



Faith Matters!

St. Philip the Apostle's bi-monthly newsletter
for PREP families!

Special Lenten Issue 2017

Lenten Mission: 2017

St. Philip and Sacred Heart Parish in Winnetka are teaming up to bring speaker Tracy Welliver from *Our Sunday Visitor* to share stewardship and how to share our time and talents in our busy lives. Presentations are 7 p.m. March 19-21 at Sacred Heart or 1 p.m. March 20 and 21 at St. Philip. Join us!



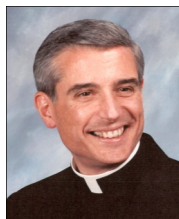
MONSIGNOR'S MINUTE

Dear friends,

The spring-like weather we've had this February reminds us that winter will soon be over, and Easter can't be far behind. Before Easter comes, though, we have that 40-day period of preparation known as Lent.

In his Lenten Message this year, Pope Francis reminds us: "Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ living in his word, in the sacraments, and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the tempter during the 40 days in the desert, shows us the path we must take."

The three ways we encounter



Msgr. Robert Dempsey

Christ that are mentioned by the Pope call to mind the importance of prayer, reflection on the Scriptures, reception of the sacraments, and works of kindness toward our neighbor. At St. Philip's there'll many opportunities this Lent to help us follow the Pope's suggestions:

- Mass with distribution of ashes on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 and 8 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.;
- Daily Mass each morning at 8 a.m.;
- Confessions every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m., and every Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.; a jointly sponsored Penance Service at Sacred Heart Parish is planned for March 21 at 7:30 p.m.;
- Lenten Mission with Sacred Heart Parish; St. Philip's sessions will be held on March 20 and 21 at 1 p.m. in

the St. John Paul II Room;

- Operation Rice Bowl to help the needy in developing countries;
- PREP food drive to assist the hungry in our own area;
- "Soup and Screenings," a soup dinner and viewing of episodes from Bishop Barron's new series, *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*, in the convent on Monday, March 6, 13, and 27, and Tuesday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Throughout this Lenten season, Pope Francis tells us that "Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive." Now is the acceptable time, then, to get closer to the Lord. Lent is hard work, but the rewards are literally out of this world. God bless you and your loved ones throughout this holy season!

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Members of St. Philip's seventh-grade class began a recent session by forming small groups and praying the rosary together.

Photos by PREP catechist Kristen Offenbacher



? Catholic Quiz ?

1. During Lent, we often pray the Stations of the Cross. What is the fourth station?
2. On the third Sunday of Lent, we will hear the gospel story of Jesus meeting the woman at the well. In which book of the Gospels can this story be found?

Answers:
1. Jesus meets his mother.
2. John

PRAYER CORNER

Jesus, I love you because you are loving and forgiving.
Please forgive all of my sins and help control myself.
Also, Jesus, please help my family.
I pray for anyone who needs your help.
I thank you, Jesus, for my family and friends.
I praise you for everything you do help us.

Written by Olivia Ty, Grade 4
Parents: Jerome and Jennifer Ty

Jesus, I love you because you are my God in heaven and I know you love me. You don't get mad at me and you forgive me.
Please forgive all of my sins and help me try not to fight or argue with my family.
Also, Jesus, please help me love my family and never leave them.
I pray for my aunt.
I thank, you, Jesus for helping me along the way, and I praise you for your help.



Written by Abby Fejes, Grade 4
Parents: David and Christina Fejes

Dates to Know!

Wednesday, March 1, 2017: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins. Mass with distribution of ashes: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Distribution of ashes service: noon.

Fridays, during Lent: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 to 3 p.m. in the church, followed by Holy Hour, 3 to 4 p.m.

Fridays, during Lent: Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. in the church.

Sunday through Tuesday, March 19-21, 2017: Parish Lenten Mission with Tracy Welliver, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Winnetka, or 1 p.m. March 20-21 at St. Philip.

Sundays, during Lent, March 5-April 9: Children's Liturgy of the Word offered during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

March 5, 2017: PREP Family Mass, with Grades 3 and 4 participating, 9:30 a.m. in the church.

Sunday, March 26, 2017: No PREP. Spring Break.

Sunday, April 9, 2017: Palm Sunday; *Jesus Day*, Grade 2 First Communion retreat, 1 to 4 p.m. on the parish grounds.

Sunday, April 16, 2017: Easter Sunday. NO PREP.

A Second for the Saints:



“Seek God in all things, and we shall find God by our side.”

- St. Peter Claver

Noodles & company



St. Philip parishioners young and old gathered for food, fellowship and magic at the annual Pasta-Palooza event on January 6, 2017.

Photos by PREP parent Lori Racine