

Ministers of the Liturgy February 13 & 14, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Karen Hebert (L), Flora Maria Be, Marian Quigley, Patrick C. McKinney, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Hubert LaBorde, George Spaulding, Rose Marie Greco Federico, Elvera (Sissy) Youngblood, Joseph Segari
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. Hartdegan, D. Martin
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Don Rowan, Sr.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. Klapatch, R. Theriot, C. & R. Ayers
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Mary Comberrel, Thomas Prunty, Joseph Donald Bernard, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Ryan Vignes, Marian Quigley, Olga Claiborne, Hilton F. Daigle, Jr. D.J. (Budd) Olistter, Jr.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
P. & R. Serio, J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
L. Daigle, B. David
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (2/15-19)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Ray Dunn
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	M/M George Simno, Jr.
	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention (L)
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention
	8:20 a.m.	Isabella Forsythe
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Thelma Conrad
	5:30 p.m.	Sheila Barry
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Paul LaRocca, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Thanks to Bl. Virgin Mary



Lenten Masses and Devotionals

For our complete Lenten Schedule visit:
www.stbenilde.org/lent

Save the Date

On Saturday, **February 27**, men and women are invited to join the St. Benilde Rosary and Altar Society for its annual **Morning of Reflection**. The presenter this year will be the Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D., Rector/President of Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology. The program will start with the recitation of the Rosary at **8:30 a.m.**, followed by Mass. Then a coffee and donut breakfast will be provided by the Rosary and Altar Society in the school library. Fr. Wehner will start his presentations at 10:30 a.m. The morning will end at approximately **12 noon**. Please contact Anita at 504-835-3119 or Kay at 504-834-7908 to let us know if you plan to attend.

Couples Retreat

A Willwoods Married Couples Retreat is planned for March 5-6, at the St. Joseph Abbey's Christian Life Center in Covington. To register or for more information, please call Jason Angelette at 504-830-3716. Suggested donation of \$275 is requested by not required. A pre-registration deposit of \$50 is part of the donation.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Feb. 20/21

4 p.m.	J. Rodosta, L. Segari
9 a.m.	J. & G. Rojas, D. Childers, B. O'Hara
11 a.m.	K. & M. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters
6 p.m.	M. Drawe, D. Powers



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Dianne Z. Harrison



Altar Ladies

Week of February 14
B. O'Hara, J. Didier

Linens

Large - Y. Morise *Small* - C. Ayers

Last Week's Collection

Totals unavailable due to early bulletin deadline.

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Lenten Message 2016

When I was a boy growing up in a Catholic family, Lent was a big deal. Ash Wednesday was the beginning of a special time of the year unlike any other. My grandmother, like her Sicilian mother before her, would make a feast for Fat Tuesday – clearing out kitchen cabinets and the refrigerator to make way for the forty days of sacrifice and penance that stretched out ahead of us.

All of us in the family had to make the “big decision” by that Tuesday ... what were we going to “give up” for Lent? No matter what we chose, candy or soft drinks or desserts, the point was always clear: we had to make a sacrifice during Lent and we had to stick to it until Easter! Add to that the required fasting and abstinence, and you know what? We survived. Lent did not kill any of us.

As with so many traditions in the Church, Lent evolved over the years. People began to emphasize more “giving” rather than “giving up.” The sober and serious tone of the forty days of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, became lighter and less intense. Sure, the Church continued to accent the penitential nature of Lent but it did so in different ways, stressing things that were more positive rather than negative. The obligation to sacrifice something ceased to be the first or most immediate item on the Lenten agenda.

I am a great believer in the “both/and” rather than the “either/or” approach to life. And, so, for me Lent is a holy season of penance when I feel called, as a Catholic, by the very nature and purpose of Lent, to both “give up” and to “give” something. In my own prayer and reflection as your pastor, I recognize my responsibility to guide the faithful of St. Benilde Parish in living out our Christian life in pursuit of holiness. Lent is a time to intensify the pursuit of holiness as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s own, passion, death and resurrection, the central mysteries of our Catholic faith. And, so, together let us focus our attention on the call to holiness that is at the heart of our Lenten journey and at the heart of our life’s journey.

That is a strong motivation to give Lent, and the growth in holiness it offers, our best shot. Yes, “giving up” something and making sacrifices are an important part of the Lenten experience in the Church but if they do not lead us to deeper holiness, a closer, life-altering identification with Jesus Christ and His Gospel, they are empty gestures. It’s like going on a diet for a short while. We’ll lose some weight for sure but if we don’t make up our minds to change our eating behaviors or if we lose our motivation, the weight will only return.

In addition, the other part of the Lenten “both/and” equation — giving something — needs to be addressed. As with sacrifice and penance, our Lenten “giving” must lead us to holiness in Jesus Christ. He is the reason why we give. It is His face we see in the face of others. “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me” (Matthew 25: 40).

I would like to offer a thought on something that can bring the “both/and” of Lent together for us and that is the gift of time – giving up my time so that I can give my time to others and grow in holiness.

First, give time to God. Slow it all down and make time for God in prayer. Who could be more important than making time for the One who created us, who loves us, who cares for us every moment of the day, who promised to be “with us all days” (Matthew 28:20), who will call us home after this life is done? I mean, really. I can make time for just about anything else. Why can’t I find time for God?

Second, give time to others. Everyone is busy. Everyone has things to do. But everything that we are in life, everything that we have in life bears the “fingerprints” of someone else – our parents; our children; our friends; our neighbors; our co-workers. Do we give them enough time? Could they use or do they really need just a little bit more time?

Whatever Lenten sacrifice you are led to embrace this year, I hope it is a sacrifice that leads you into deeper appreciation of the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, and God’s love for you.

May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ abound in your life throughout this season of Lent. (*Full article on frcooper.info*)

In His service and for His love,

Fr. Cooper

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Attention couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016. The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 5, at 3 p.m., at St. Philip Neri Church, 5500 Kawanee Ave. **You must register through the Parish Office by Monday, Feb. 15.**

St. Catherine of Siena Reunion

The St. Catherine of Siena Class of 1959 is planning a reunion. They are in the process of gathering contact information for fellow students and announcing a 56th Reunion to be held on April 2, 2016. For more information, please contact either Jeff Zimmermann at 504-615-2659, djeffzimmermann@aol.com; or Sharon Richard Heintz at 504-491-2154.

Fish Fry

The Men's Club **Fish Fry** is this **Friday, Feb. 19**, from **5:30 to 8 p.m.** in the cafeteria. The new, expanded menu includes a soft shell crab plate, fish taco, and Thai Shrimp taco! Pre-sale tickets for adult fish plate - \$10 (\$11 at the door), child fish plate - \$6 (\$7 at the door), soft shell crab plate - \$11 (\$12 at the door) and grilled redfish with shrimp cream sauce - \$11 (\$12 at the door). Corn and crab bisque, seafood gumbo and pizza are also on the menu.