



Meet Him In Ashes ~ Wednesday, February 18



6:45 AM	Liturgy	4:00 PM	Liturgy
9:00 AM	Mass	5:30 PM	Liturgy
		7:00 PM	Mass

Ashes will be distributed at all five celebrations.

“Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return ...”

Meet Him In Adoration ~

This Lent, St. Mary's will offer a Eucharistic Holy Hour each Thursday in the church. Each Lenten Holy Hour includes an intention for which we ask you kindly to include in your prayers during your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday, February 19:

Please pray for Peace in Palestine and Israel.

Thursday, February 26:

Please pray for Peace in Ukraine.

Thursday, March 5:

Please pray for Peace and Unity in our Nation.

Thursday, March 12:

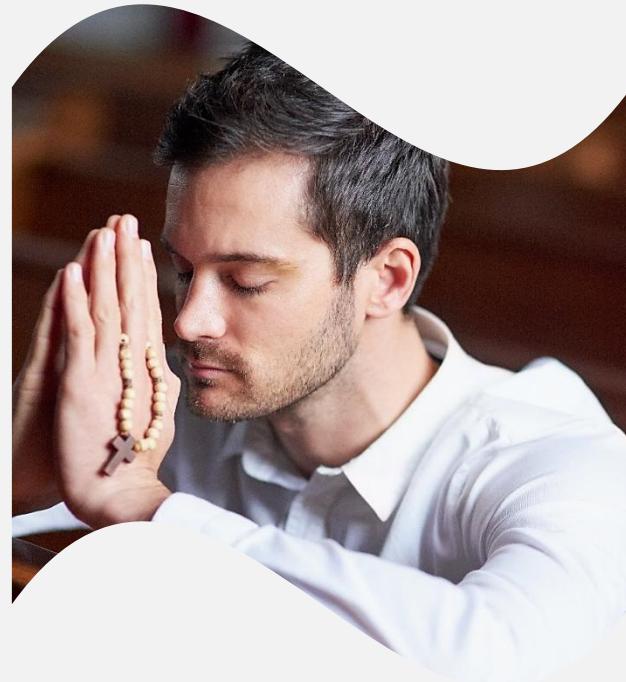
Please pray for Reverence for all Human Life.

Thursday, March 19:

Please pray for Freedom from Addictions.

Thursday, March 26:

Please pray for all lapsed Catholics.



Meet Him In Peace ~ Saturday, February 21

Join us for a Lenten Retreat Hour, **Saturday, February 21 from 10:30 - 11:30 AM in St. Mary's Church.** Deacon John Barry will Expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration. During this time of prayer, he will offer the reflection, "The Way of Peace." We live in a time of turmoil, suffering, and violence. Our families, community, nation, and our world are desperately seeking ways to find peace, which always seems elusive. God is the only Answer. This retreat will focus on the only way for us to achieve true and lasting peace through the Cross and example of Jesus Christ.



Meet Him Around The Table, Friday Lenten Suppers ~

Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's Family!

Fridays at 6 PM: February 20, 27 (this one-night we begin at 5:30 PM as the St. Paul's Boy Choir performs at 7 PM); March 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Our Lenten Suppers will take place in Fr. Haley Hall and will include a range of food options while observing Friday's abstinence from meat - as well as child-friendly food.



Families with young children are encouraged to come and not feel burdened about bringing a meal, please let your St. Mary's community lift you up. This also applies to any individual / couple / family feeling burdened where bringing a meal would prevent you from attending. We are all in different seasons of life, let your St. Mary's family be a safe landing spot for you this Lent!

If you'd like to help, please email Natalie Pomarico at st.maryslentensuppers@gmail.com. You will be added to the Lenten Supper Volunteer Group. A weekly 'Signup Genius' goes out via email to the volunteer base and individuals sign up for available food / drink slots. Volunteer participation varies week to week, some volunteer once during the six weeks, some commit to every week and others dip in and out of helping. Thank you!



Meet Him In Cor ~ Thursday, February 26

Cor, St. Mary's faith enrichment program for men, will launch its 2026 Spring season on **February 26 at 7 PM in Fr. Haley Hall**. In anticipation of the Lenten season, our first meeting will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, how it heals and strengthens our relationship with God, and why it must be part of every man's life who is serious about becoming the person that God made him to be.

It is easy to look at the events swirling around us, and to offer our opinions on who is at fault and how we would solve the world's problems if we were in charge. However, it can be very difficult to step back and to take a long hard look at ourselves, and to think about how we are measuring up to what God expects of us. If we are honest with ourselves, we know that we have all fallen short. We know that at times we have consciously chosen to follow our own will instead of God's will for us, and we sense that in doing so we weakened our relationship with God.

Cor meetings take place twice a month on Thursday evenings. There is no cost for this program. All men of St. Mary's parish aged 18 or older are invited to participate. Our mission is to help and support the men of the parish as we seek to deepen our relationship with God through scripture, catechesis, prayer and small group discussions. For more information, contact StMarysCor@gmail.com.

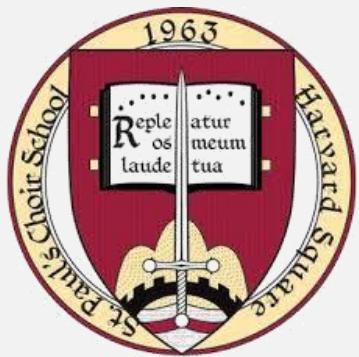


Meet Him With The St. Paul's Boy Choir ~ Friday, February 27

Friday, February 27, 7 - 8 PM in St. Mary's Church. Bless your Lent with an evening of rapturous music by the internationally acclaimed Boy Choir of St. Paul's Choir School in Cambridge. Directed by Brandon Straub, the Choir will perform selected works from the classical repertoire, including pieces by Rawsthorne, Dvorak, Purcell, Vivaldi, Faure, and Rutter.

The Concert is free and open to all. For more information about St. Paul's Choir School, please visit www.saintpaulschoirschool.us.

* The Lenten Friday Soup Supper will start early this night, at 5:30 PM, so that you can attend both.



"It is hard to find words to convey the joy of the soul's loving encounter with God, yet fine music is able to express something of the mystery of his love for us and ours for him."

- Pope Benedict XVI



Meet Him In Love, Our Parish Mission ~ Sunday, March 8 and Monday, March 9

The Four Ways of Love. The Season of Lent calls us to a greater love. This Mission will reflect on the four ways of love - Storge (empathy), Philios (friendship), Eros (romantic), and Agape (unconditional "God" love). During this Mission we will journey through these, one by one, in the hopes that we become better able to give and receive love from family, friend, neighbor, and God. The Mission will be held from **7 - 8:15 PM, in the church, on Sunday, March 8 and Monday, March 9.**



Our Mission Director, Fr. Brian Mahoney received his undergraduate degree in Computer Science from Boston College in 1985 and was ordained from St. John Seminary in 1995. He received his STL in Sacred Liturgy from Catholic University in Washington, DC in 2003, and was appointed Director of the Office for Worship for the Archdiocese of Boston, a position in which he served until 2009.

In addition to now ministering as Pastor of the Holy Rood Collaborative in Chelmsford and Lowell, Fr. Brian is an instructor at The Theological Institute at Saint John's Seminary Master of Arts in Ministry Program (MAM) and the Master of Theological Studies Program. He also teaches in the Diaconate Program.

Meet Him For Forty Hours ~ Sunday, March 16 - Tuesday, March 18



40 Hours Devotion: In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout and people may stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.



Sunday, March 15	
11:30 AM	Opening Mass
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection
Monday, March 16	
9:00 AM	Morning Mass (Hall)
Noon	Holy Rosary
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection
Tuesday, March 17	
9:00 AM	Closing Mass with Benediction (Church)

Anyone and everyone is welcome at any time without signing up. But we need a minimum of two people committed to each specific hour the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed for Adoration. Please sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-61928555-40hours>.



**Loving God,
during this sacred season of Lent,
bring me closer to You.**

**Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence
and solitude, so that I may re-discover
the grace of a prayer filled life.**

**Help me to fast from those things that threaten
the well-being of body and soul,
and remind me of the grace of simplicity.**

**Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need
and, in so doing, rediscover
the grace of gratitude and generosity.**

**May this season be a grace-filled time
to rekindle my love and faith in You. Amen.**

