



Meet Him In Ashes ~ Wednesday, March 5



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 And A Good Confession ~

In addition to the usual Saturday Noon to 12:45 PM Confession time, during Lent St. Mary's Thursday night Eucharistic Holy Hours will also have the opportunity for Confession, from 7 - 8 PM in the church. Each Lenten Holy Hour includes an intention for which we ask you kindly to pray during your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday, March 6:

Please pray for Peace in Palestine and Israel.

Thursday, March 13:

Please pray for Peace in Ukraine.

Thursday, March 20:

Please pray for Peace and Unity in our Nation.

Thursday, March 27:

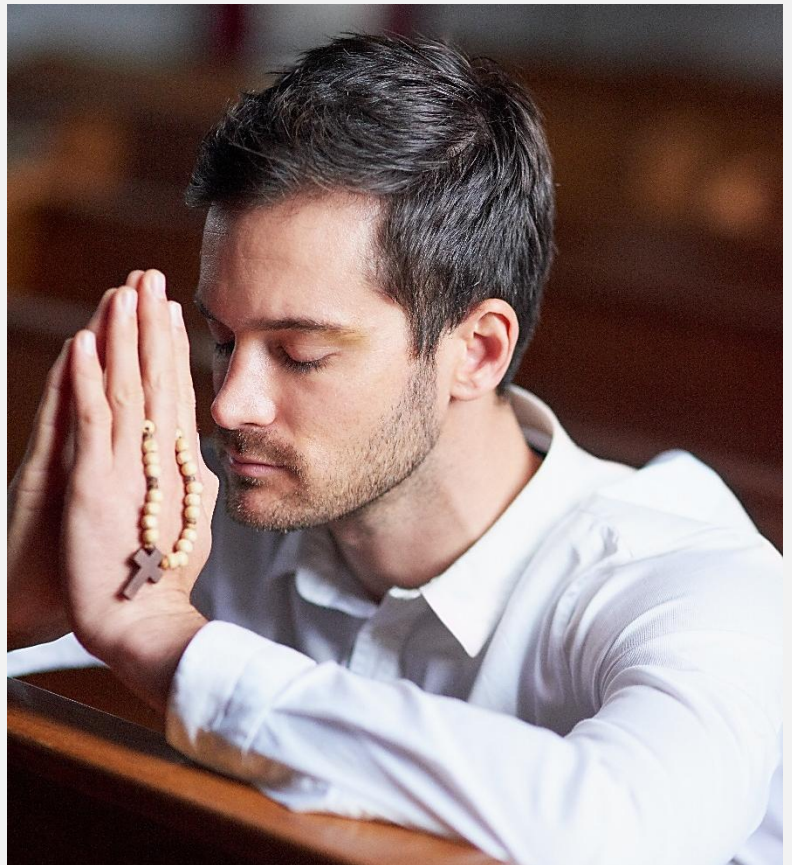
Please pray for Reverence for all Human Life.

Thursday, April 3:

Please pray for Freedom from Addictions.

Thursday, April 10:

Please pray for all lapsed Catholics.



"Our Lord Himself I saw in the venerable Sacrament of Confession. I felt as if my chains fell, as those of St. Peter, at the touch of the divine messenger."

– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Meet Him In Peace ~ Saturday, March 8

Join us for a Lenten Retreat Hour 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, "Finding Inner Peace."



In Father Jacques Philippe's book "Searching for and Maintaining Peace," he calls to mind this metaphor for the soul:

"Consider the surface of a lake, above which the sun is shining. If the surface of the lake is peaceful and tranquil, the sun will be reflected in this lake; and the more peaceful the lake, the more perfectly will it be reflected. If, on the contrary, the surface of the lake is agitated, undulating, then the image of the sun cannot be reflected in it."

It's a deeply simple yet profound stroke of insight - our souls can only reflect God's love and grace if they are calm and delicately moored. The peace promised to us by Jesus Christ two millennia ago only flowers in the soil of a serene heart. Therefore, our highest priority when it comes to the spiritual life must be acquiring and cultivating this state of peace. If we don't, though we may still do good works, we will be harried by the warring emotions and worries within us that keep us from experiencing God's love. And peace above all comes from knowing that we are loved by Him!

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: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 (this one night beginning at 5:30 PM as the St. Paul's Boy Choir performs at 7 PM), **and 11.**

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 'Sign Up 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 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 16

11:30 AM	Opening Mass
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection

Monday, March 17

9:00 AM	Morning Mass (Hall)
Noon	Holy Rosary
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection

Tuesday, March 18

9:00 AM	Closing Mass with Benediction
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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/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-55072648-40hours#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-55072648-40hours#/)



Meet Him In Cor ~ Thursday, March 27

This Lent, St. Mary's is excited to launch Cor - a new, nationwide faith enrichment and fraternal opportunity for men. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, faith formation and fraternity.

Cor MISSION: To help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a simple, flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.

Cor VISION: To aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other. We envision a future where Cor continuously helps sustain these men to lead their families, strengthen their parish communities and courageously evangelize the world as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

All men of St. Mary's parish age 18 and older are encouraged to join us for faith enrichment, bible study, catechesis, prayer and brotherhood. Cor is a great way to enrich your faith journey through Lent and afterward with fellow parishioners. There is no cost for this program.

Join us for the Cor Kick-off Meeting on Thursday, March 27, 7 - 8:30 PM at Sr. Ricci House. Cor continues the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month through June. To register and for more information: StMarysCor@gmail.com.

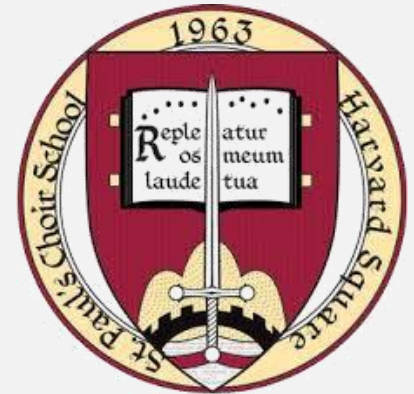


Meet Him With The St. Paul's Boy Choir ~

Friday, April 4, 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



**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.**

