



2018

*Renew My Church*

**Ash Wednesday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> (Fast and Abstinence)**

Distribution of ashes at 8:00A.M mass and 7:00P.M. mass in Church

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7:00P.M. in Church, ***NO FISH FRY this year!***

**Holy Hour and Benediction**

Takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of March (2) immediately following the Stations of the Cross

**RCIA---the Rite of Election**

\*Sending Rite for Election will take place at the 10:30am mass on Feb. 18th.

\*The Rite of Election will be on Feb. 18th, 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral.

**First Sunday of Lent---Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**

\**Parent Formation on Eucharist* from 9am to 10am in the Community Room

\***1<sup>st</sup> Parish Conversation on Renew My Church from 11:45am to 1:15pm in the Community Room.**

**All are welcome!**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>---2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Conversation on Renew My Church from 11:45am to 1:15pm in the Community Room. All are welcome!**

**CRS Rice Bowl**

Distribution on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and Returning on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**Lunar New Year Celebration**

Sunday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am mass

**Service**

We will help out at St. James Food Pantry on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**RCIA---Scrutiny Rites**

will be celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent.

**First Reconciliation**

For School and R. E. students will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**Parish Religious Program**

Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30A.M. mass.

Students will lead the 10:30am mass on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Indonesian Mass**

March 11<sup>th</sup> at noon

**March Mandarin Retreat and Mass**

On Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 7pm; **NO Mandarin Mass on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Living Stations of the Cross by St. Therese School**

Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in Church

**“Making Disciples, Building Communities, and Inspiring Witness.”**

## **Lenten Regulations (from March 14th, 2018, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)**

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

### **Ash Wednesday announcement from archdiocese**

This year, the largely secular celebration of Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) coincides with Ash Wednesday and some have inquired if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given.

Catholics throughout the world recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayerful reflection and penance, as is evident by the large number of churchgoers on this day.

In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday the obligation of fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority in the Catholic community. Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which also happens to be Mardi Gras, a traditionally festive time before beginning our Lenten observance.