

Monthly Schedule

Fri. March 3: Ember Friday/First Friday

7:00 pm Mass followed by All Night Adoration

Saturday, March 4: Ember Saturday/First Saturday

8:00 am: Reposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass

Sunday, March 5: 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00 am: Low Mass

9:00 am: Sung Mass

Saturday March 11: Ferial in Lent

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, March 12: 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:00 am: Confirmations by His Excellency Bishop Bernard

Fellay followed by a Sung Mass

Saturday, March 18: Ferial in Lent/St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, March 19: 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

7:00 am: Low Mass

9:00 am: Sung Mass

Saturday, March 25: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Mass

Sunday, March 26: Passion Sunday

7:00 am: Low Mass

9:00 am: Low Mass

The History of Lent by Dom Gueranger

The Forty Days' Fast, which we call Lent [In most languages the name given to this Fast expresses the number of the day, Forty. But our word Lent signifies the Spring-Fast; for Lenten-Tide, in the ancient English-Saxon language, was the season of Spring. Translator.], is the Church's preparation for Easter, and was instituted at the very commencement of Christianity. Our Blessed Lord himself sanctioned it by his fasting forty days and forty nights in the desert; and though he would not impose it on the world by an express commandment, (which, then, could not have been open to the power of dispensation,) yet he showed plainly enough by his own example, that Fasting, which God had so frequently ordered in the Old Law, was to be also practised by the Children of the New.

The Disciples of St. John the Baptist came, one day, to Jesus, and said to him: Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but thy Disciples do not fast? And Jesus said to them: Can the children of the bridegroom mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast. [St Matth. ix. 14,15].

Hence, we find it mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, how the Disciples of our Lord, after the Foundation of the Church, applied themselves to Fasting. In their Epistles, also, they recommended it to the Faithful. Nor could it be otherwise. Though the divine mysteries, whereby our Saviour wrought our redemption, have been consummated, - yet are we still Sinners: and where there is sin, there must be expiation.

The Apostles, therefore, legislated for our weakness, by instituting, at the very commencement of the Christian Church, that the Solemnity of Easter should be preceded by a universal Fast; and it was only natural, that they should have made this period of Penance to consist of Forty Days, seeing that our Divine Master had consecrated that number by his own Fast. St. Jerome [Epist. xxvii. ad Marcellam], St. Leo the Great [Serm. ii, v, ix. de Quadragesima], St. Cyril of Alexandria [Homil. Paschal.], St. Isidore of Seville [De Ecclesiast. Officiis, lib vi., cap. xix.], and others of the holy Fathers, assure us that Lent was instituted by the Apostles, although, at the commencement, there was not any uniform way of observing it.

March 2023

2nd Collection Schedule:

March 5: Building and Maintenance Fund
March 12: Special Collection for Bishop Fellay
March 19: Ridgefield Priory
March 26: St. Christopher's Mission (please make checks payable to "St. Christopher's Mission")

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:

March 26-March 4: Raymond Relyea & Family
March 5-11: The Falinier Family
March 12-18: Harold Hansen per the Hansen Family
March 19-25: Dorothy Lorey per Charles Lorey
March 26-April 1: Fr. Isaac Mary Reylea

Upcoming Events:

Sun. Feb. 26-Th. March 2: Fr. Isaac Reylea Parish Mission at Christ the King Church, Ridgefield, Ct.
Sat. March 11-Sun. March 12: Daylight Savings Time
Sun. March 12: Confirmations administered by Bishop Bernard Fellay
Fri. March 17-Sun. March 19: Fr. Alphonsus Parish Mission at St. Anthony of Padua, North Caldwell, NJ
April 2: Palm Sunday
April 9: Easter Sunday
Sun. May 7: First Communion and May Crowning

15 Decades of the Most Holy Rosary for the intentions of the Parish & Parishioners will be recited each Wednesday at the church at 7:00 pm



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