LENT & EASTER 2014

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Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Our Lenten observance has one principle goal. It prepares us to celebrate, more fittingly, the Easter Feast.

The annual celebration of the resurrection of the Lord has rightly been called the 'Queen of Festivals' because it is from the Easter event that our faith takes its meaning.

As members of the Church, Lent invites each of us to deepen our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to renew our commitment to bear faithful witness to him.

During the approaching period of forty days, we will open our hearts once again to hear his Word, calling us to conversion of life and to a renewed faith in him.

Together with time tested Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation, we encourage all parishioners to consider making use of the programmes and liturgies listed below in order to deepen their faith and to renew their commitment to the Lord.

May God, who through the death and resurrection of his Son gave new life to the world, grant each of us the desire and the determination to make this Lenten pilgrimage a time of renewed dedication to the Faith we cherish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Bill

Fr. William W. Foote
Pastor

OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 5, 2014

Mass will be celebrated at **8:00 am and again at 7:00 pm** in the church. Ashes will be distributed at both of these liturgies. Celebrations of God's Word will also take place in each of our parish elementary schools. Contact the individual schools for times.

SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT

Attending mass on The Lord's Day is the centerpiece of our Lenten observance. We deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ by listening to his Word and by sharing his Body and Blood. We do these things in the midst of the Christian community, which is the Body of Christ.

OUR WEEKEND SCHEDULE
Confessions
Saturday from 4 – 4:30 pm
Mass Times
Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 am
Low Mass at the Altar of Our Lady
(Anglican Use – all Catholics welcome)
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 am
(Children's Liturgy at 11:00 am)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Through prayer, music and scripture, the Way of the Cross allows us to join Our Lord on his journey to Calvary – **each Friday evening** during Lent **at 7:00 pm in the Church**.

OUR LENTEN STUDY SERIES

Our Lenten Study Series

In preparation for Easter, this year's Lenten Study will introduce and examine the readings used by the Church for the Triduum – the great Three Days – being Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. We'll meet in the parish hall on **three Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm – March 20 and 27 and April 3.** All are welcome. Why not bring a friend?

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Our Lenten Penance Celebration will take place on **Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm** in the church. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions and to celebrate this sacrament of God's love and forgiveness.

SATURDAY SUPPER & MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for dinner and a movie on one Saturday each month. We gather in the parish hall following the 5:00 pm mass for a simple supper and the movie begins at 6:45 pm. Our March movie, ***Les Miserables (1935),*** shows on **Saturday, March 8th**. Join us.

SHARE LENT

Our annual Share Lent Collection will be received on **Sunday, April 6, 2014.** Every Christian has the responsibility to provide for the poorest of God's people at home and in the developing nations of the world. Please consider $1 or $2 a day during Lent as a basis for your offering. This annual collection is forwarded to Development and Peace.

HOLY WEEK

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY
April 13th, 2014

The Blessing and Distribution of Palms
Masses:
Saturday at 5:00 pm
Sunday at 8:00 am
Low Mass at the Altar of Our Lady
(Anglican Use – all Catholics welcome)
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 am

THE MASS OF CHRISM

The annual Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on **Monday, April 14th at 7:00 pm**.
During this Mass, the holy oils are blessed by the Bishop for use in our parish throughout the coming year. All are welcome.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Confessions from 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Mass at 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Mass at 8:00 am

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17, 2014

Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Procession to the Altar of Repose
8:00 pm
(Please note that incense will be used)

Followed by a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament - concluding with Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY – April 18, 2014

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
11:00 am & 3:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY – April 19, 2014
Confessions from 11:00 am – 12 noon
The Blessing of Easter Food
1:00 pm
The Easter Vigil
8:00 pm
(Please note that incense will be used)
Sacramental Initiation of New Members

****There is no 5:00 pm Mass** this day

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20, 2014

Mass of Easter Day
and Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Sunday at 8:00 am
Low Mass at the Altar of Our Lady
(Anglican Use – all Catholics welcome)
Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 am