



St. Edward Catholic Church



A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust
120 St. Edward Lane, Herminie, PA 15637
A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday - no Wed. 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days - As listed in the bulletin

Confession - Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Baptism

Preparation Class. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. No baptisms during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor and arrange date at

least 1 year in advance. Attendance at

Marriage Prep. Program is required.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or

those who have not received all of the

Sacraments of Initiation should contact

the Faith Formation Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Communion calls to the sick and

homebound and those confined in nursing

homes are made regularly. Please notify

the Pastoral Minister in the Faith

Formation office.

CONTACT US:

Parish Office: 724-446-5197

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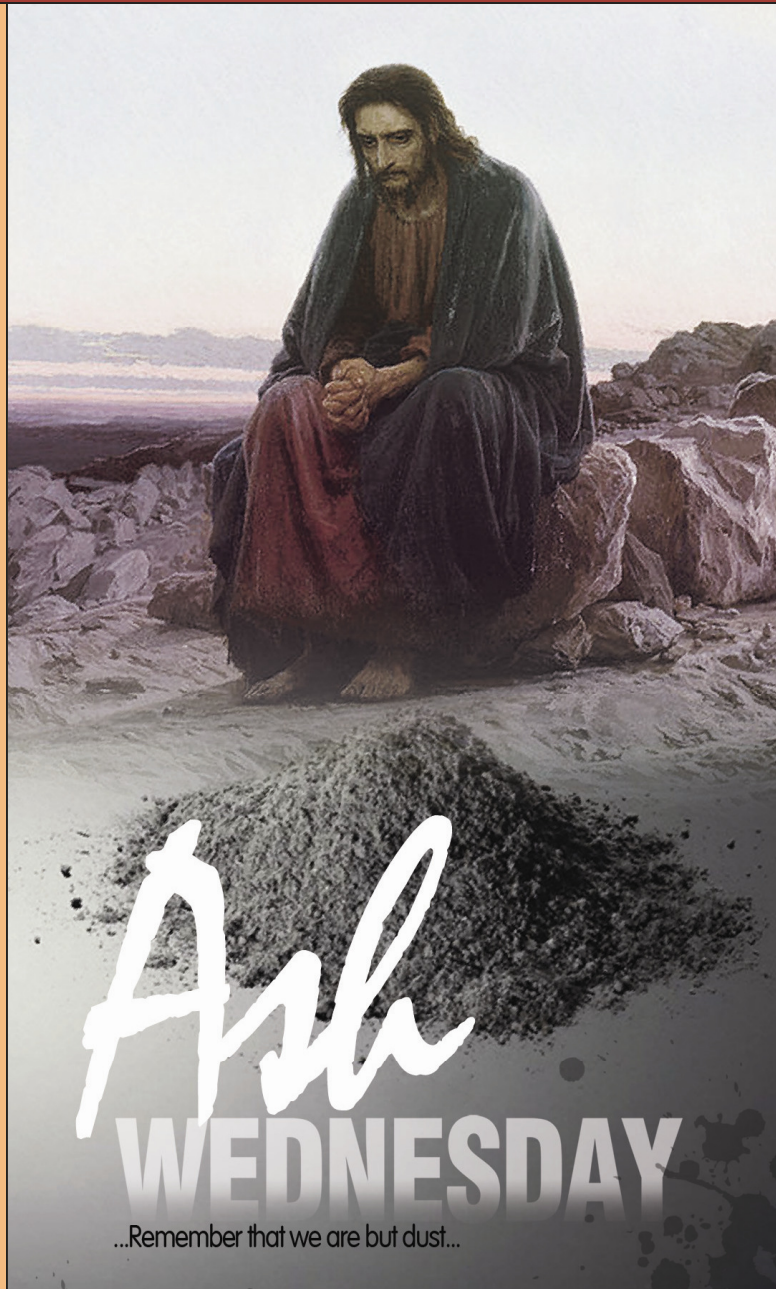
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Remember that we are but dust and ashes, yet by God's grace we have died

in Baptism and have put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Parish Mission Statement

We, of St. Edward, are a large parish family diverse in age, community and background. We are united by a shared Catholic faith, offering hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our baptismal commitment is continually renewed by living and proclaiming the word of God, through our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The proclaiming of our faith is found in our example and participation in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in Christ during our journey of a lifetime.



SAT: FEBRUARY 18
6:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish


SUN: FEBRUARY 19
9:00am † Dr. Amilcare Biancheria (Anni) (Altar & Rosary Society)
11:30am † Frank Royer (B.R.) (Deno & Dolly)

MON: FEBRUARY 20 - Presidents' Day
8:00am † Donald Andrewson (Anni) (Wife & Family)

TUE: FEBRUARY 21 - St. Peter Damian
8:00am † Pauline Kranitz & Sandra Gettemy (B.R.) (Krance Family)

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22

8:00am † William Gradisek (Carol Bazzo)
7:00pm † Barry Testa (Fran Nelson)



THU: FEBRUARY 23 - St. Polycarp
7:00pm † Ralph J. Vincent (B.R.) (Wife, Agnes)

FRI: FEBRUARY 24
8:00am † Mrs. Frances Shagday (B.R.) (Family)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SAT: FEBRUARY 25
6:00pm † Margaret & George Cantini (Anni) (Family)

SUN: FEBRUARY 26 - First Sunday of Lent
9:00am † Steve Sada (Anni) (Dippolito Family)
11:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
February 12, 2012

Adult Envelopes (244 donations out of 741 families)	\$6,392.00
Children's (48)	\$47.80
Loose	\$160.50
Monthly (17)	\$669.00
On-Line Giving (11)	\$541.00
Total	\$7,810.30
Amount budgeted for the week	\$9,241.00
Over / (Under)	-\$1,430.70
Eastern European Collection	\$599.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Have you taken any time lately to think about how truly good God has been to you? Do we generously give back to God in proportion to all the many blessings He has given to us?

TODAY'S READINGS FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: There is something liberating in the word we hear today: "remember not the . . . past" (Isaiah 43:18) — God is doing something new: that which was formerly considered barren becomes a place of life! The selection (and omission) of versus suggests that this something new is the people of Israel. Notice how they are described: "formed" (created) *for* God and to announce God's praise. But the people of Israel have failed in what they were to be about; they have wearied God rather than praised him. The "new" thing God is doing is to forget the sins of their past and form them anew. They are to be his own and to proclaim his praise.

*"Lord, heal my soul,
for I have sinned against you."*

SECOND READING: In the verses preceding today's text, Paul speaks of the afflictions he experiences in his ministry of proclaiming the Gospel. In addition, his plans to visit the community had to be cancelled. The Corinthians should not read this as disloyalty or ambivalence on his part. His word, his commitment to them, has always been "yes" — as was Jesus' response to this mission. Paul reiterates that his mission on their behalf is from God.

GOSPEL: Today's Gospel is one example from the New Testament where the relationship between sin and illness is evident. Jesus' ability to forgive sin is confirmed by the healing of the paralyzed man. Don't miss the significance of the faith of those who brought the man to Jesus — at what heights they went to so that their friend could come into Jesus' healing presence. It far exceeds the faith of the Pharisees — or even, at times, that of Jesus' disciples.



LENTEN REGULATIONS 2012

WEEKDAYS OF LENT: There is no obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. These may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass, spiritual studies, Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, saying the Rosary, deeds of mercy and kindness.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY: These are days of *Fast and Abstinence*. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods and snacks between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE: (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.



SEEK A PENITENT HEART

To choose sin is to reject Christ; to be ashamed to do what Christ commands, is to deny Christ; to do what Christ forbids, is, like Pilate, to condemn Christ.

When a Christian is guilty of willful deadly sin, we crucify Christ afresh, and put Him to an open shame. Is that what you would choose to do? This Lent choose instead to do what is pleasing to God, and avoid what you know will displease Him. This penitence and obedience will enlarge your faith, brighten your hopes and kindle your love.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at the 8:00am and 7:00pm Mass.

TO HELP YOU AS YOU JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

✝ LENTEN CALENDAR

Included in the bulletin today from Growing in Faith is a Lenten 2012 Calendar with everyday suggestions for this Lenten Season.

✝ LITTLE BLACK BOOK

As we begin preparation for the Lenten Season, "Little Black Book" are available after Masses this weekend. These six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent will guide you through Lent until Easter Sunday.

✝ SPECIAL LENTEN PAMPHLETS

On the bulletin table are free Lenten pamphlets entitled: How to observe Lent as a Catholic; The Way of the Cross with Pope Benedict XVI; How to Make a Good Confession; Lent with the Saints. These will help you as you reflect on the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Join us on Friday evenings at 7:00pm as we meditate upon the passion of Christ.

LENTEN EVENING MASS - Father John will offer an evening Mass each week during Lent on Thursday's at 7:00pm.

ADULT LENTEN FOLDERS - Parishioners will receive their Lenten Folders through the mail. We encourage our Adult parishioners to use the self-denial folders during Lent and to return them on Good Friday. Additional folders are available on the bulletin table.

OPERATION RICE BOWL - Our Religious Education students and Youth Ministry students will be participating in the Rice Bowl program making small weekly sacrifices for the poor and needy. Additional Rice Bowls will be available on the bulletin table for others who would like to participate in this program.

PENANCE SERVICES - Lenten Penance services will begin the week of March 26th. You may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday's at 4:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRESIDENTS' DAY - On Monday, February 20th, please join us for Mass at 8:00am as we pray for our nation's leaders during this difficult time in our country. May our prayers and words be merciful to them as they go first to prepare the way for us.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - In observance of Presidents' Day, classes will not be held on Monday, February 20th.

RCIA SESSION - Continues on Monday, February 20th at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

OLDIES DANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - Those interested in helping with the Oldies Dance scheduled for May 5th are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00pm in the meeting room. Information by calling Tony at 724-864-2086.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES - "Women in the Old Testament" continues on Wednesday, February 22nd at 9:30am in the parish meeting room.

PARISH CHOIR - Continues rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm in the church. New members are welcome!

PASTORAL COUNCIL - Will meet on Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30pm (following 7pm Mass) in the parish meeting room.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY - To Kitty Topolosky, our parish Faith Formation Director, whose daughter, Kristin Hetz of Washington, D.C., died recently. To Robert Hoinkes, of our parish, whose mother, Dorothy Hoinkes Blose, died recently. Remember them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS - To William (Smokey) & Joyce Faltz, of our parish, who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, February 22nd. God bless your marriage!

PEROGHI DELIVERY - Those who placed orders can pick them up next weekend, February 25/26 after all Masses in the Edwardian Hall Kitchen. For those who are unable to go down the steps to the kitchen, there will be volunteers in the church vestibule who will get your order for you.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL - Next weekend on the First Sunday of Lent, a second collection will be taken for the Catholic Home Missions. This Appeal supports and strengthens the Church here at home in the United States and our Sister-Diocese of Sicuaní, Peru. Your help will provide training for priests and lay persons in parishes that desperately need help attending to the unique needs of the faith communities. Your support can be an expression of your faith as we begin the holy season of Lent.

FIRST CONFESSION - Our parish children who have been preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation will receive their First Penance on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30pm. Families will enjoy a free dinner prior to the Sacrament at 5:30pm.

MADISON BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY! - A Pancake/Omelet Breakfast will be held this Sunday, February 19th from 10am - 1pm at the Madison Volunteer Fire Company. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 and free for children under 6. Each breakfast comes with bacon or sausage, Danish and beverage.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND TODAY ON A SEPARATE SHEET IN THE BULLETIN.

2012 DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL Sharing God's Gifts

As we begin our journey through the Holy Season of Lent, we are called to reflect on our blessings in this time of renewal and take actions that will bring us closer to God through the Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

A special flier has been inserted in the bulletin this weekend in regard to this year's campaign which begins next Sunday, on the First Sunday of Lent.