## **LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES: 2024**

"Eucharistic Revival: Fresence, Sacrifice & Communion"

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: February 14, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger - Masses at 8AM & 5PM

Resurrection, Allenton - Mass at 12 NOON & 6:30PM

St. Lawrence, Hartford - Masses at 8AM & 7PM

## **LENTEN WEEKDAY MORNING/EVENING DEVOTIONAL MASSES:**

St. Peter, Slinger – 8AM Mass Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (Adoration) Resurrection, Allenton – 6:30PM Mass Wednesdays (Adoration 5:15-6:15PM)

**8AM Mass Fridays** 

St. Lawrence, Hartford - 8AM Mass Tuesdays & 5PM Thursdays

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

St. Peter, Slinger – Wednesdays after 8AM Mass (No Stations on March 20, 2024)

Resurrection, Allenton – Wednesdays after 6:30PM Mass, Fridays after 8AM Mass

St. Lawrence, Hartford - Thursdays after 5PM Mass

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: February 19-21, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger – "Presence, Sacrifice and Communion" by Fr. Justin Kizewski (No Wednesday evening services @ Resurrection on February 21)

+All presentations at 7PM with socials following+

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION: March 20, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger – Nine hours (9AM-6PM) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; multiple confessors available throughout the day; pray, reconcile, rejoice!

#### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY MASSES: March 23-24, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger – Saturday, 5PM; Sunday, 7AM, 9AM, 11AM Resurrection, Allenton – Saturday 6:30PM; Sunday, 8:30AM St. Lawrence, Hartford – Saturday, 4PM; Sunday, 10AM

# PALM SUNDAY: YOUTH +PASSION+ PLAY @ ST. PETER, SLINGER @ 6PM

## INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS: March 25-27, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger - MON, after 8AM Mass; TUES, 11AM-NOON; WED, 5-6PM St. Lawrence - TUES, after 8AM Mass; Resurrection - WED, 5:15-6:15PM

#### **HOLY THURSDAY MASSES: March 28, 2024**

St. Peter, Slinger – 7PM; St. Lawrence, Hartford -7PM; Resurrection, Allenton – 7PM +Eucharistic Adoration follows in all 3 Churches +

#### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: March 29, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger - 1PM; St. Lawrence, Hartford - 1PM; Resurrection, Allenton - 1PM

#### BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD: March 30, 2024 - St. Peter, Slinger - 12 NOON

#### HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: March 30-31, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger – Saturday, 7:45PM only; Sunday, 7AM, 9AM, & 11AM Resurrection, Allenton – Saturday, 7:45PM only; Sunday, 8:30AM

St. Lawrence, Hartford - Saturday, 7:45PM only; Sunday, 10AM

## TWO PARTS OF LENT

The readings for Mass on Lenten weekdays divide Lent into two parts: the first part, including the "pre-Lent" of Ash Wednesday and the rest of that week through Saturday, March 9. They're about conversion, beginning anew, mutual forgiveness, hardness of heart, love of enemies, the absolute claims of justice & love over cult and ritual, the call to holiness, etc. Readings for the second half of Lent are taken from the Gospel of John and are a "crash course" on the mystery and the meaning of Christ's life, what He did and what that does to us, for us, if united closely to Him. What do these two parts tell us about Lent? Well, the shift from ethical concerns to a focus on the person of Jesus Christ is not accidental! The purpose Lent's first half is to bring us to "compunction." The word is related to "puncture" and suggests a deflation of our inflated egos, a challenge to any self-deceit about ourselves as followers of Jesus. By hitting us over and again with the ethical demands we not only fail to obey, but which we also recognize as being beyond our abilities, these readings are meant to trouble us, to help us confront illusions about ourselves. "Remember, you are dust ...." Lenten penances may be more effective if we fail at them than if we manage to succeed, for their purpose is not to confirm ourselves in self-sufficient virtue but to bring home to us the radical fact that we need saving, we need salvation, we need a Savior: we need Jesus! Jesus can only save those who. having confronted their powerlessness and, in touch with their weaknesses, always know they stand in need of help, that they're shamefully lost without Him: in fact, they know they're so lost that without Him our souls can be said to perish! Lent isn't so much a self-help spiritual health program through which we make of ourselves a better version of who we are as it is a time to allow Christ to come alive in us and make the difference between living our way and living His way. This is something we may not be able or even dare to imagine; it's called grace. It's always been, is, and will be amazing!

"Lent lasts forty days and the first day is always Ash Wednesday. This is a period of forty-six days. However, the six Sundays within Lent aren't considered as fast days (Sundays are always feast days) and thus aren't counted in the 40 days of Lent." A break from fasting renews our sense of purpose and restores our joy, so enjoy!

#### CINNAMON ROLL SALES: FEBRUARY 24-25 & MARCH 16-17, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger – Fresh baked cinnamon rolls (4 to a pack for \$5) available after Saturday and Sunday Masses; hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #12588.

#### FRIDAY DINE-IN & DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY: MARCH 01, 2024

St. Lawrence, Hartford – Serving 4-7PM (or until fish runs out), with 2-piece Cod meal for \$13 & 3-piece Cod for \$14 (baked or fried), Fries, Cole Slaw and Bread.

#### FRIDAY DINE-IN & DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY: MARCH 08, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger - Serving 4-7PM (or until fish runs out), this \$15 meal will include 3-piece Cod, Fries, Cole Slaw and Bread: grilled cheese with fries for kids, \$5 each!

#### PALM SUNDAY DINE-IN & TO-GO PASTA FEST: MARCH 24, 2024

St. Peter, Slinger – Serving Noon-5PM (or until pasta runs out), this \$10 meal will include cold/hot pasta choices, garlic bread and desserts (children 5-12 \$5), with beverages available for purchase; hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #12588.

PALM SUNDAY CARD PARTY: MARCH 24, 2024: 1PM @ St. Lawrence, Hartford