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This year, Lent begins on February 14 as Ash Wednesday displaces St. Valentine’s Day. In 1966, the National Council of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral instruction on penance and abstinence which remains inforce. That document’s discussion of Lenten practices follows:

10. Lent has had a different history than Advent among us. Beginning with the powerful lesson of Ash Wednesday, it has retained its ancient appeal to the penitential spirit of our people. It has also acquired elements of popular piety which we bishops would wish to encourage.

11. Accordingly, while appealing for greater development of the understanding of the Lenten liturgy, as that of Advent, we hope that the observance of Lent as the principal season of penance in the Christian year will be intensified. This is the more desirable because of new insights into the central place in Christian faith of those Easter mysteries for the understanding and enjoyment of which Lent is the ancient penitential preparation.

12. Wherefore, we ask, urgently and prayerfully, that we, as people of God, make of the entire Lenten Season a period of special penitential observance. Following the instructions of the Holy See, we declare that the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation on the Wednesday which solemnly opens the Lenten season and on that Friday called "Good" because on that day Christ suffered in the flesh and died for our sins.

13. In keeping with the letter and spirit of Pope Paul's Constitution Poenitentium, we preserved for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice.

14. For all other weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and a self-imposed observance of fasting. In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge, particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part in our abundance. We also recommend spiritual studies, beginning with the Scriptures as well as the traditional Lenten Devotions (sermons, Stations of the Cross, and the rosary), and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification.

If you need a donation statement for tax purposes please call the Parish Office at 717-637-2721.

The final total for our “Pennies for Life” was $340.23! Thank you to all who donated to this pro-life cause. The check will be mailed to our local Tender Care Pregnancy Consultation Services, Hanover.

Gabriel Project: Thank you for your continued support of the regional Gabriel Project, especially on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Donations of baby clothing, food, and hygiene items can be placed in the basket in the Basilica vestibule. For larger donations or volunteer services, please call the parish representative - Rich King at 717-688-5414. If you would like information on how Gabriel Project can help you or someone you care for, please call Rich or the regional coordinator - Dodie Funk at 717-632-2590.

Always wanted to be on stage? Or just like to be part of an amazing story? We have speaking and non-speaking roles for youth in grades 4-12 in our Living Stations program at St. Joseph, 5055 Grangeview Road in Hanover. No audition necessary – everyone gets a part. Join us this Sun. Feb. 4th (and the next couple) for rehearsals from 2-4:30pm. For more information, call or email Tricia at 253-266-9066 tricia.soriano@yahoo.com.

Fr. John A. Szada, Jr. will celebrate a Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 220 Third Street, Hanover, PA 17331, on Wed. Feb. 7th at 7:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

"Hanover Cares: House the Homeless Marathon” will be held Feb. 8th and 9th on WHVR 1280AM Radio. All proceeds collected will benefit the Changing Lives Homeless Shelter, operated by the Hanover Area Council of Churches. Call WHVR at 717-637-0052 during the marathon to make your pledge.

Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Feb. 8th at 9:00a.m. Please bring a rag and bucket.

The Health Care Ministry will meet Thurs. Feb. 8th at 2:00p.m. at the home of Christine Reynolds. Also if you, or someone you know would like visits from our Health Care Ministers, contact Christine at 717-632-5717.

The High School Placement Test is being administered at Delone Catholic High School on Sat. Feb. 10th. The test will not be given at the deanery schools this year. All incoming freshman to Delone Catholic must take a high school placement test. There is no fee to take the test. To register visit the Delone Catholic web site at www.delonercatholic.org and click on Prospective Students/Learn about Delone Catholic or contact Mrs. Jennifer Hart at jhart@delonercatholic.org or by calling 717-637-5969.

The Children’s Rosary Group will gather Sun. Feb. 11th at 3:00p.m. at the Adoration Chapel 9 N. Third St. McSherrystown. Ages 3 and older (adults too) are welcome. Prayer books and rosaries will be provided. For more information call Vicky Bunty at 717-632-3245.

Sun. Feb. 11th is World Day of the Sick and the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. To commemorate this occasion, Bishop Gainer will celebrate Mass on Mon. Feb. 12th at 3:00p.m. at York Hospital (Auditorium located in the Education Building). All are invited!

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD is hosting an event on Sun. Feb. 11th at 3:00p.m. for engaged and newly married couples. Chat with an Archdiocesan representative and read the book, “In God - the Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner” written by Stephanie Calis. Stephanie will be at the Shrine to talk about the book and provide all kinds of helpful advice on planning a wedding in the Catholic Church. She will also talk life after the wedding and reference some of JP I’s Theology of the Body.

Coach, Cash & More Bingo will be held at St. Aloysius Church, 29 S. Queen Street., Littlestown, on Sun. Feb. 18th in the Parish Hall, Doors open at 6:00p.m. Tickets $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Cost includes lunch. For tickets or information call the Church Office at 717-359-4513.