

THE START OF LENT

Ash

WEDNESDAY

*All come from dust, and to dust all return.*



**Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Milltown, New Jersey**



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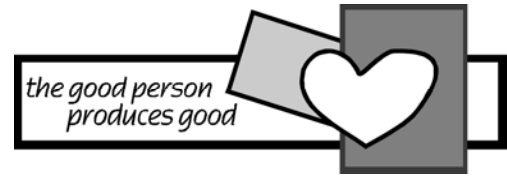
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**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish office when you or a loved one is sick at home or in the hospital for visitation with the Eucharist and for the Anointing of the Sick.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the parish office at least one year before the potential wedding date. **New**

**Parishioners:** Should register as soon as possible. Please contact the parish office

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7**

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

**Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.

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**Mass Offerings**

**SUNDAY, Mar. 2**

**8:00am** Mary Lynch req Terri Ann Sullivan  
**11:30am** Jeff Donaldson req Barbara & Paul Gallo

**MONDAY, Mar. 3**

**7:00pm** Mary Lynch req Tom & Mary Kwietniak

**TUESDAY, Mar. 4**

**7:00am** Rose Marie Fox req Vonnie Sullvian

**WEDNESDAY, Mar. 5**

**7:00am** Patricia Hatoun req Mr. & Mrs Raymon Everett  
**12:10pm** Joy Ligotti req Lynn DeAmicis  
**7:00pm** Ginny Guider req Dea. Bob & JoAnn Gerling

**THURSDAY, Mar. 6**

**7:00am** Bill Reinhard req Bernadette & Tom Olson

**FRIDAY, Mar. 7**

**12:10pm** Howard Dearing req Mailler Family

**SATURDAY, Mar. 8**

**5:00pm** Intention of Parishioners

**SUNDAY, Mar. 9**

**8:00am** John Paul Patrick req Terri Ann Sullivan  
**11:30am** Kuruvilla Nadu req Manoj & Family

**Sanctuary Light: For David Lin req Sister**



**Sunday**

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

**Monday**

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday**

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**First Friday**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

**SCHEDULE FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>
<b>SAT. Mar. 8</b> 5pm	Donahue	Hanson
<b>Sun. Mar. 9</b> 8am 11:30am	Anton Aponte	Demetor Palacios

**Bulletin for March 1-2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2025 Lenten Obligations**

- 1) The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
- 2) The other Fridays of Lent (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, and 11) are days of abstinence.
- 3) Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between ages of 18 and 59.
- 4) Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

**Ash Wednesday**

We will have masses at **7am, 12:10pm, and 7pm**, with distribution of ashes.

**Children's Station of the Cross**

It will be held on Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March in the church beginning promptly at 7pm. All parishioners are invited to attend. All students in the Religious Ed program must attend at least on Friday during Lent.

Mrs. Young

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lenten Food Drive**

Our food drive is approaching. Please consider donating to our food drive list, if you're able. This will help members in our community.

**Please Welcome**

Our newest baptized, Kalen Olesinski, son of Nicholas and Amy.  
Rylie Kalbach, daughter of Matthew and Annie.

Last week's Offertory collection – \$4,293.00

Online- \$1,729.21

weekend counters – John Reardon, Hubert Ruiz, Leonida Ruiz

## **A note from Fr. Krull**

We are now in the countdown to Lent. Within three days time, we will be faced with the necessity of making choices, some of them painful, notice, not melancholy. We don't heave a sad sigh as our dietary regimes take a plainer turning (although there are some foods that I love to have during this season!), we don't cast a last longing look at the martini pitcher or start whimpering and crying as we pass the candy aisle in ShopRite – all the while planning the blowout of parties for Easter evening! Lent reminds us of taking up crosses, as Christ did. However, Christ took His up willingly. This should give us a new perspective to this season, taking away from it all the late winter wetness and gloom. The word "lent" actually comes from an Old English word for Spring – and with days getting longer (don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday!), those signs are all around us.

With Lent now upon us, I encourage you to make the most of this great season of grace. Please make the effort to get to daily Mass – the readings we have this season say so much. Stations of the Cross begin this Friday evening, a beautiful devotion that many of us have participated in over the years. One thing that I will be doing here is offering a video presentation, "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri. I used this program last year and we had an incredible response to it, getting nearly 75-80 people every week to learn more about the Mass, the central prayer of the Church. This five week program will be held in Lourdes Hall on the Wednesdays of Lent beginning on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. I hope many of you will join us! I want to invite you to attend a parish Mission at Our Lady of Peace this Thursday through Saturday. Fr. Jim Tucker, who is in residence with me there will be doing this Mission. The mission talk on Thursday will be at 7:00 PM, on Friday after Stations of the Cross (around 7:30) and will end with the 5:00 Mass this Saturday. I'll also be offering Dr. Sri's five week video series, "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through the Passion", which will be held on the Five Sundays of Lent beginning on March 9<sup>th</sup>. These will be held in the chapel at Our Lady of Peace, beginning at 9:30 AM. And we're having our famous Friday Night Fish Dinners on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>. I know many of you join us for those, so I wanted to let you know that they are on!

Again, I invite and encourage all of you to make the most of this great season of grace. Ash Wednesday is just the start. The readings we've had the last few Sundays have been great ones to help us look at our lives seriously to see where we need to grow as followers of Christ, to help us see what we really need to give up, not just for this season, but for life. So let's continue to pray for each other this season, that the new life Christ won for us through His death and resurrection may shine through us all.

Fr. Mike Krull



**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lenten Food Drive  
"Celebrate the Spirit of Giving"**



**Saturday, March 15, and Sunday, March 16**

Please bring canned, boxed, or plastic jars of non-perishable food and place the food in the baskets at the entrances of the church. You can also contribute a monetary gift or grocery gift cards. All contributions can be placed in these baskets.

**Please do not leave food on the back porch of the rectory.**

**Suggested Items**

Peanut butter, Jelly,  
Cereal, Canned Fruits  
and Vegetables, Pasta  
Noodles, Rice/Sauce,

Condiments, Salad  
Dressing, Tuna, Soup,  
Boxed and Powered  
Milk, Pancake/Waffle

mix, Syrup, Cake Mix,  
Frosting, Pudding Jelly,  
Coffee, Tea, Juice  
Boxes.

\*No glassed items please.



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