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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 19, 2012

February 19, 2012
dear Padre
Why doesn't Lent start on a Sunday?

Why do we still celebrate Ash Wednesday on a Wednesday? We've moved Ascension Thursday to the following Sunday. Why not this too?

Margaret

Dear Margaret,

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring). *Lent*, derived from a word meaning "spring," refers to the forty-day penitential season determined each year by counting backward from the date of Easter. "Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive" (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, 28; Pope Paul VI, 1969). The six Sundays in Lent are excluded from the count, since each represents a "mini-Easter."

While some rites calculate the days of Lent differently, in Western Christianity Lent was transferred to a Wednesday to align the number of days of Lent to the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness (see Matthew 4:1-2).

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence that begins a period of prayer, penance, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter, but it's never been a holy day of obligation. An obligatory holy day like the Ascension can be transferred to a Sunday, "the primordial holy day of obligation" in the universal Church, only by the national conferences of bishops "with the prior approval of the Apostolic See" (Code of Canon Law, 1246).

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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):

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 18 - 19, 2012

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Mary Varrick

SUNDAY, FEB 19

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Iva Lindberg request of Lynn Mancino

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Joseph McMahon request of Patrick & Eileen McMahon & Family

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, FEB. 20

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Raymond Lemaire request of Irene Kwiatkowski

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 – ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be an Offertory Collection at both Masses.

9:00 A.M. – Mass and Ashes

Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

7:00 P.M. – Mass and Ashes

Mass offered for All Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEB. 23 – No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 24 – No Morning Mass

4:00 – 6:30 P.M. Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

7:00 P.M. Mass and Stations of the Cross
Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 26, 2012

USHERS GROUP I

Maintenance Collection at All Masses

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Julia Johnson request of Toce Family

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci, Maria Cinea

Lector: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Patti Cinea

SUNDAY, FEB 26

7:30 A.M. Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan request of Mary Anne Murphy

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister: Arelene Giglio

NO FAITH FORMATION

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Rev. Robert W.

Cronin request of Lou & Dorli Cloutier

Altar Servers: Ben & Ryan VanDine

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: James Boylan

5:30 P.M. *LITURGY OF THE HOURS*

MONDAY, FEB. 27

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

9:00 A.M. Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29 –

9:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. To 7:00 P.M. *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

THURSDAY, Mar. 1 – No Mass

FRIDAY, Mar. 2 – No Morning Mass

4:00 – 6:30 P.M. Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus

7:00 P.M. Mass and Stations of the Cross

Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

SATURDAY, Mar. 3

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Last week's Offertory Feb. 11-12 \$
Last year's Offertory Feb. 12-13 \$3,355

"He rose picked up his mat at once and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'" – Mark 2:12
Have you taken any time lately to think about how truly good God has been to you? He may not have to cure your paralysis if He has already given you the gift of mobility. But do we glorify and thank Him for such simple gifts as sight, and speech and general health? Do we generously give back to God in proportion to all the many blessings He has given to us?

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2012

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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LENTEN REGULATIONS:

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on ALL the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING: Is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Divorcing and/or resolving child custody issues? – participate in the court suggested Parent Education Program. Many parents are concerned about the effects of divorce, separation or family disruption on their children. **Catholic Charities offers ongoing, monthly one day Parenting Education Classes in Norwich, Rockville and Middletown. Catholic Charities also offers a monthly 2- part Spanish/bilingual parenting education class in Willimantic.** Attendance at both sessions in the Willimantic class is required for the certificate of completion. Fees apply and are determined by the State of CT. Please call toll free 1-866-883-1624 ext. 263 for registration and monthly class locations and dates.

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

FISH DINNERS AT TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ



FRIDAYS OF LENT

**Feb. 24, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23,30,
and Apr. 6**

Parish Center 4pm – 6:30pm

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please join us – Kids welcome.

SHROUD OF TURIN

NOT A FAKE! Just completed, a five-year study by scientists from ENEA validates the **Shroud of Turin** as Christ's burial cloth. A three-part series on the science, carbon dating, history and glorious significance of the Shroud will be hosted at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Hall, 752 Norwich-Salem Tpke., Oakdale on Tuesdays, March 6, 13 and 20, 2012 at 6:30pm. Talks and video-clips will be presented by Catholic psychologist Michael Petrides. Attend a special Lenten reflection, no charge except an open heart.

"Nothing is Impossible With God!"

Parish Mission @ Sacred Heart Church, Vernon, CT
Sunday-Tuesday, FEB. 26-28 @ 7 PM
Morning session MON & TUE, FEB 27 & 28 after 9 AM
Mass
Presenters Fr. Ray Introvigne & Mrs. Judith Hughes
Spiritual Renewal Services 860-887-0702

OPERATION RICE: Our Lenten Program:

For I was Hungry

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 38 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe, strengthening and enriching those persons' lives, both physically and spiritually, and greatly enhancing your parish community's Lenten faith experience. Rice bowls will be distributed to you at Mass. Families are encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the hungry poor and to share a sacrificial meal. With the moneys saved from this meal, a donation is placed in the family Rice Bowl and can be brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.



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