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Parish Calendar At A Glance

February

10—Ash Wednesday
 8am Mass—SMD
 6pm—Mass SRB

Thursdays during Lent

Lenten Prayer Series

Friday Night Fish Fries

March

9—Communal Reconciliation
 13—First Communion Family Retreat
 20—Vocations Presentation Brian Fellers,
 Seminarian, speaker
 24—Holy Thursday—SMD
 25—Good Friday—SRB
 26—Easter Vigil—SRB

April

14—Confirmation Rehearsal
 16—Spring Fling
 20—Confirmation
 23—All Saints School Auction—SFX
 23—Let's Get Artsy (Circle of Catholic Women)
 27—First Communion Rehearsal
 30—First Communion

May

1—First Communion
 19 & 20—Food Bank Clothing Sale

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PARISH CONNECTION ST. MARY & ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY



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Lent 2016

Lent is a special time of year when we engage in a season of conversion focusing on prayer, fasting, contemplation and engagement of spiritual self-discipline in preparation to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. One of the most common practices during Lent is the action of "giving something up". The absence of our favorite candy bar, most watched TV show or excess time spent on our cell phone teaches us discipline and fasting. However, while we are choosing which luxury item we are planning to give up during the Lenten season, we are often faced with the reality of how blessed we are to be able to rid ourselves of those items in the first place. So many people in our community, and throughout the entire world, would give anything to have access to the simple things we so often take for granted. Therefore, this Lenten season, let us focus on paying it forward and blessing others with the gifts that we have received from God. During the last 40 years, Catholics have donated more than \$250 million

during Lent to feed the hungry around the world. This year, the faith communities of St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Mary-Dover want to, again, contribute to that outstanding statistic and give to others who so desperately need it the most. **Let us send a little bit of our farm community to the rest of the world!**

Catholic Relief Services assists in easing suffering from people in more than 100 countries. Their "Gift of Hope – Support Food and Farming" mission provides our poorest brothers and sisters overseas with opportunities far beyond their expectations. With this mission, Catholic Relief Services distributes tons of lifesaving food, farming tools and agricultural education to people who are dreadfully hungry as a result of poverty, conflict and famine. Their farming projects help hundreds of thousands of people feed their families, work toward self-sufficiency and steward the earth's resources for future generations.

This Lenten season, our desire as a faith community is to provide as many of these options:

- Cows at \$300/Cow
- Household Gardens at \$150/ Household Garden
- Fruit Trees at \$150/set of 10 Fruit Trees
- Fish for a Pond at \$60/Load of Fish for a Pond
- Rabbits at \$27/Rabbit
- Lambs at \$80/Lamb
- Quality Seed for a Season at \$50/Barrel of Quality Seed for a Season
- Bags of Fertilizer at \$20/2 Bags of Fertilizer

Let's bring a little bit of our farming community to the farming communities of our brothers and sisters who need it the most will be the best Lenten gift we can offer up to the Lord this season! And, of course, you may still give up that Snickers bar if you wish, too!

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please see the bulletin insert or call the Parish Office and ask to speak with Rebecca Gaertner or Sarah Gray.

Welcome To Our Parish Family!


Congratulations To Our Newly Baptized

Savannah Reign Demjen
 Lilly Skye Demjen
 Graham William Scholtz
 Joseph Joshua Hughes
 Joel Michael Ellis
 Almaluz Isabella Griego


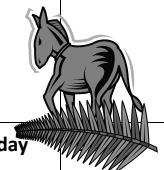
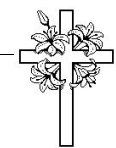
Welcome To Our Newly Registered

Peggy Sawasky
 Dustin & Natasha Hegemann
 Timothy Gilbert
 Rick Baumann

Lent 2016, February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9	10 Ash Wednesday 8am Mass-SMD 6pm Mass-SRB 	11 Lenten Prayer Series 6pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Evening Prayer	12 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30pm	13
14	15	16		18 Lenten Prayer Series 6pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	19 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30pm	20
21	22	23	24	25 Lenten Prayer Series 3:30-5:30 Adoration 6pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Taize Prayer	26 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30pm	27
28	29					

Lent 2016, March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Lenten Prayer Series 6pm Soup Supper 6:30Tenebrae Service	4 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30pm	5
6	7	8	9 6pm Communal Reconciliation 	10 Lenten Prayer Series 6:30 Via Sanguinis Devotion	11 Fish Fry 4:30-7:30pm	12
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20 Palm Sunday 		22	23	24 Holy Thursday 6:30pm Mass-SMD	25 1pm Service-SRB Fish Fry 3:30-7:30pm	26 8pm Easter Vigil-SRB
27 Easter Sunday 8am Mass-SMD 10am Mass-SRB						

Hear The Prayers That Rise

This year's Lenten Prayer Series will feature a different form of prayer each week. It is designed to open your mind to the many different prayer forms that are unique to our Catholic faith. We hope you will join us in any or all of these evenings to enhance your Lenten journey as well as share in a simple meal and fellowship. Below is a brief description of the prayer services.

February 11—Evening Prayer Meditative Singing, Prayer, Psalms, Scripture, Reflection and Intercessions

February 18—Divine Mercy Chaplet Meditative Singing based on the rosary

February 25—Taize Prayer Taize is non-denominational community which began during WWII as a place of welcome for refugees fleeing Nazi occupation. Prayerful, repetitive meditative singing, Sacred Scripture, Reflection, Intercession

March 3—Tenebrae Service Service based on the Seven Last Words of Christ. The prayer includes Sacred Scripture and music. Candles are extinguished in pairs until the Paschal Candle is the only one left burning.

March 10—Via Sanguinis The Via Sanguinis is a recently instituted pious devotion. With cultural roots from Africa, the faithful relive the various moments in which Christ shed his blood for our Salvation. Scripture, Reflection and Singing

March 17—The Letters A drama that explores the life of Mother Teresa through letters she wrote to her longtime friend and spiritual advisor, Father Celeste van Exem over a nearly 50-year period.

Enrich Your Prayer Life Through Media

For many of us, our busy lives challenge us to give prayer the appropriate priority it deserves. Consider the following media outlets to assist you in your daily prayer life.

Catholic Television

www.catholicstv.com
www.telecare.com
www.netny.tv

Catholic Blogs

www.wordonfire.org
www.usccbmedia.blogspot.com

Additional Websites

<http://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org>
<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va>

Friday Fish Fries Are Back!

Fr. Robert again serves up his special recipe batter fried fish from 4:30-7:30pm on Fridays during Lent.

Meal includes fried or baked cod, French fries, potato pancakes, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, rye bread and homemade desserts.

Adults \$10.50

Children 4-12 \$6.50

Under 4 free

Your help is also needed those days with cooking, serving and desserts.

Please call the office to assist at 878-3476.

FAST & ABSTINENCE

Our most common form of liturgical fasting is the hour we spend before receiving communion, abstaining from food and drink. (This is all year, not only during the Lenten Season.) Most of us don't think about it anymore, but it used to be a three-hour fast, and prior to that, a fast from midnight. This had the advantage of making communion the first food of the day, a real spiritual "break-fast."

We abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and we fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Everyone age 14 and older is bound by the law of abstinence. Younger children are to be educated in its significance. ALL Catholics are expected to avoid meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent no matter how old they become.

However, fasting binds from after one's 18th birthday until after the 59th. Catholics younger and older than that need not fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Nonetheless, fasting is a praiseworthy penitential practice, even when it is not required.