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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 7:30pm
Saturday : 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Parish Office is located at:

St. Patrick Church
1046 E. 34th St.
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Saint Blaise Blessing (blessing of the throats) will be available after Mass on Sunday February 4

Excerpt from "MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017"

"The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts", to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

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Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016

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Ash Wednesday is February 14

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

Please contact Monika Mohos before or after Sunday Mass for any Mass intentions you would like to request.

You may also contact her by phone at:

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Parish Calendar for February 2018

February 4, Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – green

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9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe
~ Open ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise
Wilma Emmi Déri (deceased)
Attila and Mária Kiss (both deceased)
János Béres (deceased)



The faithful
Xénia Nagy
The Mohos family

February 11, Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – green

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe
~ Open ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise
Piroska Mohos (deceased)
For the elderly of our parish

The Mohos family
A faithful parishioner

February 14, Wednesday – Ash Wednesday – violet

No Services – All are encouraged to visit their local parish for Ash Wednesday services.

February 18, Sunday – First Sunday of Lent – violet

Ashes will be available after Mass for those who could not attend Ash Wednesday services.

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe
Andreas, Franziska and Philip Birgel (deceased)

The faithful

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise
The deceased members of the Dukay and
Nagy families
Mária Simon (deceased)

Xénia Nagy

Mária Juhász

February 25, Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent – violet

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe
Johann „Johnny” Weiss (deceased)

A friend

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise
Attila and Ildikó Samay (both deceased)

The Samay family

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday

"Dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return."
Genesis 3:19

"Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return
to the Lord, your God." Joel 2:13

The liturgical use of ashes originated in the Old Testament times. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality and penance. In the Book of Esther, Mordecai put on sackcloth and ashes when he heard of the decree of King Ahasuerus to kill all of the Jewish people in the Persian Empire. Job repented in sackcloth and ashes. Prophesying the Babylonian captivity of Jerusalem, Daniel wrote, "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes".

Jesus made reference to ashes, "If the miracles worked in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have reformed in sackcloth and ashes long ago".

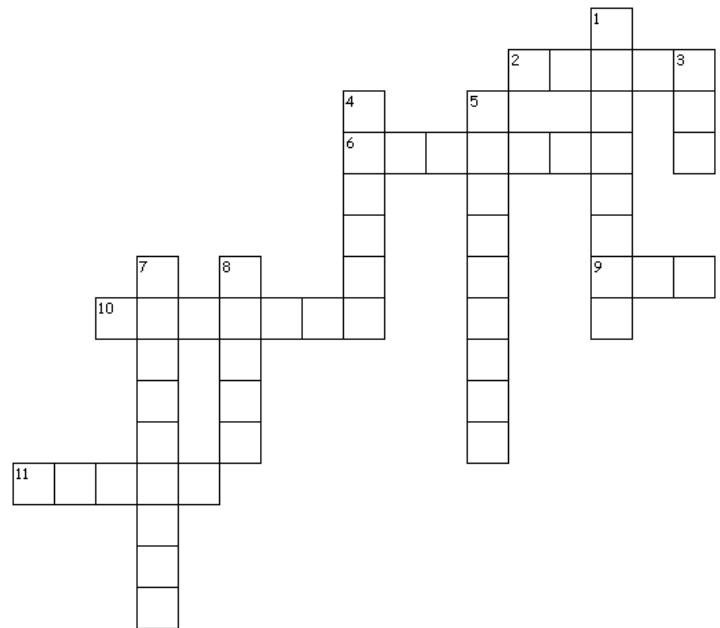
In the Middle Ages, the priest would bless the dying person with holy water, saying, "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return."

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Find this month's vocabulary words in the puzzle above.

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| ASH | BLESS | CAPTIVITY |
| CROSS | EMPIRE | FOREHEAD |
| MIRACLE | MOURNING | PENANCE |
| SIN | WATER | WEDNESDAY |

The Church adapted the use of ashes to mark the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, when we remember our mortality and mourn for our sins. In our present liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, man you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven.



Fill in the puzzle with the vocabulary words using the German and Hungarian translations as clues.

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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u> |
| 2. KREUZ-KERESZT | 1. STIRN-HOMLOK |
| 6. WUNDER-CSODA | 3. SÜNDE-BŰN |
| 9. ASCHE-HAMU | 4. REICH-BIRODALOM |
| 10. BUSSE-BŰNBÁNAT | 5. GEFANGENSCHAFT-FOGSÁG |
| 11. SEGGEN-ÁLDJA | 7. MITTWOCH-SZERDA |
| | 8. WASSER-VÍZ |