



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
February 22, 2026

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### **Daily Mass Schedule:**

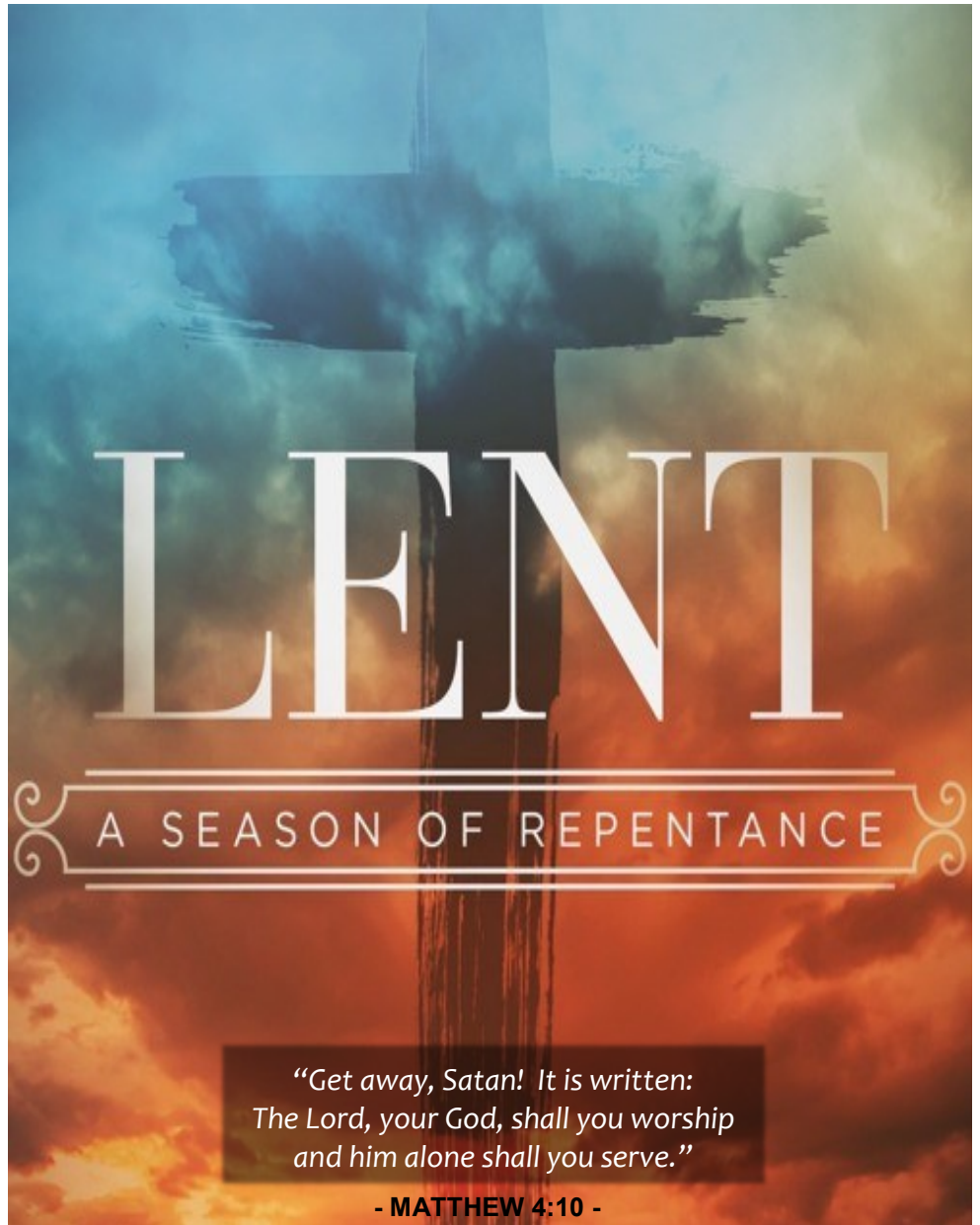
Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm SPP  
Friday 9:00am - at Brookfield/Matelyn

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office



## **LENTEN PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

*Wednesday, February 25th, 2026*

7:00PM

AT STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

## Liturgical Ministry Directors

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## Tri-Parish Media

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St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell  
 St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

### My Parish App:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

## Prayer Chain Contacts

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## Youth Religious Ed. Classes

Preschool thru 4th Grades:

Sundays 9:00am – 10:00am

5th thru 11th Grades:

Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Classes held at SPP

Parish Life Center classrooms

(Confirmation Class at Bed Head Coffee)

## Ministry Schedule

### FEBRUARY 28TH & MARCH 1ST

#### SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

**MUSIC:** Julie Dush

**GREET:** Rick & Misty Fowler Family

**LECTOR:** Glen Killion

**EM:** Julie Baquet / Danielle Miller

**S:** Peyton Reilly / Avery Svoboda

#### SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

**MUSIC:** Thede Family

**GREET:** Travis & Trish Hedman /

Larry & Jeanne Happ

**LECTOR:** Larry Happ

**EM:** Tonya Anderson / Crissy Bader

**S:** Reed & Henry Coufal

#### SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

**MUSIC:** Sherry & Andrea

**GREET:** 4th Grade Religious Ed. Class

**LECTOR:** Sarah Townsend

**EM:** Kevin & Tami Reilly /

Matt & Ann Rief

**SERVE:** 4th Grade Religious Ed. Class

## First Sunday of Lent

### NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

A few days ago we began Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for making resolutions. What is it that I want to give up? What is it that I want to do? Sacrifices can be made in many different ways. Our church suggests two ways: fasting and abstaining.

There are two fast and abstinence days during Lent – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence means that we do not eat meat on that day. Fast means that we eat one full meal and one moderate meal. It also means 'no solid food between meals.' Everyone 14 years or older, is obliged to abstain from meat. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 is obliged to fast.

Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence. That means 'Fridays without meat.' This regulation was intended to be a sacrifice. With all the delicious fish meals we wonder if Fridays without meat is any sacrifice at all. Those folks living near the ocean are not making much of a sacrifice as they eat lobster instead of steak. There are times when the faithful can excuse themselves from abstinence. However, it must be a serious reason. Perhaps, we can say that a wedding rehearsal dinner is a serious reason to permit meat on Lenten Fridays. In most cases there are many non-Catholics present at the dinner. I don't think the non-Catholic folks would appreciate us Catholics imposing our regulations upon them.

Catholics are expected to do penance during this season of Lent. Some give up favorite foods or drinks. Others perform charitable acts. There are those who increase their devotion or prayer. Some attend daily Mass. *No one is excused from doing something extra during Lent.* Plus, it is very important that we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

No matter who we are, no matter our profession or position in life, no matter what political party we endorse, no matter what religion we profess, no one is excused from being compassionate. Christ reached out to the poor, the widows, the suffering and the dying, the lepers and the crippled. As Disciples of Christ, we too must imitate our leader.

Here is a story of compassion. As Mayor of New York, Fiorello La Guardia liked to keep in touch with all the various departments under him. Often he would fill in for the department heads of officeholders as a way of understanding what that person was experiencing.

One time he chose to preside over Night Court. It was a cold winter night and a trembling man was brought before him. The man was charged with stealing a loaf of bread. His family, he said, was starving. "I have to punish you," declared La Guardia. "There can be no exceptions to the law. I fine you ten dollars." As he said this, however, The Little Flower was reaching into his own pocket for the money. He tossed a bill into his famous sombrero. He said, "Here's the ten dollars to pay your fine – which I now remit. "Furthermore," he declared, "I'm going to fine everybody in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a city where a man has to steal bread in order to eat. Mr. Bailiff collect the fines and give them to the defender! The hat was passed and the incredulous man, with a smile on his face, left the courtroom with a stake of \$47.50.

*J. Vincent P. Larosa*

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, February 23

No Daily Mass

OCIA 6pm (PLC Classroom)

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

### Tuesday, February 24

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Rose Marie Olsufka

By Bob & Patty Krzycki

### Wednesday, February 25

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Theophil & Kate Bydalek

By Bob & Patty Krzycki

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7pm (SPP)

Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (attend service)



### Thursday, February 26

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Mary Kusek

By Nancy Psota

Men's Lenten Bible Study 6pm (PLC)

### Friday, February 27

Daily Mass 9:00am (*Matelyn*)

Intention: Dedic Family

By Kenny & Sharon Tibbetts

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30pm (SPP)

### Saturday, February 28

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Jeff Welch By Family

Aurora Peters Baptism 6pm (SPP)

### Sunday, March 1

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)

Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †John Wroblewski

By Jim & Judy Rose & Family

Axel Samuelson Baptism 11am (SPP)

Ray Lukasiewicz Baptism 12pm (SA)

In preparation for Lent Reconciliation, let us pray as a family...

## Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having Offended You,  
and I detest all my sins, because I dread  
the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all,  
because they offend You, my God,  
who are all good and deserving of all my love.  
I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace,  
to confess my sins, to do penance,  
and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

### Tri-Parish Events & News

#### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - every Friday during Lent, 5:30pm at Sts. Peter & Paul, with exception of March 27, will be 7pm at St. Anthony
- ◆ **RECONCILIATION** - Parish Penance Service will be Wednesday, February 25th at 7pm Sts. Peter & Paul Church with several Priests available to hear confessions.
- ◆ **MENS LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - "No Greater Love" 6pm on Thursdays during Lent at PLC
- ◆ **THEOLOGY ON TAP** - "Bother the Fathers" - Q & A with Fr. Buhrman & Fr. Parsons on Thursday, March 12th, 7pm, Loup River Distillery. Everyone is Welcome!
- ◆ **THE WORD AMONG US** - Book of Catholic Mass & Daily Meditations in back of Church

#### Happy Birthday Wishes

Father Vince's Birthday will be on Thursday, February 26th... he will be turning 29 (again) this year! May the Good Lord Bless him with a wonderful day!

#### CRS RICE BOWLS

Look inside your Lenten Rice bowls for daily activity ideas and meatless recipes.

#### NEXT FISH FRY

March 6th, 5-7pm at the Parish Life Center. Please sign up to help on the forms in back of Church.

#### CCW SPRING BASKETS

All are welcome to bring a themed basket to be raffled off at the Palm Sunday breakfast on March 29th! Religious Ed. classes are invited to participate as well as any groups willing to put one together! Please drop baskets off at the Parish Office or give to a CCW member to bring. A list of items and an approximate cost are helpful.

#### ANNE ALT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are accepted from now thru April 15th, 2026. See our Parish website for information & the application.

#### With Gratitude

Abundant thanks to Kevin & Tami Reilly for their donation of grain sales proceeds to Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Your generosity is much appreciated!

### Area Events & News

#### TACO 'BOUT A FISH FRY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
5:00 - 7:00pm St. Mary's  
408 West 11th Wood River  
Beer battered Pollock - can make into a taco, Mexican Fried Rice, Fresh Pico de Gallo, Corn, Hash Browns, Sides, Desserts, & Drinks  
Tickets: Adults \$15 & 10/under \$10

#### LENTEN BROWN BAG TALKS

St. Mary's Cathedral Square, 12-1pm  
Bring sack lunch, drinks provided  
**Feb 25** - Sacrifice & the Mass by Deacon Matt Lonneman  
**March 4** - Where Your Selfishness Comes from by Fr. Charles Torpey  
**March 11** - Understanding Suffering's Purpose by Bp. Hanefeldt  
**March 18** - Journeying with Christ



This devotion emphasizes the importance of family life & the virtues exemplified by Jesus, Mary, & Joseph.



The Knights of Columbus presented the **Family of the Month** award for February 2026 to Bernard & JoAnn Danczak!

#### Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
February 9 - 15, 2026

#### The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$240.00
St. Joseph	\$160.00

#### The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$4414.50
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1706.80
Maintenance	\$5.00
Parish Life Center	\$255.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$385.00

#### FEBRUARY Totals as of 2/15/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$27683.51
Online General Fund	\$4272.40
Monthly <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$11955.91</b>

#### Special Collections

DIOCESE for January - Latin America \$50  
DIOCESE February - Eastern Europe \$10

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