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THE START OF LENT

Ash

WEDNESDAY

All come from dust, and to dust all return.



Pastor:

Pastor Emeritus:

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Timothy Dowling

Rev. Msgr. Martin McDonnell

Rev. Michal Jan Szwarc

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Thomas Sullivan

Rev. Mr. Keith Harris

Rev. Edward Reading

Weekend Assistant:



Saturday, February 13, 2021

5:00 PM Parents of Carl & Pat Beaulieu

Sunday, February 14, 2021

9:00 AM Marilyn Oates

10:30 AM Karl Freisinger

12 Noon People of the Parish

Daily Mass February 15 - 19 @ 9:00 AM

Monday Stanley Topolenski

Tuesday James J. Garrigan, Jr.

Ash Wednesday 9:00 Elizabeth Walsh

7:30 For all Sinners

Thursday 7:30 Brenda Dineen

9:00 Gary Ross

Friday 7:30 Maria A. Gadioma

9:00 Bob Ross

Saturday, February 20, 2021

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, February 21, 2021

7:30 AM Kathleen Kuter

9:00 AM Teresa Ann Saita

10:30 AM Alice Topolenski

12 Noon Intention of Cathi Reinbold



The community of Good Shepherd joyfully welcomes our **Newly Baptized:**

✠ **Ignacy Sipika** ✠

Son of Piotr and Patrycja

Rejoice, for now you are truly a child of God.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Meets 2nd Saturday of each month in the All Saints Room.

March 13 • April 10 • May 8 @ 10:00 AM
Contact the parish office for more information
@ (973) 786-6631.



PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th for President's Day.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Lepers were considered ritually unclean and were compelled to live apart from the community.



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

St. Paul urges us never to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

This tells the cure of a leper by Jesus.

**Scripture reflection with Fr. Tim
+ Pause + Reflect + Act +**



- 1) How do you suppose those who had leprosy felt being forced to live outside of the community?
- 2) How can our actions glorify God?
- 3) What do you think the healing meant to the leper?
- 4) How as Christians shall we respond when laws, rules or regulations stand in the way of compassion?

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN: Feb. 2 - 8:

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who respond each week to the needs of our parish and who make their weekly offering a part of their budget. We thank you for your constant support which enables us to continue our ministry during these challenging times. May God bless you for your generosity.

	MAIL	ONLINE	TOTAL
1st Collection	\$ 6,588	\$ 3,693	\$10,281
2nd Collection Parish Maintenance	\$ 1,300	\$ 602	\$ 1,902

PRIEST'S MASS SCHEDULE

FEB/MAR	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
2/13 - 2/14	Fr. Tim	~	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
2/20 - 2/21	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Ed	Fr. Tim	Fr. Ed
2/27 - 2/28	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
3/6 - 3/7	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal

* Live stream Masses



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Please join **His Holiness, Pope Francis**, who has chosen the following intention to be prayed for during the month of **February**.

Universal Intention—Violence against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



Join Us for Our Weekly Lenten Scripture Study

Every Wednesday for 5 Weeks:
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24

- * Options: 10:00 – 11:30 am or 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- * Class is 1.5 hrs.
- * Moderator: Deacon Keith Harris
- * Assisted by: Genevieve Kowalski and Virginia DeFrancesco
- * Cost \$10.00. Face masks are required.
- * Sign-up on our website: www.goodshepherdrc.org/ by Sunday, February 21st.
- * For questions, please contact Deacon Keith at (609) 638-7461 or deaconk@ptd.net.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

9:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Ash Service
7:30 pm Mass



A GUIDE TO CONFESSION

(Take this with you...it's really ok!)

BEFORE YOU GO

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you've committed. To guide you, just Google “examination of conscience” and you'll find resources to help you. It's even all right to make a list to bring with you if that helps.

INTRODUCTION

When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, “Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been (how long) since my last confession. These are my sins...”

CONFESSION

List the sins you've committed that came to mind during your examination of conscience. Don't be too general (“I haven't been a good person”), but a lot of detail isn't necessary (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin, ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to...

PENANCE

The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.

ACT OF CONTRITION

The priest will then ask you to pray out loud your “Act of Contrition,” to demonstrate your sorrow for your sins: “My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.”

ABSOLUTION

Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: The priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution: “God, the Father of Mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” You respond: “Amen.”

CONCLUSION

The priest will then likely say something like, “God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace.” To which you can respond: “Thanks be to God.” Don't forget to do your penance. If it is saying certain prayers, it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.

FAITH FORMATION NOTES



Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

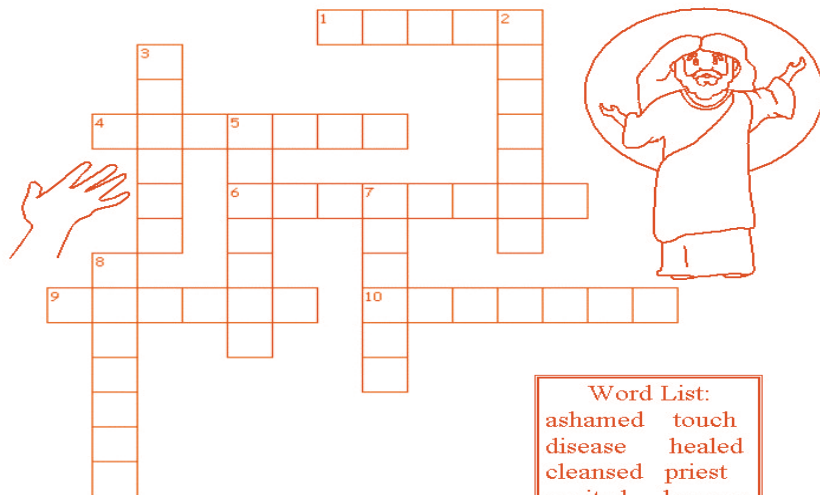
Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the Prayer for Vocations.

Jesus Heals Leprosy Crossword



Across

- Jesus healed the man by a quick and miraculous ____.
- Leprosy is a type of bacterial ____.
- The man with leprosy was not only healed but ____ on the inside as well.
- Jesus did this for the leper and didn't get sick himself.
- Lepers felt this because of the disease and because others thought it was caused by sin.

Down

- The man was this before Jesus when he fell at his knees.
- The man went to this person to get permission to live among others again.
- Jesus asked the man not to tell others of the miracle but he was to ____.
- Lepers weren't allowed in the city because others were this.
- This is a disease that can change the way people look.

Prayer For Vocations

God, in Baptism you called me by name and made me a member of your people, the Church.

Help all your people to know their vocation in life, and to respond by living a life of holiness.

For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me that I may serve your people, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this prayer. Amen.

Faith Formation In-Person Class Schedule: Grades 2, 9 & 10 Only:

2nd Grade: Feb. 21-22, Mar. 21-22, Apr. 11-12 & 18-19.

9th Grade: Feb. 21 & 28, Mar. 14 & 28. **10th Grade:** Mar. 7, April 18

**God of
Mercy and
Compassion**

Lent



- ◇ **Ash Wednesday** Masses are 9 AM, 4:30 PM Ash Service, and 7:30 PM.
- ◇ **7:30 AM Mass** has been added to the Daily Mass schedule as well as each Sunday during Lent. (Mass intentions are available and may be requested. Please contact the parish office.)
- ◇ The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Monday starting Feb. 22nd from 7:00-8:30 PM. Confessions are also heard on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 PM.
- ◇ The **Stations of the Cross** - a beautiful and contemplative way to journey through Lent. Each Friday during Lent, at 7:00 PM in the church, the Stations will be led by a different individual or group; providing a unique experience each week. Please join us as often as you are able. The first Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, **February 19th** led by the Good Shepherd Office Staff.

Fasting and Abstinence

Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on **Ash Wednesday**, February 17th and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to ALL Catholics 14 years of age and older.



Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking of coffee, tea, and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.

TODAY IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

February 14, 2021

On this **World Marriage Day**, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift and blessing of marriage and the family. As we strive to live our particular vocations and respond to the Lord's grace in our lives, let's also consider how we might dedicate renewed prayer and attention to marriage and the family.



A Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
 You blessed the union of married couples
 so that they might reflect the union of Christ
 with his Church; look with kindness on them.
 Renew their marriage covenant,
 increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond
 of peace so that, with their children,
 they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASK A FRANCISCAN...



I can't get my adult kids to come regularly because they consider Mass an ancient practice with little or no relevance today. What can we do?

Giving someone three reasons why I still attend church is almost certainly more convincing than giving them three reasons why they need to attend church. In the long run, shaming adults can't work because they need their own reasons to remain Catholic or not.

It seems to me that Catholics and other Christians have too often presented faith as an object that can be lost or found rather than as a relationship with God that, like all relationships, needs constant maintenance to remain alive. The faith of a 5-year-old is great for a 5-year-old, but it will not be enough for a 25-year-old. Unfortunately, the term adult faith makes no sense to many Christians with an all-or-nothing approach.

Ministry Schedule

Please remember to sign-in.

Date	Time	 Lectors	 Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 2/20	5:00 PM	Barbara Andreski	Janine Neill Christine McCormick
Sunday 2/21	9:00 AM	Art Petitt	Alice Giliberti John Costello Steve Trentanelli
	10:30 AM	Ed Denmead	Karen Hogan Donna Fett
	12 NOON	Bob Pfeiffer	Jane Jamiolkoski Pat Holdt Eunice Howley



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