

Lent 2022

Ash Wednesday Masses:

- March 2 - 8:00 AM - Holy Family
- March 2 - NOON - Sacred Heart
- March 2 - 6:30 PM - All Saints
- March 2 - 7:00 PM - St. John

Special Note:

During Lent, Mass will be celebrated every Friday at NOON at Holy Family followed by Stations of the Cross. During Lent Noon Mass will not be celebrated on Fridays in Central City. On the first Friday of both March and April (March 4 and April 1) an 8:00 AM Mass will be celebrated at the St. John site in Central City as well as a Noon Mass at Holy Family.

Special Confession Times: (These times are in addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions that are heard EVERY Saturday at 3:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Site in Central City, 6:00 PM at Holy Family in Hooversville, and Sunday at 10:00 AM at All Saints in Boswell).

Confessions can be scheduled anytime by request.

- March 18 - Sacred Heart Site - 5:00 PM - 6:45 PM
- March 13 - Sacred Heart Site - 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
- March 22 - All Saints 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Sacred Heart 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Visiting Priest
- April 6 - All Saints - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- April 8 - Holy Family 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- April 15 - All Saints - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Stations of the Cross:

- Sacred Heart - March 4, 18, April 1 - 7:00 PM
- St. John - March 11, 25, April 8 - 7:00 PM
- All Saints - Every Lenten Friday - 7:00 PM
- Holy Family - Every Lenten Friday - 12:45 PM
- Living Stations - Good Friday - Sacred Heart - 1:00 PM
- All Saints Hall - April 3 - 3:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration:

- March 4 - St. John - 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM
- March 4 - All Saints - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 - All Saints - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- April 1 - St. John - 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM
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Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale): Every other Sunday at 3:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Site

March 13 - Speaker - Father Christopher Donely. Ordained in 2011, Fr. Donely currently serves Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish in Pittsburgh (the parish includes St. Mary of Mercy Downtown and Epiphany in Uptown - next to the Consol Energy Center). In addition to his parish assignment, Fr. Donely serves as the exorcist for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

March 27 - Mr. Robert Gutherman. In 1974, at the age of 14, Mr. Gutherman was miraculously cured of deafness through the intercession of Mother Katherine Drexel. His medically inexplicable cure served as one of the miracles that lead to the canonization of Mother Drexel.

April 10 - Sister Mary Joseph Calore, SSCJ. A familiar face to our parishes, Sister Mary Joseph will speak about the feminine genius and spiritual warfare. Sister is a perpetually professed member of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart and, in addition to some pastoral work in our parishes, is the local superior at the community's Motherhouse in Cresson.

Special Lenten Collection:

This year all of our parishes will be supporting the people of Ukraine through a special collection that will be taken the weekend of March 12-13. These funds will be sent to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine run through the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy (Archdiocese) of Philadelphia. Ukrainian Catholics follow the Byzantine Rite of the Church; about 10% of Ukrainians are Catholic. These funds will be used to assist the suffering people of Ukraine.

Holy Week Liturgical Schedule:

- Holy Thursday - St. John Site - 7:00 PM (Christ in Repose until Midnight)
- Holy Thursday - All Saints - 7:00 PM (Christ in Repose until Midnight)
- Holy Thursday - Holy Family - 7:00 PM (Christ in Repose until Midnight)
- Good Friday - Sacred Heart Site - Noon
- Good Friday - All Saints - 2:30 PM
- Good Friday - Holy Family - 7:00 PM
- Holy Saturday - Blessing of Easter Foods - St. John Site - Noon
- Holy Saturday - Blessing of Easter Foods - All Saints - Noon
- Easter Vigil - All Saints - 8:00 PM
- Easter Sunday Mass - Holy Family - 8:00 AM
- Easter Sunday Mass - Sacred Heart Site - 8:00 AM
- Easter Sunday Mass - All Saints - 10:30 AM
- Easter Sunday Mass - St. John Site - 10:30 AM

Lenten Class:

Upon request, Fr. Aron will offer his History of Catholicism in America class during Lent in the Kolbe Center of All Saints Parish beginning at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to explore how the Church has interfaced with American culture for over 200 years. The course promises to provide some enlightening thoughts about who we are and how we can live our faith as Catholic Americans. The class will be held on March 16, 23, and April 6.

Easter Egg Hunt:

April 16 - St. John Rectory Yard - 12:30 (follows Blessing of Easter Foods)

Lenten Regulations:

Abstinence - The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Theologians have traditionally considered this also to forbid soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal-derived products such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste. During Lent abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere, and it is sinful not to observe this discipline without a serious reason (physical labor, pregnancy, those with unsound mind, sickness etc.).

Fasting - The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday to the 59th Birthday to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcohol does not break the fast; however, it seems contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

Easter Duty - The term "Easter Duty" stems from two laws of the Church: to receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season, unless a serious reason indicates another time as preferable (canon 920); and to receive absolution in sacramental confession at least once a year (canon 989). Catholics are to make certain that they have observed these practices and in so doing prepare themselves well for the mysteries of human redemption.

We Adore You O Christ - For By Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed The World!

"For paradise we long. For perfection we were made...This longing is the source of the hunger and dissatisfaction that mark our lives...This longing makes our loves and friendships possible, and so very unsatisfactory. The hunger is for...nothing less than perfect communion with the...one in whom all the fragments of our scattered existence come together...we must not stifle this longing. It is a holy dissatisfaction. Such dissatisfaction is not a sickness to be healed, but the seed of a promise to be fulfilled...The only death to fear is the death of settling for something less."

—Father Richard John Neuhaus, Death On A Friday Afternoon: