

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF:



## OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA

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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL



# Announcements for Saint Vincent de Paul

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2** *BVM*

5:30 PM      ✠ **Donald Montigny** (25th Ann)  
By Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3** *8th Sunday In Ordinary Time*

9:15 AM      ✠ **Alan Dubeau**  
By Norman & Denise Wolf

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6** *Ash Wednesday*

8:30 AM      ✠ **Irma & Bud Hervey**  
By Kyle & Marilyn

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

8:30 AM      ✠ **Carolyn Bergeron**  
By Paul LaCroix

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**

8:30 AM      ✠ **Scott Brouillard**  
By Parents

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9** *BVM*

5:30 PM      ✠ **Reginald Mailloux**  
By Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10** *1st Sunday in Lent*

9:15 AM      ✠ **Cyrille & Eva Auger**  
By Daughters

**Altar Guild of the week:**

Jackie Grace, Vi Charpentier, Cecile Martin

**COFFEE AN'**

There will be no Coffee And' this weekend.

## **Ladies Guild Yard Sale**

This year's yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 in the school auditorium.

Please keep us in mind as you are de cluttering your homes and garages. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements for dropping off items. Remember one man's clutter is someone else treasure!! Thank you in advance for your donations!



**This weekend is our bake sale. Please come join us over in the parish school.**

## **Harvest Bazaar News!!**

We have started to plan this year's Harvest Bazaar. We are in need of basket making supplies: medium and large baskets, clear cellophane wrap/bags, wire ribbons. All donated items can be left at the rectory side door. Our next Bazaar meeting will be Monday, March 11, at 6:30pm in the rectory.



This week the candles in front of the statues of the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph burn for:

**Souls In Purgatory**

An article published in the AARP Bulletin says: A 2016 study showed a decreased mortality rate of 33% for women who attended religious services more than once a week. What a great reason to attend daily Mass!

## **Sanctuary lamp for March**

For Us to Always Remember that We Are Never Alone-We Only Have to Call on Jesus-He is Always There Waiting for Us.



## **March Religious Education classes:**

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

This month we are taking registrations for next years CCD. Registration is free and forms are available at the school during classes or in the back of the church.



## **Financial Blessings**

February 17<sup>th</sup> .....\$2,738.00

February 24<sup>th</sup> .....\$1,981.00

**Pray for Vocations**





# Sunday, March 3, 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Sunday

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

### Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

### Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

### Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

## Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday and also a day for fasting and abstinence.



The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses:

**8:30am SVP**

**10:00am and 7:00pm OLC**



The next meeting for St. Vincent de Paul Society of Coventry will take place on **Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7pm at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish House**. Please consider joining to help our neighbors in need.

## Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner

In celebration of Mardi Gras, OLC and SVP parishes will be having a Pot Luck Dinner on **Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 5:00PM in the SVP gymnasium**. Come and share a meal with your fellow parishioners before starting our Lenten journey!

## Living Stations of the Cross Grades 1-8

On Friday, April 12th, we will have Living Stations of the Cross with Religious Education students in grades 1-8. Students from OLC & SVP are invited to take part. There will be two rehearsals, Sunday, March 31st & April 7th. Practice will run from noon until 1:30 both days. Any student who would like to take part should call Mrs. Barden @ 821-8719.



## What do the Ashes Symbolize?

Carl Sagan boldly proclaimed: "we are starstuff" presumably because we are made from the elements found in stars. While this may lead to grandiose musings on nebulae and ashes, it is bad metaphysics (it is a way of looking at the world known as Reductionism). Yes, we are made from elements found in stars, but we are something different. It would be a mistake to equate the notion of star dust with the Ashes on our foreheads. In fact it does damage to what it means to be a human being, what the true meaning of ashes is, and the fundamental reality and goal of the universe. What is fundamental about the universe and about reality is not star dust or atoms, it is God, who is a Trinity of persons. As Fr. Thomas White O.P. quipped, "the universe is persons all the way down." In fact the universe is geared toward personhood, toward rationality. Fundamentally human beings are not reducible to stars; we are rational beings; we are persons.

First and foremost: we were not created to be dust. In Genesis 3:19 God says to Adam after he sins, "you are dust and to dust you shall return." Ash, therefore, represents mortality as a result of sin. Prior to sin, human beings were God's stewards, co-regents in the Garden and not dust. After the fall, the first sin, we are now subject to sin, suffering, and death. Every human being is mortal and we go back after death to a state of dust and ashes.

There are two other levels of meaning to the ashes. They symbolize repentance of sin, and intercessory prayer on behalf of others. We read in Job 42:6: "Therefore, I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." In 1 Maccabees 3:47 we read: "They fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads." Finally in Daniel 9:3 we read: "I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes."

So ashes on Ash Wednesday are an ancient sign of remembering our mortality, repenting of sin, and interceding for others. It begins the Season of Lent whereby we unite our intense time of prayer to a period of fasting and supplication to God, drawing closer to God by detaching ourselves from the pleasures of this world. Lent is the time for us to come back to God.



## March Confirmation Classes:

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>

Our Confirmation retreat will take place next Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the OLC parish house from 11:30am to 4:00pm. Students will then attend 4pm Mass as a group at OLC. Confirmation will take place on March 31st.

# Announcements for Our Lady of Czenstochowa

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

4:00PM †Ann Szymkowicz  
*By Parishioners*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

8:00AM †Edwina Butkins  
*By Family*

11:00AM †Daniel Michalski  
*By Loretta Kaczor*

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

8:30AM †Richard (18th Ann) and Colleen  
(Birthday) O'Connell  
*By Daughters*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

8:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6** *Ash Wednesday*

10:00AM †Jay W. LaPlante  
*By Jean and Judy*

7:00PM †Albert Marecsak  
*By Daughter*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

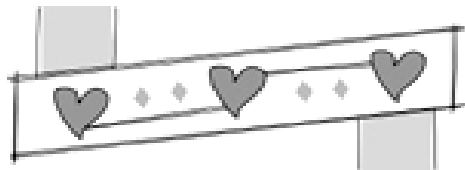
4:00PM †Daniel Michalski  
*By Wife*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10** *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00AM †Deceased Members of the  
Sheridan Family  
*By Family*

11:00AM †Bernadette (5th Ann) and  
Samuel DiCarlo  
*By Paul and Louise*

Noon **Gorzkie Zale**  
(Lenten Lamentation)  
Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament and Benediction



## **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS February 24, 2019**

BUDGET	\$ 4,477.00
CATHOLIC EDUCATION	\$ 154.00
FUEL	\$ 160.00
CANDLES	\$ 55.00

## **Intention of the week:**

This week we pray that our observance of Lent will truly deepen both our individual and communal relationships with God.



## CCD Information

Grades 1-8 will meet on Sunday, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 10am to 11am downstairs in the church hall.



We will be **making Polish Food** for this year's Festival on **Thursdays** March 7th, 14th **Fridays** March 8th, 15th and **Saturdays** March 9th, 16th. Everyone is welcome to help starting at 8:00am. **Will you consider helping us this year? Please mark your calendar to spend some time with us.**

Have you given your gift to the **2019 Catholic Charity Appeal** yet? You may drop it into the collection basket, using the Catholic Charity Appeal envelope. To make a gift using direct debit or credit card, please visit [www.givecentral.org/DOPCCA](http://www.givecentral.org/DOPCCA). **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Golec whose funeral was last week.



## **Mother of Hope Camp**

**Mother of Hope Camp**, a Catholic Charity fund agency of the Diocese of Providence located in Chepachet, RI, is seeking seasonal applicants (who have completed high school and are age 18+) for **SUMMER DAY CAMP COUNSELORS** and a **SOCIAL MEDIA COUNSELOR** for the 2019 summer season as well as **PER DIEM TRAINED FACILITATORS FOR THE OUTDOOR TEAM-BUILDING/LEADERSHIP COURSE** during the spring through fall. To apply, please visit

<https://www.motherofhopecamp.com/working-at-moh-camp>. For additional information, please call Mother of Hope Camp's Director, Michelle Losardo, at 401-568-3580.

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#### **Holy Mass Times**

**Weekend** Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:15am

**Weekdays** Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30am

#### **Confessions**

Thursday 3:15pm-4:15pm  
or any time by calling the rectory

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm with  
the Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm and  
Evening Prayer 4:30pm, Benediction 4:45pm

#### **Religious Education**

Sunday 10:15am – 11:15am Grades 1-8

#### **Holy Mass Times**

**Weekend** Saturday 4pm

Sunday 8am & 11 am

**Weekdays** Mon. & Tues. 8:30am

#### **Confessions**

Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm  
or any time by calling the rectory

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Body of Christ Adoration Chapel  
230 MacArthur Blvd., Coventry, RI  
Monday through Friday 10:00am-9:00pm

#### **Religious Education**

Sunday 10am-11am Grades 1-8

**Confirmation I for OLC & SVP meets on Sunday evening, 5:30pm-6:45pm in the Parish House at OLC**

**Confirmation II for OLC & SVP meets on Sunday evening, 5:30pm-6:45pm in the Church Basement at SVP**

**DAILY ROSARY** Weekdays at 8:00am before the 8:30am Holy Mass

#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Sacrament of the Sick** is best celebrated prior to a person's last few days of life. Call the parish office whenever a person is undergoing surgery or is gravely ill.

**Baptism** Three months notice, please call the rectory about preparation.

**Marriage** Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF COVENTRY** For assistance, please call 828-3090.

