



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY — April 14th

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule: 4:00 PM St. Therese | 5:00 PM St. Mary
7:00 AM St. Mary | 9:00 AM St. Therese | 10:00 AM St. Mary | 12:00 PM St. Mary

HOLY THURSDAY — April 18th (No Daily Mass)

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper — ST. MARY

GOOD FRIDAY — April 19th (No Daily Mass)

12:00 PM — Ecumenical Service beginning at St. Mary
3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion — ST. THERESE

HOLY SATURDAY — April 20th (No Daily Mass or 4PM/5PM Vigils)

9:00 AM Blessing of the Food — St. Mary
10:00 AM Blessing of the Food — St. Therese
8:00 PM Easter Vigil — ST. MARY

EASTER SUNDAY — April 21st

7:00 AM St. Mary | 9:00 AM St. Therese | 10:00 AM St. Mary
11:00 AM* St. Therese | 12:00 PM St. Mary

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH



Lenten Schedule 2019



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LENT 2019



LENTEN DAILY MASSES (Mon-Fri)

7:00 AM St. Mary | 12:00 PM St. Mary



STATIONS OF THE CROSS — Stations of the Cross will alternate between St. Mary and St. Therese each Friday evening at 7:00 PM.



SIMPLE SUPPERS — Simple Suppers of soup, bread, sandwiches, and/or salad will precede Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00 PM in the church hall, hosted by a different ministry.

The Simple Supper and Stations of the Cross schedule is as follows:

March 8 — St. Mary Church

Supper hosted by Cornerstone

March 29 — St. Therese Church

Supper hosted by Outreach Committee/AT

March 15 — St. Therese Church

Supper hosted by Knights of Columbus

April 5 — St. Mary Church

Supper hosted by SJB Women's Group

March 22 — St. Mary Church

Stations led by ESCA students

Supper hosted by ESCA

April 12 — LIVING STATIONS, St. Therese

Living Stations led by Faith Formation students

Supper hosted by SJB Youth Group



LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Let the light of God's mercy shine on you this Lenten season by going to confession! Monday night confessions will also alternate between St. Mary and St. Therese each week, in addition to the normally scheduled Saturday confessions at each location.

MONDAYS, 5:30-6:00 PM

March 11 — St. Therese Church

April 1 — NO CONFESSIONS

March 18 — St. Mary Church

April 8 — St. Therese Church

March 25 — St. Therese Church

April 15 — St. Mary Church

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

3:00-3:30 PM — St. Therese Church

4:00-4:30 PM — St. Mary Church

Guides and resources to help prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available in the Resource Center in the connector at St. Mary Church.

For an entire list of Monday Confessions in the Archdiocese, visit ConfessionMondays.com

"LITTLE BLACK BOOKS"

You can use the "Little Black Book" as your companion for Lent. Through only six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days, walk through the book a page at a time and it pays big returns. Books are available at the exits of both churches.

OTHER LENTEN FAITH OPPORTUNITIES



EVENING & MORNING BIBLE STUDIES — A ten-week series on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM or Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM in the St. Mary Hall, beginning on Tuesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 7th, will study the Acts of the Apostles. Contact Pat MacDonald at 203-469-3863 to register.



Dynamic Catholic's BEST LENT EVER — Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Greatest Lie in the History of Christianity* (which we handed out at Christmas!), sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever daily email program to help you become the best-version-of-yourself. Visit www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent19.



Lenten 3PM Prayer Devotion — Join the St. John Bosco Cornerstone Brothers in their 2019 Lenten Prayer Commitment. **We have set our phones and watches to 3:00 PM daily, the time of the Crucifixion, to meditate on one individual station** for a few moments and try to unite ourselves with our Savior. Imagine the power of all praying at the same time every day!

LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. GLEN

"Christ sets us free"

MARCH 25-28 at St. Mary

7:00 PM — Talk | 7:30 PM — Mass

March 25 — Christ our Teacher

March 27 — Christ our Redeemer

March 26 — Christ our Example

March 28 — Christ, the Way, Truth, & Life



LENTEN PAINT NIGHT & "FAITH ROCKS" — Join the SJB Women's Group at a Lenten Paint Night on Saturday, April 6th at 6:30 PM in the St. Mary Hall. We welcome Cindy Stevens of Cindy Stevens Fine Art to lead a group in a guided painting, or you can join us to paint "Faith Rocks" to either keep for yourself or leave for someone to find when they might need it most (www.thekindnessrocksproject.com). Children are welcome to attend the rock painting portion. The event is FREE, but space is limited and you must RSVP to reserve a spot at 203-488-1607 or enaylor@saintjohnboscobranford.org.

ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

40 Days, 40 Items — Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and place it into a bag. At the end of the forty days, bring your donations to BH Care Clothing Bank to share with someone who can really use them.

Easter Ham Collection — On Palm Sunday, April 14th, bring in hams to the St. Mary or St. Therese Halls after Masses to benefit local families.

CRS Rice Bowl — Pick up a container at the church exits and return it after Easter in the collection basket to either church. For more information, visit crsricebowl.org.

Monthly Food Collection — Consider giving to the less fortunate of Branford through St. John Bosco's ongoing monthly collection for Branford Food Pantry. Items may be left at the exits of the church during the weekend of March 9/10 and April 13/14.