FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 5, 2017

Monday	Mar 6	9:00 am	Moria Quint, R.I.P.
Monday	Mar 6	3:00-10:00pm	Adoration
Tuesday	Mar 7	9:00 am	For the Parish
Wednesday	Mar 8	9:00 am	Mary Jane Dereszynski, Special Intention
Thursday	Mar 9	9:00 am	For the Parish
Friday	Mar 10	9:00 am	Christopher Houlihan, R.I.P.
Saturday	Mar 11	5:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Lent
Sunday	Mar 12	9:30 am	2nd Sunday of Lent



PLEASE REMEMBER

in your prayers
Bill Mitchell, Colleen Henling,
Matt De Cample, Jack MacIntyre,
June Butler, Joseph Watunu, Helen
Naughton, Ijeoma Opara, Dom Finocchio,
Jamie Gibson, Collette & David Swan, and
the patients at Seattle Children's Hospital.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

3:00-10:00pm—Adoration <u>Tuesday</u>

6:30pm—Religious Ed/Sac Prep Classes <u>Wednesday</u>

7:00pm—RCIA—Prep for Rite of Election 7:00pm—Choir Practice Saturday

9:00am—Communion Service



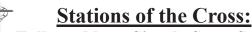
RCIA Schedule:

March 8: Prep for Rite of Election March 9: Rite of Election March 15: The Meaning of Holy Week (Meets on Wednesday's at 7 pm) In the Conference Room.

Please pray for Susan Brazier a long time founding parishioner who passed away recently. We offer our sympathy to her family and ask the Lord to take her to Himself forever.

LENT AT ST. BRIDGET'S

<u>Daily Mass:</u> Monday—Friday <u>9:00am</u> in the Chapel during Lent



Followed by a Simple Soup Supper)

MARCH 15th—(Wednesday) - 5:30pm MARCH 29th—(Wednesday) - 5:30pm APRIL 5th— (Wednesday) - 5:30pm

Rice Bowls Lenten Stewardship

Part of Lenten preparation includes alms giving (i.e. giving of money to help those who are less fortunate than oneself.)

Rice Bowls are a longstanding tradition with collections sent to CRS for use throughout the world.

Rice Bowls allows each of us to effectively participate in giving, by collection our coins and filling up the rice bowl over the 40 days of Lent. One suggestion is to include the difference of what you would save not eating meat on days of abstinence and add in the amount you would have spend on food on days of fasting as well. Actively gathering money and placing it in a bowl provides great opportunities to share the

bowl provides great opportunities to share the importance of stewardship—helping those in need especially for families with children.

(Pick up a Rice Bowl today at the entrance of the church)

"The Oak Tree"

A mighty wind blew night and day. It stole the oak tree's leaves away. Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark Until the oak was tired and stark. But still the oak tree held its ground. While other trees fell all around.

The weary wind gave up and spoke "How can you still be standing, Oak?" The oak tree said, "I know that you Can break each branch of mine in two, Carry every limbs, and make me sway.

But I have ROOTS stretched in the earth, Growing stronger since my birth. You'll never touch them, for you see, They are the deepest part of me. Until today, I wasn't sure Of just how much I could endure. But now I've found, with thanks to you, I'm stronger than I ever knew.

(An Lenten reading: The poem Fr. Ritter read on Ash Wednesday,)

Namitembo Trip Donation Request

A group of us are going to our sister parish, Namitembo, Malawi for 3 weeks in May, 2017. We will be meeting with the new pastor, Fr. Henry, and the bishop of Zomba Diocese.



Our plan is to go to many of the schools/churches, greet the folks/pray with them at the masses. There are 7 outchurches, and 72 small Christian communities.

We would like to bring some donations to support the local families. **NEED:**

- toothbrushes
- reading glasses, new only or very lightly used
- gently used running shoes
- pencils, school supplies
- LAPTOPS, used, 3-5 years old, PC only. Will be wiped clean here!
- memory sticks, 32gb

DEADLINE for donations----April 12, WED.

Box will be in narthex for all donations. Please email or call if you have a laptop!!

We THANK YOU for all your prayers and support over the years!

Questions or comments?

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Faith Formation

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD (CLOW): Every Sunday in the Parish Social Hall classroom B, open at 9:20am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Classes on Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. No classes on April 11 and 25th. Grades 6-8's once a month Religious Education class March 28th from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

First Eucharist retreat is on March 7 at 6:30 pm, children are to bring their text materials for chapters 1-5 in their folders.

SAVE THE DATE for SOCIAL JUSTICE Catholic Advocacy Day 2017

Join hundreds of other Catholic advocates from across the state for Catholic Advocacy Day (CAD), Thursday, March 16, 2017, in Olympia, Washington. To register go to: www.ipjc.org or call (206) 223 1138. Your early registration helps ensure you get a meeting with your legislators and a spot on one of the CAD buses. Please register by February 24.

Join a St. Bridget carpool by contacting parishioner, Pete Wickstrand, pwickstrand@msn.com

The day will include: Briefings on legislative issues and stories of how you advocacy makes a difference, Mass, Appointments with legislators

Catholic Advocacy Day is sponsored by the Washington State Catholic Conference, Archdiocese of Seattle, Catholic Community Services, Catholic Housing Services, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, Pierce County Deanery, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Remember to Spring Forward!

March 12th we spring forward an hour into Daylight Savings Time.

BEREAVED PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



Meets Monday, March 20th: 7pm in the Youth Room Questions—Call Liz @ 523-9748

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Eucharistic Adoration from 3pm-10pm on Mondays Please feel welcome to come into the chapel for a Holy Hour or for just a few minutes of prayer.

Questions call Judy Curran, 206-999-5399