

# Lent 2017



## ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

This day reminds us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return — the beginning of our period of renewal and repentance.

MASS & Distribution of Ashes  
8:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

## WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Spend a Morning of Reflection on  
PRAYER and MINISTRY  
with Fr. Don Gutmann

**Saturday, March 4 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

During Lent, prayer is one of the 3 key practices of a Christian that is highlighted — prayer being a real conversation with God is hoped to be practiced each and every day in the life of a Catholic.

To register, please contact Sheila Cullen at [petermcullen@comcast.net](mailto:petermcullen@comcast.net) or Pia de Leon at [pia@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:pia@saintclarechurch.org).

*“Prayer in Service, Service in Prayer”*

## RECONCILIATION SERVICES

*“If we acknowledge our sins,  
he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.”*

1 John 1:9

**Parish Reconciliation Service  
Thursday, March 30 7:00 pm**

School Reconciliation Service  
Thursday, March 9 9:15 am

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday of Lent  
at 2:00 pm in the church.

Exception ~ 2:15 pm on Friday, April 7  
Stations will be led by our 7th Grade Students.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The Parish Community sends off our candidate and catechumens to the Archbishop with a blessing during the **Rite of Sending** on **Sunday, March 5** at the 10:45 am Mass.

At 2:30pm, Archbishop Emeritus John G. Vlazny will receive our candidates at the Cathedral and sign the Book of the Elect signifying our people as official candidates for Baptism and Full Reception into the Church during the **Rite of Election**.

*Please continue to pray for our RCIA candidates.*

## MEN OF THE PARISH

Being formed in the faith is a call for everyone in the Church. We, men and women alike, have equal responsibility and opportunity to be disciples of the Lord. This Lent, we are calling on the men of the Parish to faithfully consider joining a men’s faith sharing group that is now being formed. Once a week during the six weeks of Lent, our men will gather to pray and reflect on the Gospel readings.

Interested? Please contact Mike Higgins  
at 503.892.6599 or Pia de Leon at  
[pia@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:pia@saintclarechurch.org)

*“Can you not keep watch for an hour?”*

Mark 14:37-38

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Lent we will keep watch with the Lord beginning **Friday, March 24** at 6:30 pm immediately following our Soup Supper, continuing through the night and ending with Benediction on **Saturday, March 25** at 4pm.

Bring your whole family and experience God’s presence in silence and quiet prayer.

Sign up at the east church exit  
or email Pia at [pia@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:pia@saintclarechurch.org)

This Lent, St. Clare Church is focusing its Lenten practice of Fasting and Almsgiving on a very critical and urgent world concern — migration of refugees. There are many pressing and oppressing reasons why people flee their homeland: persecution, economic needs and war to name a few. The refugees and migrants, like Jesus, are knocking on the doors of people's hearts, minds and spirit so compassion and mercy may be accorded to them and help may come their way. The Catholic Church, particularly this Lent and through some Catholic institutions like Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities is drawing the faithful's attention to the plight of our refugees and recent migrants and challenging all of us to listen and to hear the stories of real people — their sorrows, their plight and their triumph of human spirit through faith. With the truth facing us, we may be truly moved to be compassionate and merciful as is the Father.

*"Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life,  
far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation. . .  
Don't we all want a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones?"*

Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2016

### FRIDAY SOUP SUPPERS

**March 3, 10, 17, 24\*, 31 and April 7**

**Prayer** - 6:00 pm Church

**Supper** - 6:30 pm Parish Hall

\*Exception ~ 6:00 pm on March 24  
prior to Eucharistic Adoration

Each Friday a special soup will be featured  
from each of the following countries:

***Somalia, Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Syria, Sudan  
and Libya.***

**Presentation** - 7:00 pm Parish Hall

Listen to stories of refugees and migrants and the Church's response to the call for compassion and mercy through institutions like Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Charities and the Office of Life, Peace and Justice of the Archdiocese of Portland.

Note ~ We are in need of volunteers to make one of the featured soups or bring your own vegetarian or seafood soup specialty, and to help set up and clean up the Soup Suppers. Look for the sign up sheets at the east church exit. Questions? Please contact Theresa Duda, at [pntduda@gmail.com](mailto:pntduda@gmail.com)

### ENCOUNTER LENT

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS)  
OPERATION RICE BOWL**

During Lent, we ENCOUNTER OURSELVES,  
we ENCOUNTER our NEIGHBORS  
and we ENCOUNTER GOD.

This year's Lenten practice of fasting and almsgiving will feature the far-reaching work of CRS Operation Rice Bowl. Through personal sacrifices of people young and old, the Gospel mission of the Church to help people all over the world who are most in need is realized through CRS.

#### **COLLECTIVE CHALLENGE FOR ST. CLARE**

**Fill up 400 Operation Rice Bowls  
with money saved from fasting and sacrifice  
during the 40 days of Lent.**

Operation Rice Bowl boxes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday and the first weekend of Lent. Our School and Preschool children and parents are challenged as well to make this a Lenten family activity.

For more information, please contact Pia at [pia@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:pia@saintclarechurch.org)



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*We take with us our brothers and sisters,  
who are among the recent migrants and refugees,  
ONWARD and UPWARD.*

*TOGETHER, in Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving*

