

Dear Friends,

Lent arrives on March 6th! As you prepare for Lent, "the season of love," I offer a few points to keep in mind:

- Lent is communal. While personal sorrow and repentance is appropriate, the season is not about personal endurance, diet or discipline. We pray with and for each other, especially for those joining the Church at Easter.
- The goal of Lent is not just Easter on April 21, 2019, our ultimate goal is deeper communion with the Lord and others. The penances we embrace should therefore be something that would have continuing relevance in our lives long after Lent ceases. For instance, consider a penance that would help you to be more spiritually free, loving and generous.
- Lent is a time to deepen our sacramental communion with the Lord and each other. At Easter we will renew our Baptismal vows. A good way to prepare for that moment would be to participate in my four Sunday afternoon presentations the first four Sundays of Lent (March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st). The Sunday presentations on Conversion will also be livestreamed and accessible through our homepage. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm and is preceded by our annual benefit

Soup Supper. On Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, besides our normal 8:00 am Mass, there is an additional 12:00 noon Mass and after the Wednesday Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00 pm.

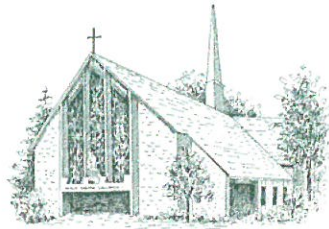
- A very important part of Lent is Almsgiving: we pray and fast so as to be evermore aware of the hunger and thirst of the world. Enclosed with this trifold is material about our 2019 Lenten charity.

Finally, my own Lenten Penance will be to pray more explicitly for each of you and the many people of the world who are suffering. More and more, I realize my closeness to Christ necessarily requires a sincere, intentional love of every member of His Body. With prayerful wishes, I remain,

Your brother in the Lord,



Msgr. John P. Zenz
Pastor, Holy Name Church



Ash Wednesday Masses

March 6th

9:30 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm – Church

Weekday Masses

8:00 am Monday through Saturday – Chapel

12:00 pm Wednesday & Friday – Chapel

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays 12:30 pm – 6:00 pm

followed by Holy Hour 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Excluding Ash Wednesday

Msgr. Zenz' Lenten Series on Conversion

March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross Taize Service

Thursday, March 14th 7:00 pm – Chapel

Anointing of the Sick

All weekend Masses March 16th/17th

Benefit Soup Supper

Tuesday, April 16th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Communal Penance Service

with individual absolution

Tuesday, April 16th 7:00 pm

Renewing our Conversion in Christ: Reading the Icon of the Baptism of the Lord

Sr. Nancy Smith, IHM

Sunday, April 7th 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 18th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 19th

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Liturgy of the Day, Veneration and Communion
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 20th

Blessing of Food Baskets 1:30 pm – Chapel

Vigil Mass of the Resurrection 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday Masses, April 21st

8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm

Six Week Lenten Challenge

During Lent the Scriptures raise challenges each week for us:

1. Instead of starting Lent with my own agenda, pray that I might desire what God wants for me!
2. What's "out of alignment" in my life?
3. Why do I keep comparing myself to others?
4. What brings me spiritual joy?
5. Christ became more and more passive, accepting all with love. Can I do the same?
6. Meditate on Christ's mercy. Accept it as I need it. Try to be merciful to others.