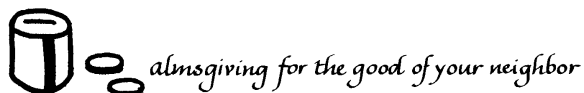


CRS Rice Bowl

The CRS Rice Bowl Lenten collection raises our awareness regarding the needs of others - and reminds us 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 available March 2-3 weekends. Students in Faith Formation or St. Stephen School have been given a bowl for their families. Your donation to CRS (online or by check to CRS) is appreciated by 3/14. Thank you for your generosity!



Evangelization Speaker Series - Join us!

- ◆ 3/20 Dr. Robert McCarty presents on Witnessing to our Children - Passing on the Faith: the Pain and the Promise.
- ◆ 3/27 Mrs. Megan Fitzgerald and Mr. Josh Moi present on Witnessing to Those Struggling with Addiction.
- ◆ 4/17 Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia present on Franciscan Spirituality for Witnessing

Come early for light refreshments beginning at 6:30pm; talks begin at 7:00pm, in the Hall.

Please RSVP at www.ststephenspeakerseries.com or call the Parish Center at 410-592-7071.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Fridays ~ 7:00pm
in the Church*

March 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 14

Blessing & distribution of palms at all Masses

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



FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY FOR WITNESSING

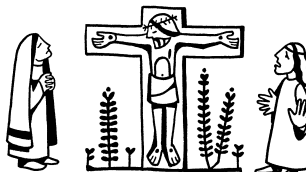
Wednesday, April 17

7:00pm in the Hall

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 18

7:00pm ~ Church (Incense will be used)
Adoration at altar of repose in the Hall until 11:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 19

Ecumenical Cross Walk (weather permitting)

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

Stations of the Cross

3:00pm ~ Church (& for Children at Memory Walk, weather permitting)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm ~ Church

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 20

Blessing of Food ~ Church 12:00 Noon

*Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday
Mass Schedule on reverse side*

Lent 2019

St. Stephen
Catholic Church

Witnessing for Jesus!



Merciful Father, pour out your Spirit of wisdom and love to guide us to be Missionary Disciples of your son, Jesus Christ.

*Transform us
through the Eucharist we share ...*

*Make us truly welcoming
to all of your people....*

*Walk with us
as we accompany one another...*

May we never lose sight of our sacred mission to "go forth and make disciples of all nations"

*So that in this Parish of Saint Stephen
the light of Christ would always be
A Light Brightly Visible. Amen.*

EVENTS TO GROW IN FAITH

Mar 6: Ash Wednesday Masses at 7:30am, 4:00pm & 7:00pm

Mar 7: Adoration, 6-7:30pm Convent

Mar 8: Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

Mar 9: Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

Mar 10: Community Sunday, 10:45 Hall

Mar 12: Spiritual Oasis, 7-8:15pm, Convent

Mar 14: Adoration, 6-7:30pm Convent

Mar 15: Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

Mar 16: Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

Mar 20: Speaker Series, 7pm in Hall (6:30 refreshments)

Mar 21: Adoration, 6-7:30pm Convent

Mar 22: Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

Mar 23: Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

Mar 27: Speaker Series, 7pm in Hall (6:30 refreshments)

Mar 28: Adoration, 6-7:30pm Convent

Mar 29: Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

Mar 30: Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

Apr 4: Adoration, 6-7:30pm Convent

Apr 5: Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

Apr 6: Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

Apr 9: Spiritual Oasis, 7-8:15pm, Convent

Apr 10 - Day of Reconciliation 3pm-5pm and 7pm-8:30pm in the Church

Apr 11: Adoration, 6-7:30pm Convent

Apr 12: Stations of the Cross, Church 7pm

Apr 13: Breakfast with Easter Bunny; Confessions, Church 3:45-4:15

Apr 17: Speaker Series, 7pm in Hall (6:30 refreshments)

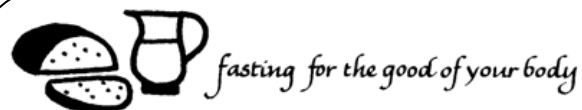
WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US! Please see bulletin or parish website for details

BEST LENT EVER
DON'T GIVE UP *chocolate*
FOR LENT

This year, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT Ever, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an e-mail with . . .

- Inspirational Videos
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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 and 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

3/23 Our Daily Bread Casseroles due

4/6 Rosary Guild 9-10am, Youth & Young Adult Rm

3/10 Coupons in Flight 9am in the Art Room

3/26 High School Youth Ministry: Empty Bowls paint night

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil

On Saturday, April 20
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 20

Easter Masses

On Sunday, April 21

In the Church

- 7:00am
- 8:00am
- 9:15am
- 10:45am
- 12:15pm

In the Hall

- 9:15am
- 10:45am



Spiritual Oasis in the Convent

- ◆ Adoration, Thursdays, 6:00-7:30pm
March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11

- ◆ Adult Faith Formation

Gather and reflect on powerful insights from Matthew Kelly's Book *The Biggest Lie in Christianity*

7:00-8:15pm

Tues, March 12 OR Tues, April 9