

From the Pastor's Desk

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. HEBREWS 5:7-9



Today we are just one week away from Palm Sunday. It is hard to believe, isn't it? As we enter into these last 10 days or so before we begin the Sacred Triduum, why not recommit oneself to those Lenten actions of identifying more closely to Christ in our fasting, abstinence and almsgiving and Lenten practices we started on Ash Wednesday. Our Lord "learned obedience from what he suffered" can we not unite our inconveniences and our penance to our Savior? We can walk with Him to Calvary which will help us to go with Mary Magdalene and Peter and John to the tomb. How Blessed we are to be loved by our God! Let us enter more fully into Christ's death and Resurrection.

Lenten Journey 2018

Lenten Practices

We abstain from meat Fridays of Lent from age 18 and over. Good Friday is also a day of Fasting with two lighter meals or only one full meal, for Catholics from their 14th to their 59th year, inclusive.

Our Lenten MITE Boxes are a wonderful way to help those in need. Almsgiving is one of our Lenten practices. Two-thirds of the alms will be given to our Food Pantry which aids the poor and those who need a helping hand at this time in our own community. The other third will go to Catholic Relief Services which will aid those suffering around the world. On behalf of those in need of food, who may need a helping hand (out of work, family illness) in our parish and those in need around the world we say, "Thank you, so much!" What a great example of Lenten almsgiving!

The Holy Week schedule of Services is published. Please put it on your refrigerator or bulletin board for handy reference.

Around the Parish

Memorials

There are opportunities to memorialize loved ones here at Saint Rosalie's Church. We have been very cost conscious in using the vestments we have since I arrived in 2010. Sometimes we priests are given vestments from our ordinations which we also use. With that said, it would be great to add a couple of new vestments. Something lasting and fitting for the Liturgy with some durability might cost between \$600- \$900. Perhaps you would like to memorialize a loved one with a chasuble or dalmatic, the outer vestments that priests and deacons wear. Or even make a half donation. Please call the parish office or email me at fatherems@optonline.net if interested. Other items which could be memorialized include: Paschal Candle for \$200-\$300 as well as other opportunities. If interested, please see Father Ed or call Linda.

Our Annual Soup Supper

This event will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at 6 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Come join your fellow parishioners for a Soup Supper on Wednesday of Holy week, call our office so we can add another cup of water to the many delicious home-made soups for reservations.

Re-opening of St. Rosalie's, East Quogue

We will reopen on Palm Sunday, March 25. Every year the 9 a.m. Mass is celebrated in East Quogue from Palm Sunday through New Year's. If you're in East Quogue, join us for the 9 a.m. Mass. The 10:15 a.m. summer Mass is added every July through Labor Day Weekend Sunday.

Save the dates

Soup Supper, March 28; Stations of the Cross Friday, March 23; Easter Triduum March 29, 30 and 31; Easter Sunday, April 1.

*With Prayers for a Blessed Holy Week,
Father Ed*