

**THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. COLUMBKILL  
BOYERTOWN, PA**

**LENTEN SCHEDULE 2023**

“Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within me....”

Psalms 51:10



**ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, 2023**

The mark of ashes on our foreheads reminds us of our sinfulness and need for repentance and God’s mercy and forgiveness.

The Blessing and Distribution of Ashes will take place during the 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM Masses. Also, at 12:00 noon and 4:30 PM there will be a Liturgy of the Word Service and distribution of Ashes.

**DAILY MASS**

One of the most powerful sources of grace is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Plan to attend at least one (1) Mass in addition to Sunday Mass.

**DAILY MASS AT ST. COLUMBKILL**

9:00 AM ~ Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
7:00 PM ~ Tuesday and Thursday

**THE MOST HOLY ROSARY**

Recited daily prior to Mass

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

First Monday of the month following Mass

**SACRED HEART NOVENA**

First Friday of the month following Mass

We are including the Lenten Mass Schedule for Most Blessed Sacrament Parish to help you find a time convenient to your schedule:

8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday as well as the first Saturday of the month.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Not many of us can easily make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This ancient devotion of the Church allows us to spiritually walk in Jesus’ footsteps and reflect on His Passion and Death. The version of prayers we use is a particularly moving and wonderful experience that speaks to us in the language of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Make it a family event! Every Friday during Lent - 7:00 PM.

**SIMPLE SUPPERS**

Several groups will be hosting the “Simple Supper” in Quinn Hall on the Fridays in Lent:

March 3<sup>rd</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**(Watch the Bulletin and flocknotes for details)**

*“Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within me....” Psalm 51:10*

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance; it is a season for reflection and taking stock. Since the earliest days of the Church it is a preparatory time for Easter when we rededicate ourselves and converts to the Faith are instructed and received in Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

We are called to imitate Jesus’ withdrawal into the desert for forty days through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our prayer is that you will avail yourself of these spiritual opportunities to enrich your faith.....many blessings will follow!

*A holy and happy Lent!*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**(Confession)**

**Palm Sunday,**  
**April 2, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

**Saturdays 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM**  
**By Appointment: Call (610)367-2371**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK THE  
WEEKLY BULLETIN OR THE PARISH  
WEBSITE AT**

**[WWW.STCOLUMBKILL.ORG](http://WWW.STCOLUMBKILL.ORG) OR  
THE PARISH OFFICE AT 610-367-2371**



**CATHOLIC GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN  
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

**Who must fast?** All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**What does fasting mean?** The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one (1) full meal on the day of the fast. Two (2) smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength as one’s needs require.

**Who must abstain?** All Catholics who are 14 and older must abstain from meat and meat products on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

**What does abstinence mean?** The law of abstinence forbids eating meat and meat products. Voluntary Abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance, e.g. smoking, snacks, TV/movies, computer/video games, etc.

**What other obligations must we fulfill?** Anyone conscious of serious sin is reminded of the obligation to make a good confession at least once a year. In addition, all Catholics are required to fulfill what has come to be known as “Easter Duty”- to go to Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.