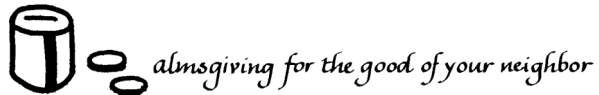


## CRS Rice Bowl

The CRS Rice Bowl Lenten collection raises our awareness regarding the needs of others—and reminds me that we are a universal Catholic Church, one Body of Christ taking care of one another. Your Rice Bowl donations fund Catholic Relief Services' work helping those in need around the world.

**Rice Bowl collection boxes will be handed out** after all Masses on March 4 and 5.



## Group discussions of our Christmas book, *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing*

Join us at one of these sessions in the convent to discuss our parish's Christmas gift book, *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing*.

- Tuesday, March 21, 7pm - 8pm
- Sunday, March 26, 1:30 - 2:30
- Sunday, April 2, 1:30 - 2:30

Light refreshments will be served.

*We'll discuss how Fr. Rolheiser clears common misconceptions about prayer and challenges us to "Trust yourself, trust God's providence and get ready to open your heart in such a way that you will hear God clearly say to you, "I love you". Sign up for a session today!*

Please RSVP at [www.ststephenspeakerseries.com](http://www.ststephenspeakerseries.com) or call the Parish Center at 410-592-7071.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Fridays ~ 7:00pm in the Church*

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

**CRS Global Stations:** Tuesday, April 4, 7:00pm in the Convent

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY

*Sunday, April 9*

Blessing & distribution of palms at all Masses

Youth Passion Play  
10:45am Hall & 12:15 Church



### TENEBRAE

*Tuesday, April 11, 7:00pm in the Hall*

### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Thursday, April 13*

7:00pm ~ Church

Adoration at the altar of repose in the Hall until 11:00pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

*Friday, April 14*

#### **Ecumenical Cross Walk**

1:00pm Begins at Franklinville Presbyterian Church and ends at St. Stephen

#### **Stations of the Cross**

3:00pm ~ Church & Memory Walk

#### **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

7:00pm ~ Church

### HOLY SATURDAY

*Saturday, April 15*

Morning Prayer ~ Church 7:30am

Blessing of Food ~ Church 12:00 Noon

*Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday*

*Mass Schedule on reverse side*

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Thursdays in the Convent*

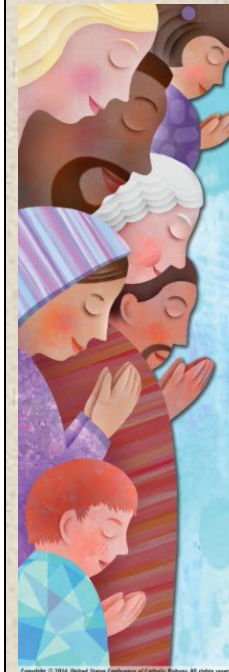
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*March 2,9,16,23,30 and April 6*

# LENT 2017

## SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Prayer: Connecting with Jesus



Everything that happens, every encounter can become the occasion for a prayer. For the more deeply we live in union with God, the deeper we understand the world around us.



*prayer for the good of your soul*

## PARISH EVENTS DURING LENT

**March 1: Ash Wednesday** Masses at 7:30am, 4:00pm & 7:00pm

**March 2:** Eucharistic Adoration 6-7:30pm Convent

**March 3:** Stations of the Cross Church 7pm

**March 4:** Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

**March 4 and 5:** Rice Bowl collection boxes distributed after all Masses

**March 5:** Irishman's Chorale Concert 5 pm in Church

**March 9:** Eucharistic Adoration 6-7:30pm Convent

**March 10:** Family Movie Night 6:30pm in Hall; Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

**March 11:** Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

**March 16:** Eucharistic Adoration 6-7:30pm Convent

**March 17:** Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

**March 18:** Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

**March 21:** Group discussion of our Christmas Book, *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing*, in the Convent at 7:00pm

**March 23:** Eucharistic Adoration 6-7:30pm Convent

**March 24:** Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

**March 25:** Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

**March 26:** Group discussion of our Christmas Book, *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing*, in the Convent at 1:30pm

**March 30:** Eucharistic Adoration 6-7:30pm Convent

**March 31:** Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

**April 1:** Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

**April 2:** Group discussion of our Christmas Book, *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing*, in the Convent at 1:30 pm

## PARISH EVENTS DURING LENT

(CONTINUED)

**April 4: Archdiocesan Reconciliation Day -** Confessions 4-8pm in the Church

**April 6:** Eucharistic Adoration 6-7:30pm Convent

**April 8:** Confessions in the Church 3:45-4:15

*Holy Week Schedule included in this brochure*

**WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!**

Please see bulletin or parish website for more details.



*fasting for the good of your body*

### Why do we fast during Lent?

Fasting by choice or by law, has always been part of the Christian experience.

- We fast to remind ourselves that no "thing" should ever dominate our lives.
- We fast to restore right order to our lives and good health to parts of our spirit that are troubled.

### Guidelines for Abstaining & Fasting

**Abstinence:** Healthy Catholics age 14 and older are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, every Friday during Lent, and Good Friday.

**Fasting:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, healthy adult Catholics (age 18-59) are required to fast; limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at the other two meal times and nothing in between.

### Service Opportunities during Lent

3/1 Ash Wednesday Service Project

3/4 & 4/1 Rosary Guild 9-10am

3/5 & 4/2 Young Adult Monthly Lunch Service at East Side Shelter

3/25 Our Daily Bread Casseroles due

## EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

### Easter Vigil

on Saturday, April 15 at 7:30pm ~ Church

A reception to welcome the newly received members of the RCIA class will follow the Easter Vigil Mass.



There will be no 4:30pm or 6:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 15

### Easter Masses

on Sunday, April 16

- Church ~ 7:00am, 8:00 am, 9:15am, 10:45am & 12:15pm
- Hall ~ 9:15am & 10:45am

BEST LENT EVER

DON'T GIVE UP  
*chocolate*  
FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free email program. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

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