



*Wednesday*

**February 18, 2015**

**Drop everything**

**And begin Lent By**

**Receiving Ashes At**

**8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 6:00 PM**

**Mon. 02/16** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
 Feast Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass Gary Petrunyak, Family

**Tues. 02/17** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
 Feast Weekday  
 8:00 AM Mass Joseph Riley, Brother James and Family

**Wed. 02/18** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
 Feast Ash Wednesday  
 8:00 AM Mass Helen Pufka, Shirley Siedlarczyk

**Thur. 02/19** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
 Feast Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
 8:00 AM Mass Joan A. Hirt, Jim Riley

**Fri. 02/20** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
 Feast Friday after Ash Wednesday  
 8:00 AM Mass Shirley Hencherick, Tess and Dan Clapper  
**6:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Adoration after the 5:30 PM Rosary**

**Sat. 02/21** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
 Feast First Sunday of Lent  
 4:30 PM Mass Vince Farabaugh, Sr., Ann, Jeanie and Family

**Sun. 02/22** **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
 Feast First Sunday of Lent  
 9:00 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family  
 11:00 AM Mass Clementine Kawtoski, M/M Frank Shields, Sr.

*Lord  
 Jesus  
 Christ  
 Son  
 Of  
 God  
 Have  
 Mercy  
 On  
 Me  
 A  
 Sinner*


**Happy Birthday:**

02/16 Jayden Starr  
 02/17 Marci Bradford, Gene Summers  
 02/20 Charles Andros  
 02/21 Jared Pufka  
 02/22 Connie Angeski, Erica Jo Keagy  
 02/23 Bob Gates

*Ash Wednesday  
 A day of  
 Fast and Abstinence!*

**Wedding Anniversaries :**

02/19 Chuck and Ceil Hennigan  
 02/20 John and Jean Noonan



**Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That  
 we pray the Holy Rosary Daily  
 At O.L.F. before each Mass and  
 privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm  
AND  
 Mon-Fri @ 5:30 PM Starting Ash Wed thru Lent**

**MONEY MATTERS**  
**(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8, 2015)**  
 178 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,487.80 of which \$ 133.80 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	181	# Used	87	# Unused	94
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 1,980.33

## LOCAL CATHOLIC CHURCHES WITH THEIR FISH FRIES IN LENT

### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**On Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 only** is having a Fish Fry dinner for \$8.00, in school cafeteria from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets sold at the Parish Office 944-8501.

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### **ST. Mark**

**February 27, March 13 & 27** will have a fish fry from 4:00 to 6:30 PM for \$9.00 Adults & \$4.50 Children.

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### **EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

#### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

Baked or hand breaded haddock, fries or Mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes, apple-sauce or coleslaw, drink and dessert. Adults \$9.50 and children under 12 \$6.50, eat-in 4:30 to 7:00 PM take outs begin at 3:30.

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#### **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

Fried or Baked fish or steamed or fried shrimp dinners with Mac & cheese or fries or baked potato, cole slaw or applesauce, stewed tomatoes and dessert. \$8.00 adults & \$5.00 (under 12), 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Father Kelly Hall (25<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 5<sup>th</sup> St)

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#### **St. Patrick's in Newry**

Baked & fried fish, clams & shrimp with all the trimmings, Adults \$11.25, seniors (over 56) \$10.25, Children (5-12) \$6.00 & takeouts \$12.00.

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#### **St. Mary's Altoona**

Seafood Buffet on Fridays, 4:30 to 7:00 PM \$11.00 a person.

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#### **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fish Sandwiches with a choice of fries or mac & cheese and dessert. **11:00 to 1:30** in the church basement, \$6.00.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.

It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

## Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Nine vies, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told:

***"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."***

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

## The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Unlike its discipline regarding sacraments, the Catholic Church does not exclude from receiving sacramentals, such as the placing of ashes on the head, those who are not Catholics and perhaps not even baptized. Even those who have been excommunicated and are therefore forbidden to *celebrate* sacramentals are not forbidden to *receive* them. After describing the blessing, the rite of Blessing and Distribution of Ashes (within Mass) states: "Then the Priest places ashes on the heads of all those present who come to him.

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