



LENT 2018

“Through Death to New Life”



2/11/18	Sunday	Distribute “Through Death to New Life” Booklet
2/14/18	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday – Mass and Ashes 9:00am and 7:00pm
2/16/18	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
2/18/18	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
2/20/18	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm
2/23/18	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
2/25/18	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
2/27/18	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm
3/2/18	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/4/18	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/6/18	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm
3/9/18	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/11/18	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/13/18	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection
3/16/18	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/18/18	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/20/18	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm
3/23/18	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/25/18	Sunday	Passion Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am
3/29/18	Thursday	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm -Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center until 11:00pm
3/30/18	Friday	Good Friday -Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm -Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm
3/31/18	Saturday	Holy Saturday -Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am -Blessing of Food at Noon -Easter Vigil 8:00pm
4/1/18	Sunday	Easter Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am

The Convergence of Ash Wednesday & Valentine’s Day February 14th

In the Diocese of Camden, as in the Church universal, **Ash Wednesday** is to be observed as a day of penance, fasting, and prayer. As a day of fast and abstinence, Catholics from the age of 18 to the age of 60 are bound to the mandate to fast; Catholics over the age of 14 are seriously bound to observe the abstinence from meat. Lenten fasting allows for a single “normal” meal. Sustenance through the day is permitted but the quantity of food for this sustenance is not to equal or exceed the amount of food taken in the single normal meal.

As a diocese, we recognize and affirm the expression of human love that is celebrated by the customs associated with **Valentine’s Day**. However the mandate that we observe fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday supersedes any secular celebration and may not be dispensed. You may wish to celebrate with your Valentine prior to Ash Wednesday (much in the way certain cultures celebrate *Carnivale* or *Mardi Gras*) so that the solemn penitential nature is not compromised.