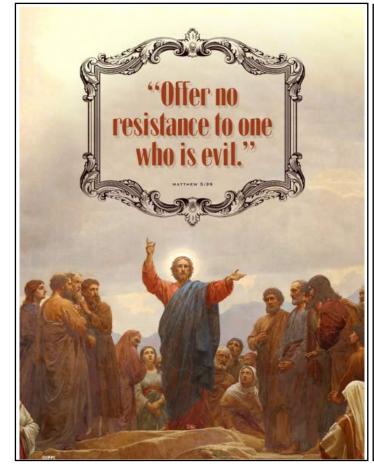


# SAINT STANISLAUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 51 LANSDALE AVENUE, LANSDALE, PA 19446

# FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



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#### <u>REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE</u> Saturday Vigil – 5:15pm Sunday – 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am; 1:00pm(Spanish) Daily – Monday through Saturday – 8:00am 2/22 - Ash Wednesday Masses 6:30am, 9:00am, 12:00pm; 7:00pm (Bilingual)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays 5:00pm to 5:45pm Saturdays 4:00pm to 4:45pm

We welcome all to join in our worship of God and celebration of our Catholic faith here at St. Stanislaus Parish. Our community is centered on encountering Jesus present in the Eucharist and serving Him through our love of our neighbors. If you are new or visiting, please visit our website or call the Parish Center for more information on registration, sacraments, events and all aspects of Parish Life.

Damos la bienvenida a todos a unirse a nuestra adoración a Dios y la celebración de nuestra fe católica aquí en la Parroquia de San Estanislao. Nuestra comunidad se centra en el encuentro con Jesús presente en la Eucaristía y en servirle a través del amor a nuestro prójimo. Si usted es nuevo o está de visita, visite nuestro sitio web o llame al Centro Parroquial para obtener más información sobre el registro, los sacramentos, los eventos y todos los aspectos de la vida parroquial.

For the pastoral care of the dying, priests are available after office hours by calling 215-368-0220.

# Dear Friends,

Fr. Sean asked me to share a few thoughts about the upcoming season of Lent. As you know, this week we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. This time of 40 days mirrors the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert after His baptism, preparing for His public mission that would ultimately lead to His suffering, death, and resurrection. The Church invites all her children to turn back to the Lord, enter into conversion, and renew their journey toward Christ.

We often think of Lent as a time to fast from meat on Fridays and to give up something we enjoy. While all this is good, the Lord is looking for much more. He wants you to fall madly in love with Him, and for Him to be the center of your life. For this Lent, I'd like to offer a new perspective, one given by Pope Francis years ago:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from worries and have trust in God

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words; be silent and listen

May God Bless you,

Fr. Jonathan

# Readings for the Week

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48 Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11



# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	MASS Intentions
Sunday, February 19, 2023	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:00am	The Deceased Members of the Kimbel Family, requested by Nancy Kimbel
9:00am	Mary Facenda, requested by Tom & Judy Souders
11:00am	Gloria K. Bosco, requested by the Scotto Family
1:00pm (Sp)	Lourdes Flores Mendozo, requested by José Peralta
Monday, February 20, 2023	Weekday
8:00am	Mrs. Barbara Bell, requested by Rosemary Foster
<u>Tuesday, February 21, 2023</u>	Weekday
8:00am	The Schultz Family, requested by Jim & Pat Shovlin
Wednesday, February 22, 202	<u>3</u> Ash Wednesday
6:30am	The Living & Deceased Members of the Novia Family, requested by the Miller Family
9:00am	Thomas C. Wermuth, requested by Ann Malickson & family
12:00pm	Elsie Grourke, requested by Martin & Elizabeth Grourke
7:00pm (Bilingual)	The Deceased Members of the Murray Family, bequest
Thursday, February 23, 2023	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:00am	Freddie Davis, requested by Ann Malickson & family
Friday, February 24, 2023	Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:00am	Charlie Farrow, requested by Tom & Kathy Francis
Saturday, February 25, 2023	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8:00am	Antonio Zaffino, requested by Laura Zaffino
5:15pm	The Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish
Sunday, February 26, 2023	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
7:00am	Francesco Caruso, requested by Giacomo Caruso
9:00am	Walter & Patricia Butz, requested by Jim & Terrie Bradish
11:00am	Marie Scotto, requested by the Scotto Family
1:00pm (Sp)	Miguelina Lebron, requested by Deacon Juan & Blanca Valentin
Pray	We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

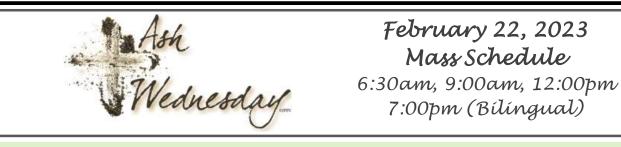
Thomas C. Wermuth

May he find eternal rest in peace with God our Father



William Albright; Maria Bader; Brianna Bailey; Hugh Bailey; Zane Berry; Lisa Campbell; Debbie Cassel; Bill Corrado; Joy Dancer; Bienvenido de la Paz; Carmen de la Paz; Janet Feliciano; Michael Fischer;
Jim Geueke; Ed Gray; Jennifer Gryga; Terri Gurecki; Ron Hedges; Sister Cecilia Hervas; Conor Jankowski;
Tom Kelly; Mary Ann Kusko; Terry Leatherman; Karen MacLeod; Irene Mazurkewitz; Catherine Mengini; Chris Milecki; Monique Mueller; Caroline Niesley; Norma Nuss; Violeta Ortaliza; Zenaida Ortaliza; Carol Peacock; Patricia Prescott; Guna Puntel; Dan Reavy; Joe Regan; Cesar Rogado; Tony Scalfaro; Ada Scheiblin; David A. Smiley, Jr.; Joanne Stockert; Elizabeth Westfall; Cecilia Zander; Terri Zischang

*If you wish to place someone on this list for one month, <u>or to continue a name on the list</u>, please call the Parish Center at 215-855-3133 or email <u>info@ststanislaus.com</u>. If you wish to place a name on our Prayer Line, please use the same procedure above.* 





Don't miss picking up your **CRS Lenten Rice Bowl** before leaving church this weekend! Join our parish – and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Together let's pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit <u>crsricebowl.org</u>

# "10-Minute Catechism" Program

Our next parish "10-Minute Catechism" presentation will be on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 26th</u>, immediately following the 9:00am Mass. We offer these short informative sessions on the fourth Sunday of each month, with our parish priests and deacons rotating as the presenter. All are invited. Anyone interested in this brief program is asked to gather after Mass on the Lansdale Avenue side of the Church, up front in the pews closest to the piano. We will begin right after Mass is over, and the session will be completed in only 10 minutes. Please join us to learn something new about our faith.

Treasure Information			
	2023	2022	
	02/12	02/13	
Sunday	\$11,172	\$6,545	
Special Collections	-	-	
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#### 2022 Contribution Letters

ue to the changes in the tax code, many people no nger need to itemize their deductions on their come Tax Returns. With that in mind, we will ot automatically be sending out "tax letters" this ear but will be glad to send out letters to anyone requests ho one. Please email rishc@ststanislaus.com) or call the office (215-855-33 x108) if you would like to receive a letter of our total contributions for 2022. Please include our name, address and envelope number when aking your request. The information will be vailable to send out by the end of January. Thank ou for your cooperation.

# St. Stanislaus Parish Center 215-855-3133

Receptionists are available Monday – Friday, 10am-4pm

#### Please Be Aware!

St. Stan's priests and parish staff will **never** email or text requests for money, gift cards, or financial help in any way.

If you receive such a request, please **DO NOT** respond! Mark emails as spam/junk and block any phone numbers that text/call you.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CRAB CAKES - On Sale Now -



**Stock Up for Lent!** Knights of Columbus Pius IX council

annual Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt'n Chucky's famous Smith Island Crab Cakes, Maryland Crab Soup, Crab Critter Appetizers and More! Your orders must be placed by this <u>Monday, February 20th.</u> Orders must be picked up on <u>Saturday, February 25th</u>, between 1:00pm - 3:00pm at the Mater Dei Catholic School Gym. Visit <u>kofc4396.org</u> to download an order form and contact Al Perry at 215-822-0683 or Chuck McNevin 215-622-1773 for more information.

# **Respect Life**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join our parish's Respect Life Committee for one hour of prayer of your choosing (7am-7pm) on <u>Friday, March 3rd</u>, at Planned Parenthood in Warminster. We, along with over twenty parishes in our area, have committed to pray for an end to abortion in our country and to the restoration of a Culture of Life. To sign up for an hour and/or for more information, please call Ceil McMonagle at 215-361-3393. Thank You!

# **Divine Mercy Minute**

Come close to My wounds and draw from the Fountain of Life whatever your heart desires. Drink copiously from the Fountain of Life and you will not weary on your journey. (Diary, 1485)



# **Preparing for Sunday Scripture**



This Lent, why not spend an extra hour with God's Word? Join fellow parishioners each week as we share and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scripture

readings. Tuesday mornings at 9:15am or Thursday evenings at 6:45pm in the Parish Center.



**Be One with Jesus** Take time this Lent, and spend

an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament . Why not? Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel can provide a quiet, peaceful place for you to sit and pray or just sit and spend time with Jesus.



There are several hours that need adorers, or you can just visit whenever you want. Hours in need of adorers are: Sunday: 1am, 4am, 10am, 2pm, 4pm, 10pm Monday: 2pm Tuesday: 5pm Wednesday: 12am Thursday: 12am, 12pm, 4pm, 10pm Friday: 2am, 11pm Saturday: 12am, 3am, 5am, 9am, 1pm, 6pm, 10pm Please call Eileen McKeron @ 215-527-0269 or go directly to adorationpro.org/stanpa to commit or become a sub (password: subpass) Thank you!

The keypad code to enter the chapel is 1876#

Dear Confirmation Prayer Partners, thank you again



for your continued prayers and for those who have already returned the postcard! LAST CALL - The postcards that were attached to the prayer card(s) you selected were due back last weekend.

The special "mailboxes" in the vestibules are still available for you to leave your postcard. *If you misplaced the postcard or need additional time, please contact Leona Russell in the PREP office.* If you selected the prayer card for *Addison (St. Alexis of Rome), Liam (St. Peter) or Nathan (St. David),* please contact Leona Russell in the PREP office via email or phone to add your name to our list of prayer partners. Their prayer cards were taken but the sheet on the table was not signed and their postcards have not yet been returned. *Thank you*!

Joanne and Marianne Stockert and Gloria Fischer would like to thank all of our St Stan's Family for all of the love, support and continued prayers that you have offered for us during these difficult months. We would also like you to know that Joanne

has had her stem cell transplant, is stable and although it will be a lengthy recovery is improving weekly. Know of our daily prayer of Thanksgiving for each of you. Special thanks to the St Stan's School 2011 Moms who helped Gloria prepare the house twice for Joanne's homecoming!!



MDCS: 215-368-0995 *Email info@materdeicatholic.com* Website: www.materdeicatholic.com Child Care Center: 215-799-2211 Email info: childcare@materdeicatholic.com

## Mater Dei's Hatfield Campus

Did you know that we have a Mater Dei

Catholic campus in Hatfield on the

grounds of St. Maria Goretti Parish? We have Preschool classrooms for three and

four year olds and are currently taking

registrations for the 2023-24 school year.

Please contact Grace Samanns at 215-368-

9787 or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com

for more information and to arrange a

**Registration for 2023-24 at Mater Dei Catholic School** 

Registration for the 2023-24 school year at Mater Dei Catholic is in full swing and Preschool through Grade 8 availability is filling up quickly! Registration for Preschool

is still open at **both the Hatfield and Lansdale campuses**. For a tour or more information, please contact the Office at 215-368-9787 Advancement or gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.

When you are ready to register your child, please visit the Admissions page of our website, materdeicatholic.com, to access the link for a New Registration Packet.

#### Mater Dei Catholic School Gymnasium



tour of the campus.

Mater Dei Catholic School has raised \$141,062 thus far for their newly renovated gymnasium. It is absolutely beautiful and will be able to be used very soon by our school children and the parish community. Many of the improvements accomplished are a new gym floor, new retractable basketball nets, renovated ceiling, new sound and lighting

equipment, new storage space, and much more! Help us continue to fund these improvements by donating at <u>materdeicatholic.com</u> We have thousands more to go, but we are counting on alumni of our legacy schools, parishioners, and friends of Mater Dei to help. Please contribute today! Tours of the gym are available upon request by calling Mater Dei's school office at 215-368-0995. Thanks for your support of our school children!

#### EASY Ways to Support Mater Dei Catholic...

#### **Designate Your PA Taxes**

BLOCS, Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools helps Mater Dei do just that with their Tax Credit Program. Through the EITC and OSTC Programs, donors (individuals or businesses) can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their scholarship designation to Mater Dei through BLOCS. There is minimal cost to you to participate in this program but the impact you make by participating helps Mater Dei families in a big way. Would you like to know more? Please email Grace Samanns at gsamanns@materdeicatholic.com.

# **Matching Gifts**

Please consider submitting your Mater Dei gift to your company for matching. You can make a "Double Difference" for Mater Dei students! materdeicatholic.com/giving

Did you know that these companies match?

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Prudential **Raytheon Technologies** State Street Corporation T. Rowe Price IBM

- IOVIA Johnson & Johnson Deloitte ExxonMobil Gap Corporation
- General Electric GlaxoSmithKline Hewlett Packard IBX

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **Parish Religious Education Program**

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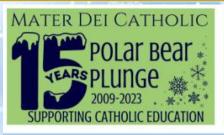
# **EMPORTANT DATES**

February 26 - Rite of Sending at 9am Mass & Rite of Election at the Cathedral in Philadelphia at 3pm March 12 - Confirmation Meeting - 2024 Candidates & Parents
March 12 - 2023 Confirmation Retreat (3pm - 5:30pm)
April 15 - First Communion Retreat
April 16 - Confirmation Rehearsal (6:30pm - 8pm)
April 18 - 2023 Confirmation Mass @ 4:30pm with Archbishop Adams
May 4 - First Communion Rehearsal (6:30pm - 8pm)
May 6 - First Holy Communion @ 10:30am

Thank you for continuing to keep all of the children and adults who are preparing to receive sacraments this spring in your prayers!

Each one of us needs other people. Even weakness, if endured together with others, can become a strength that will make the world better.

- Pope Francis



Polar Bear Plunge 2023 to Support Tuition Assistance!

# 2023 POLAR BEAR PLUNGE DANCE-A-THON

The Polar Bear Plunge has been a long-standing tradition supporting Catholic Education for the families of Mater Dei Catholic School. For the past 14 years, our school has participated in the Polar Bear Plunge to help families give their children the gift of Catholic Education. A team of 8 original Plungers began this tradition in 2009. They gathered sponsors who supported their plunge into the chilly Atlantic Ocean to raise funds for Tuition Assistance. Each year, our plunge team grew bigger and better. In 2020, our Mater Dei Plunge Team included over 112 members who gathered in Sea Isle City for a memorable day. Despite Sea Isle canceling their plunge event, we are deeply committed to raising funds for Tuition Assistance. Mater Dei will host their first Polar Bear Plunge Dance-A-Thon this year. Their goal is to raise \$60,000, and we need your help. Parents, teachers, and students will be outside Church on Saturday, February 25, and February 26 to "can." Mater Dei is grateful to you for your generous support for Catholic Education.

# **Exposition of Sacred Relics**

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church 120 Allison Road, Oreland

Pray in the presence of more than 200 Sacred Relics including the True Cross of the Lord.

The Exposition of Sacred Relics will be open on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, after the 8:30am Mass until 10:30am, after the 12:00pm Mass until 2:00pm, and from 4:30pm until 5:45pm (prior to 6:00pm Mass). Any questions, contact the office at 215-884-8575 or holymartyrschurch@gmail.com

**Called to be Saints**, a Catholic faith community of young adults and young families, invites you to our upcoming events!



Disciples' Night at Saint Catherine of Siena Thursday, March 9th - Mass at 7pm in the chapel, followed by a talk on The Power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Father Stephen DeLacy in the farmhouse at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Horsham

Contact scsyoungadults@gmail.com or see our Facebook group "Called to be Saints" for more info.



# **Blood Drive**

# at Thomas Jefferson Blood Donor Center



In honor of our parishioner, Joanne Stockert, who has been diagnosed with leukemia, in the months from November 2022 through April 2023,

we encourage you to donate blood at Thomas Jefferson Blood Donor Center, located in the Gibbon Building, 111 South 10th Street, Suite 1114 (Street Level), Philadelphia, PA 19107. Visit jeffersonblooddonorcenter.calendarspots.com to make an appointment, or call 215-955-7791.

If the Jefferson Blood Donor Center isn't convenient for you, please consider donating blood to your local American Red Cross (1-800-733 And thank you very much for your -2767). consideration of this vital need.

# **Please Note**

AmazonSmile, the program that donated a portion of sales to St. Stan's, will cease donations as of February 20th. Any orders placed up to this date will continue to accrue donations. If you were purchasing items on Amazon through AmazonSmile, we thank you for your support. Visit ststanislaus.com/amazonsmile for details about this change.

# **Visitation BVM Spring Craft Fair**

190 N. Trooper Road, Norristown, Pa Vendors Needed!

April 15th, 8am -1pm, Cost: \$75 per one 6' table. Please mail check payable to HASA Visitation BVM to: Attn: Angela Zampogna, Spring Craft Fair, at address, or you can Venmo the above @VisitationBVM-HASA, and in the comments please put # of tables and Spring Craft Fair. Please contact Angela Zampogna at 610-212-1002 with any questions.



# Week of February 19, 2023



Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



# The Spirit and the Desert

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



Love-Sacrifice-Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription Visit signup formed org and select our parish name

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# Archbishop Pérez wants to text you!

# Go Forth: Deepen Your Discipleship, Grow in Mission

Join Archbishop Pérez in his mission to create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Through the Go Forth initiative, you can subscribe to receive a weekly text from the Archbishop with one action step you can take that week to deepen your friendship with Jesus or grow in your mission to bring Jesus to others. There are two ways to subscribe to receive the texts: (1) use your phone to text goforth to the number 84576 or (2) visit the website phillydisciples.org/goforth. Texts begin Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and will continue weekly for one year.



Why Confession? A Panel Discussion on Zoom Thursday, February 23rd - 7:00-8:30pm

Join four priests of the Archdiocese for a webinar discussion on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's a chance to ask all of your questions about a sacrament that many people want to know more about. Submit your questions in advance or in real-time during the webinar. Questions can include things like:

- ~ Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?
- ~ What is the "seal of confession" and why is it so strict?
- ~ I have confessed my sins but still can't forgive myself...what do I do?
- ~ I keep confessing the same sins over and over...why can't I change?

#### **Priest panel:**

- Fr. Eric Banecker, Pastor, St. Francis de Sales, Philadelphia
- Fr. Addisalem Mekonnen, Pastor, St. Martin de Porres, Philadelphia
- Fr. Mariano Dellagiovanna, Parochial Administrator, St. Barnabas, Philadelphia
- Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Vicar, Faith Formation with Youth and Young Adults
- To register for the webinar, click here or visit phillyeucharisticrevival.org/reconciliation

#### 15th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference - Saturday, March 4th The Road to Emmaus-Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread



The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 15th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Timothy Cardinal Dolan, acclaimed speaker, author, and Archbishop of New York City, Jim Wahlberg, writer and producer of Mother Teresa - No Greater Love, Deacon James Mahoney, instructor at St Charles Seminary. Mark Houck, pro-life champion, will offer our reconciliation talk. And back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be

available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez.

For more information and to register go to the website: manupphilly.com



The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an

encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist-and sent out in mission "for the life of the world." Please visit the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Revival website, phillyeucharisticrevival.org, to find out more.

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

# VII domingo del tiempo ordinario

## Esta misa es ofrecida por Lourdes Flores Mendozo, solicitado por José Peralta

Queridos amigos,

El P. Sean me pidió que compartiera algunos pensamientos sobre el próximo tiempo de Cuaresma. Como sabrán, esta semana celebramos el Miércoles de Ceniza, el comienzo del tiempo de Cuaresma. Este tiempo de 40 días refleja el tiempo que Jesús pasó ayunando en el desierto después de su bautismo preparándose para su misión pública que finalmente le llevaría a su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección. La Iglesia invita a todos sus hijos a volverse al Señor, a entrar en conversión y a renovar su camino hacia Cristo.

A menudo pensamos en la Cuaresma como un tiempo para ayunar, de carne los viernes, y renunciar a algo que nos gusta. Aunque todo esto está bien, el Señor busca mucho más. Quiere que te enamores perdidamente de Él y que sea el centro de tu vida. Para esta Cuaresma, me gusta ofrecer una nueva perspectiva, una dada por el Papa Francisco hace años:

Ayuna de palabras hirientes y di palabras amablesAyuna de tristeza y llénate de gratitudAyuna de ira y llénate de pacienciaAyuna de pesimismo y llénate de esperanzaAyuna de preocupaciones y ten confianza en DiosAyuna de quejas y contempla la sencillezAyunad de la amargura; llenad vuestros corazones de alegríaAyunad de las presiones y sed orantesAyunad de egoísmo y sed compasivosAyunad de rencores y reconciliaos

Ayuna de palabras; calla y escucha

Que Dios os bendiga, Padre Jonathan



# CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

HE AQUÍ ALGUNAS FECHAS IMPORTANTES. POR FAVOR, MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS

- 22 de febrero a las 7 pm Misa bilingüe para el Miércoles de Ceniza \
- •12 de marzo a las 1 pm- Misa en español con el Obispo Deliman

#### **OTROS ANUNCIOS**

EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN SE REÚNE TODOS LOS MARTES A LAS 7 PM EN EL CENTRO PARROQUIAL.

LAS CLASES DE BAUTISMO SON EL PRIMER DOMINGO DEL MES DESPUÉS DE LA MISA DE LA 1 PM.

LOS BAUTISMOS SON EL SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL MES A LAS 12 PM.

Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones.

12 de febrero: \$1,123

Contactos: Padre Jonathan 215-855-3133; Diácono Juan, 727-247-7391 o juan\_valentin2@aol.com.





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