m. gr.6-8 Faith Formation

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25**

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **LUCINDA PRENTICE**

**FRIDAY, March 25:**

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat at Sacred Heart. Leaving at 4:30  
Retreat House, returning on Sunday.  
4 – 6:30 p.m. Fish Dinner sponsored by KofC, Parish Center  
7:00 p.m. **MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*Altar Servers:* Angelica Czercowy and Alex Czercowy  
*Minister of the Word:* Rita Sheetz  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* John Sheetz

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

3:15-3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that additional Altar Servers (adult, man or woman,  
and/or youngsters) and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are  
needed for the Sunday 7:30 a.m. Mass. If you are able to serve in  
either of these two areas, please contact Theresa Ciscon during  
office hours on Tuesday, Thursday and/or Friday. 860 643 4466.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING**

**Last Week's Collection was: \$3,523**

**Last Year's Collection was: \$2,662**

*"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like  
a wise man who built his house on rock." - Matthew 7:24*

Our Lord gives us two distinct commands today. We must listen and we  
must act. We listen when we participate in Mass. We act when we  
participate in the ministry of the parish. We need to do both for a strong  
foundation. Participating more fully in the liturgy and life of the parish may  
require some changes on our part. We may have to move away from our  
current lifestyle so that we can move closer to God.

## FAIR WORKSHOP LOOKING FOR ELVES!

WEDNESDAYS - 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

St Maurice Parish Center

Join the "Sleigh Bells Ring"  
Christmas Fair Workshop team  
Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon  
at the Parish Center.



Do you like to work with your  
hands? (No special talent needed.)

Do you enjoy good fellowship? Then join us  
and bring your suggestions with you. Coffee is  
always brewing!

(OR NOT) TO BRING THE GIFTS UP TO THE ALTAR. ☺

*The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." - Mt 4:3-4*

### Readings for the Week of March 13, 2011

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,  
18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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### EVENING OF PRAYER FROM THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS EVERY SUNDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

Evening Prayer from The Liturgy of the Hours will be  
celebrated at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday. For more details,  
go online to: [www.saintmauricebolton.org/other.html](http://www.saintmauricebolton.org/other.html).

The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office (*latin* : *liturgia horarum*) is the official set of daily prayers prescribed by the Catholic Church to be recited at the canonical hours the clergy, religious orders and laity. Together with the Mass it constitutes the official public prayer life of the Church. Upon ordination to the Diaconate, the daily recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours becomes a canonical obligation. The Liturgy of the Hours also forms the basis of prayer within Christian monasticism.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Liturgy of the hours, along with the Eucharist, has formed part of the Catholic Church's public worship from the earliest times. Christians of both Eastern and Western traditions (including the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and (Anglican churches) celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours under various names. Within Catholicism, the Liturgy of the Hours is contained within the Roman Breviary.<sup>[2]</sup> In Greek the corresponding services are found in the  $\square$ ρολόγιον (Horologion)), meaning *Book of Hours*. Within Anglicanism, the Liturgy of the Hours is contained within the book of Daily Prayer of Common Worship and Book of Common Prayer, as well as in the Anglican Breviary. Other names for the Liturgy of the Hours within the Latin Rite include the *Divine Office*, the *Diurnal and Nocturnal Office*, *Ecclesiastical Office*, *Cursus ecclesiasticus*, or simply *cursus*.<sup>[1]</sup>

## HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

### FISH DINNER AT TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ FRIDAYS OF LENT March 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th and 15th



Parish Center

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### CHILDREN'S MASS CELEBRATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.

### ROSARY ON SATURDAYS AT 3:30 P.M. BEFORE THE 4:00 P.M. MASS

### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ON SUNDAYS AFTER 7:30 A.M. MASS



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WEDNESDAYS 3:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

### JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SONG



Senior Choir Rehearsals:  
Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. ~  
Sundays ~ Youth Choir Rehearsal After Each  
Mass ~

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