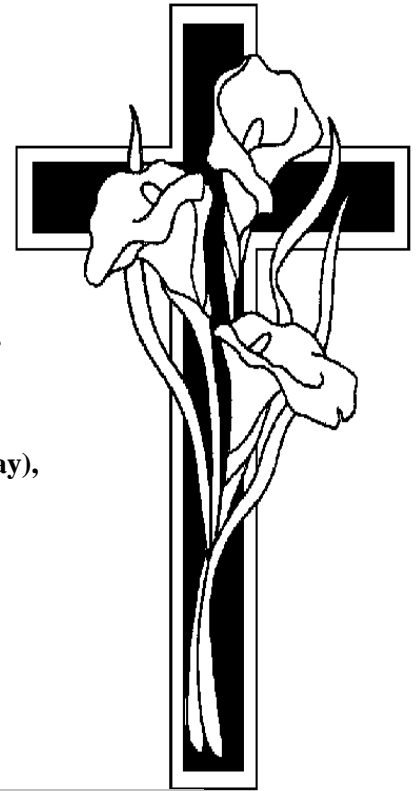


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LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 25, 2009

ENGLISH – During the day – 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM Mass
Evening Prayer Service at 6:30 PM
SPANISH – 7:30 PM Mass

12:05 PM (Tuesday-Wednesday) 8:00 AM (Thursday - Friday),
During Lent, Mass will be celebrated in the Main Church

†**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**†
Every **Tuesday** from Noon until 7:00 PM

†**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**†
Every **Tuesday** evening at 7:00 PM followed
by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LENTEN RULES OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons over 15 years of age are gravely obliged to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009**, and all Fridays of Lent.

All persons over 18 years of age and up to the beginning of their 60th year are gravely obliged to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the sacrament of reconciliation, to undertake spiritual reading and to perform charitable works.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

**You are asked to place your contributions for Operation
Rice Bowl in the poor boxes.**

CLUSTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

If you are unable to attend our 8:00 AM or 12:05 PM Mass, we encourage you to attend Mass. Within Cluster 72. The following is the daily Mass schedule:

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| St. Patrick | 8:00 AM (Thursday, Friday) 12:05 PM (Tuesday & Wednesday) |
| St. Paul | 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday) |
| Epiphany | 8:30 AM (Monday – Friday) |
| St. Francis | 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday) |
| St. Titus | 8:45 AM (Monday - Wednesday - Friday) and Tuesday 6:30 PM |
| Visitation | 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM (Monday – Friday, Saturday 7:00AM and 8:00AM) |
| St. Helena | 6:30 AM (Tues., Wed., & Thurs.); 9:00 AM (Monday - Saturday) |
| Holy Saviour | 8:00 AM (Holy Saviour Church) Monday - Saturday 7:00 AM (Lady of Mt. Carmel-Plymouth) Monday – Friday |

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HORARIO DE LA CUARESMA

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA – Febrero 25, 2009

MISAS EN INGLES – Durante el día - 8:00 AM y 12:05 PM

Servicio de Oracion en la tarde 6:30 PM

MISA EN ESPAÑOL – 7:30 PM

MISAS DIARIAS DURANTE LA CUARESMA

8:00 AM (Jueves - Viernes), 12:05 PM (Martes - Miercoles)

Durante la Cuaresma, las Misas se celebraran en la Parroquia

†**ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO**†

Los Martes de las 12:00PM hasta las 7:00 PM

†**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ** †

Todos los Martes a las 7:00 PM despues de la
Bendicion del Santisimo Sacramento

REGLAS DE ABSTINENCIA DURANTE LA CUARESMA

Los Arzobispos de los Estados Unidos prescriben como minima obligacion, que todas las personas mayores de 15 años de edad estan obligadas a abstenerse de carne el **Miercoles de Ceniza, Febrero 25, 2009** y todos los Viernes de la Cuaresma.

Todas las personas mayores de 18 años de edad y mas hasta los 60 años, estan obligados a ayunar limitandose a una sola comida el Miercoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo.

Todos los creyentes se les invita a atender la Misa y a recibir la Santa Eucaristia diario, para celebrar frecuentemente el sacramento de reconciliacion, hacer lecturas espirituales y trabajos de caridad. Se les suplica que pongan sus contribuciones

HORARIOS DE LAS MISAS EN EL CLAUSTRO

Si usted no puede atender nuestra Misa de las 8AM o 12:05PM, le informamos que puede tender a cualquiera de estas Iglesias del Claustro 72.

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| St. Patrick | 8:00 AM (Jueves y Viernes) 12:05 PM (Martes y Miercoles) |
| St. Paul | 8:00 AM (Lunes – Viernes) |
| Epiphany | 8:30 AM (Lunes - Viernes) |
| St. Francis | 8:00 AM (Lunes – Sabado) |
| St. Titus | 8:45 AM (Lunes – Miercoles - Viernes) [Martes 6:30PM] |
| Visitation | 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM y 12:00 PM (Lunes – Viernes); (Sabado 7PM – 8AM) |
| St. Helena | 6:30 AM (Martes – Miercoles – Jueves);9:00 AM (Lunes - Sabado) |
| Holy Saviour | 8:00 AM (Holy Saviour Church) (Lunes – Sabado) 7:00 AM (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel- Plymouth) (Lunes – Viernes) |

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

3:30-4:30PM Confessions. 5:00PM Vigil Mass 7:00 PM Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Masses are celebrated at 10:00AM and 12:00PM (Spanish).
A Solemn Procession of the Palm will take place at the 10:00AM Mass.
Palm will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses as we
commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

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THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS HEARD DURING THE TRIDUUM.

+++THE EASTER TRIDUUM+++

HOLY THURSDAY --- APRIL 9

7:00PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper --(bilingual)

After Mass, you are invited to spend time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
- The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in our Chapel until **10:00PM**.

GOOD FRIDAY --- APRIL 10

9:00AM - Church will open. We hope you will come and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel.

12:00 Noon – Outdoor Stations of the Cross. Please join us as we walk the way of the cross. We will gather inside St. Patrick Church.

3:00PM – Memorial of the Lord's Passion and Death - This service consists of Three parts: The Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

7:00PM – Outdoor Stations of the Cross. Our Spanish community invites all to join them in walking the steps of Christ. Stations begin in Church.

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 11

8:00PM - The Easter Vigil (bilingual).

This is the holiest night of the year as we recall the mystery of our salvation.

The Liturgy consists of: The Service of Light,

The Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 12

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses will be celebrated at **10:00AM and 12:00PM (Spanish)**.

JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

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SERVICIOS DE LA SEMANA SANTA

DOMINGO DE RAMOS LA PASION DE NUESTRO SEÑOR

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SABADO, ABRIL 4

3:30-4:30PM Confesiones 5:00PM Misa Vespertina 7:00 PM Misa en Español

DOMINGO, ABRIL 5

Las Misas se celebraran a las 10:00AM y a las 12:00PM (Español)

La Procesion Solemne de las Palmas serà en la Misa de las 10:00AM

Las Palmas seràn bendecidas y distribuidas en todas las Misas, para conmemorar la entrada triunfante de nuestro Señor Jesus.

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NO HABRA CONFESIONES DURANTE EL TRIDUO DE LA SEMANA SANTA

†TRIDIUM DE LA SEMANA SANTA †

JUEVES SANTO, ABRIL 9

7:00PM - Misa de la Ultima Cena (Bilingue)

- Despues de la Misa, estàn invitados a acompañar al Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento
- El Santísimo Sacramento estarà reservado en la Capilla hasta las 10:00PM

VIERNES SANTO, ABRIL 10

- 9:00 AM** - La Parroquia abrirà sus puertas, esperamos que vengyan y oren ante el Santísimo Sacramento en la Capilla.
- 12:00 Noon** – **Estaciones de La Cruz.** [En Inglès] Por favor acompañenos a caminar con la Santa Cruz hasta renunirnos dentro de la Parroquia.
- 3:00 PM** – **La Pasion y Muerte del Señor** – Este servicio consiste en Tres partes: La Liturgia de la Palabra, Veneracion de la Cruz y la Santa Comunion.
- 7:00 PM** – **Via Crucis en vivo al aire libre.** La Comunidad Hispana los invita a acompañarlos; empezando en la Parroquia, dando la vuelta a la cuadra y regresamos a la Parroquia de San Patricio.

SABADO SANTO (SABADO DE GLORIA), ABRIL 11

8:00 PM - Misa Vespertina (Bilingue).

Esta es la Noche màs importante y Santa del año, cuando recordamos el misterio de nuestra Salvaciòn.

La Liturgia consiste en: El Servicio de Luz, La Liturgia de la Palabra, La Liturgia del Bauismo y la Liturgia de la Eucaristìa

ABRIL 12

DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Las Misas se celebraràn a las 10:00 y 12:00 PM en Español.

¡Jesus Està Vivo!

¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

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Lent, 2009

Dear Parishioner,

The peace of the Lord be with you and your family!

On Wednesday, **February 25th**, we once again begin the discipline of Lent. As the Church reminds us, "this season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter." Our "climb" is a time of intense preparation for us all.

During these days, our catechumens make their final preparations for baptism. Through study, prayer, and self-examination, they try to rid themselves of any obstacles that would stand in the way of receiving the new life in Christ, which will be showered upon them on Holy Saturday night.

Those of us who are already baptized use this time to reflect seriously on our Christian living: Do I follow Christ in all areas of my life? Do I try to let the Spirit of God-received at baptism - lead me in all my thoughts, words and actions? Have I been faithful to my baptismal promises to reject sin and live as a child of God? Where we see we have fallen short, we repent and start anew with God's grace.

The Church proposes three "tools" to help us on our climb:

1) PRAYER: We need to spend time with God if we truly want to know Him and experience His love. Try reading Scripture - especially Matthew, Mark, Luke & John - for 15 minutes a day. Talk to Jesus while in the car or waiting in line. Attend daily Mass at Saint Patrick's at 8:00 AM (Thursday and Friday) and at 12:05 Noon (Tuesday and Wednesday). Rest in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday from 12:00 PM until after the Stations of the Cross at 7PM. Please come and pray with us.

2) FASTING: We limit ourselves to one meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We abstain from meat every Friday. Why? Fasting and abstaining purifies us, unites us with the hungry of the world, and reminds us of the deepest hunger of the heart: God's love. Also, by abstaining from good things, we hope to develop the discipline to abstain from temptation and sin.

3) ALMSGIVING: Reaching out to those in need is a concrete way to show our love for God and neighbor. Our parish will once again participate in Operation Rice Bowl. We ask all to cooperate. The money saved by having a simple sacrificial dinnertime meal once a week can be put in the poor boxes of the Church.

So, friends, our Easter preparations are filled with opportunities to renew our baptismal life. We will support each other as we "climb" **towards Easter, so that on April 12, we can truly celebrate** the new life given us by Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend William S. Murphy
Pastor