

LENTEN SCHEDULE – 2018

SAINT JOHN BOSCO PARISH

(Post in a convenient place for reference during Lent)

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14, 2018

(Blessed Ashes will be distributed DURING each of the four scheduled Masses)

Masses at 8:00 AM, Noon, 5 and 7:00 PM

(Priests, Deacons and Lay persons have been assigned to distribute Blessed Ashes to those in Hospital and Nursing/Assisted Living Facilities throughout the day.)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. at 4:00 PM & Sun. at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

We encourage you to participate at weekday mass during the Lenten Season.

Monday through Friday at 8 AM (brief homily)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3-3:30 PM and anytime by appointment/request.

MONDAYS DURING LENT: "THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!"

Confessions heard Mondays from 6-7 PM, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26.

Lenten Confessions for our Faith Formation students, Grades 3-7 (Jan. through early March).

Grade 2 confessions were Jan. 9 & will be heard again in May prior to First Eucharist.

Grade 8 Confirmation Confessions were heard on Saturday, Feb. 3, during their Retreat.

Regional Lenten Communal Penance Services

St. John Bosco Church - Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 7 PM *(Six priests available)*

Good Shepherd Church, Drums – Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7 PM *(Additional priests)*

Other Parishes in our area will announce their Penance Services at a later date.

We will publish them in the bulletin when they are received.

CONYNGHAM ECUMENICAL LENTEN PRAYER LUNCHEON SERIES

Where: Conyngham United Methodist Church, 411 Main St., Conyngham

"Nourish Your Body & Soul"

Fellowship Lunch followed by Hymn, Guest Speaker, Hymn and Blessing.

Wednesdays of Lent at Noon. February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14 & 21, 2018

Donation: \$3.00 MENU: Soup, Bread, Beverage and Dessert.

ROAD TO RESURRECTION: Greater Hazleton Deanery Retreat

The Parishes of the Greater Hazleton Deanery, which includes St. John Bosco,
will present a Lenten Series of Masses.

This will be held during the week of February 19-22, Monday through Thursday at 7 PM.
Very Reverend Paul McDonnell, OSJ, Provincial Superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph will offer
the Lenten Meditation each evening. You are encouraged to attend.

- ❖ **MONDAY:** Most Precious Blood Church, Hazleton
- ❖ **TUESDAY:** Holy Rosary Church, Hazleton
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY:** St. Gabriel's Church (Annunciation Parish), Hazleton
- ❖ **THURSDAY:** St. Joseph's Church (SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish), Hazleton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION:

Every Friday of Lent at 7 PM.

A different version of the Stations of the Cross will be prayed each week. Booklets will be available for your use
each week. Fr. Ric and Deacon Maurice will lead the evening Stations of the Cross & Benediction.

Our Stations of the Cross selections will include:

*The Way of the Cross with text from the Scriptures, Mary's Way of the Cross,
The "Traditional" Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori, Everyone's Way of the Cross by Deacon Clarence
Enzler, The Stations of the Cross with St. Pope John Paul II, John Paul II's Biblical Way of the Cross*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday of Lent at 8:30 AM. Booklets will be available for your use.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 23, 7 PM

(FAMILIES URGED TO ATTEND – MARK YOUR CALENDAR)

Presented by St. John Bosco Parish Youth for the Community.

PARISH ADULT RELIGIOUS FORMATION & STUDY

Looking for something spiritually rewarding to do during the Lenten season and beyond?

Just a few suggestions ...

- Take a Lenten Booklet from the entrance of our church.
Each family is invited to take a Lenten Booklet: "Finding Hope when Life Hurts" which
was written by Fr. Joseph Sica. It contains a daily reflection, prayer and practice for
every day of Lent. I know that you will find it to be a very practical and enjoyable
Lenten activity that will help you in your spiritual journey.
- Those who desire another book rather than Fr. Sica's are invited to take a small "**Black
Book**" home with them. It contains prayers and reflections for everyday of Lent.

- Participate in a Small Faith Sharing Group. Although our 5 Seasons of “Arise Together in Christ” has concluded, some of our groups are continuing to meet. Other parishioners are welcome to join them.
 - ❖ “One Small Voice” meets on Wed. at 1 pm during Lent (beginning Feb. 21) to read and discuss the book Mark’s Gospel: The Whole Story. Contact Brenda Pecora to join the group: 570-788-3280 or pecoraclan@yahoo.com
 - ❖ “The Scripture Circle” meets on the second Wed. of the month at 9 am to reflect on Scripture and view a brief video, followed by discussion and faith sharing. The first session is Wed., Mar. 14. Contact Sandie Honis (570-788-3446) to join the group.

LENTEN ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY

*Thursdays, beginning February 15, from 9-10:30 am, Church Hall
Good Shepherd Church, Drums. ~ Presenter: Fr. Connell McHugh*

- ❖ February 15 – A Comparison of the Call of the Disciples in the Gospels
- ❖ February 22 – The Cleansing of the Temple in the Various Gospels
- ❖ March 1- Minor Gospel Figures in the Passion Narratives: The Good Thief, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, Pilate’s Wife, etc.
- ❖ March 8 – The Passion Narrative of Mark (the Gospel for Palm Sunday)
- ❖ March 15 – The Agony in the Garden
- ❖ March 22 – Make-Up Week if needed due to Winter Weather.

While walk-ins are welcome. However, you are encouraged to register to help prepare. Please call Good Shepherd Parish Office at 570-788-3141 to register. You are more than welcome to bring guests for any presentation. Register even if you plan to attend only part of the program.

REGULATIONS FOR FAST & ABSTINENCE 2018

DAYS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE: ASH WEDNESDAY (February 14) & GOOD FRIDAY (March 30)

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

ABSTINENCE: Age of 14 and older. NO MEAT may be eaten.

FAST: 18 to 60 years old. Only ONE FULL MEAL, two partial meals.

EASTER DUTY

All Catholics in good standing must receive Holy Communion at least once a year, especially during the Easter Season, February 17-18 through May 19-20, 2018

Those in serious (Mortal) sin are also required to receive confession.

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL APPEAL: Use daily during Lent!

During the Season of Lent, you are asked to use a plain envelope and mark on it your name and the words: Lenten Self-Denial. Place it in a prominent place in your home (family table) and place offerings (alms) of change or bills in it each day representing sacrifices that you make during the Season of Lent. (Giving up candy, beverage, movie, snack, meal, etc.). Your change, bill or check represents your sacrifices. Count up the sacrifices and make out a check or place a bill for that amount in the envelope and deposit it in any collection basket on Palm Sunday Weekend, Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter. They may also be taken or mailed to the Parish Office. Use your own plain envelope and mark it: LENTEN SELF-DENIAL.

A gift of \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 or \$25.00 would be appreciated.

Almsgiving is a hallmark of Lent. This represents about .25 to .50 each day of Lent.

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCE: MARCH 24 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – MARCH 24-25, 2018

- Blessing & Distribution of Palm during all regular weekend Masses. The year you will take UNBLESSSED PALM as you enter the Church. Palm will be blessed at the beginning of every Mass.
- Small blessed palm crosses will be distributed to every person at weekend Masses.

HOLY THURSDAY- MARCH 29, 2018 – 7 PM

- Mass of the Lord's Last Supper & Solemn Procession.
- Presentation of the Sacred Oils, Blessed Bread Distributed to every person at the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper to share with family and friends at home.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel Gym until 10 PM
- Washing of the Feet of twelve parishioners: First Holy Communion students, Confirmation Students and Male & Female Adults.
- Rosary & Night Prayer at 9:30 PM with Knights of Columbus and Deacon Maurice.

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30, 2018 – 1 PM

- Morning Prayer with Deacon Maurice – 9 AM
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 1 PM (Passion, Veneration of Cross & Communion)
- The final opportunity for Confession before Easter will follow from 2-2:30 PM.
- No scheduled Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. They may be prayed privately in Church or at home.

HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 31

- **NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD TODAY!**
- Morning Prayer with Deacon Maurice– 9 AM
- Blessing of Family Easter Food Baskets in the Gym - 1 PM
(A handout will be distributed as an insert in the parish bulletin on the weekend of March 17-18 that explains what goes into a traditional Easter Food Basket and its symbolism.)

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL – Saturday, MARCH 31, 2018 – 8 PM (NO EARLIER VIGIL MASS)

Blessing of the new fire, lighting of the new Paschal Candle and individual candles,
blessing of the water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. No RCIA Candidates this year.

This year a plastic 4 ounce Holy water Container will be given to each family. You are invited to take one and fill it after mass with the newly blessed Easter Water at the baptismal font. This container should be taken to church every year to be refilled with the blessed Easter Water for use in your home.

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 1, 2018 ~ Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Masses will be celebrated at 7:30, 9 & 11:30 AM
Easter Water is available before & after all Masses.

HAPPY EASTER!