

## ***St. Patrick's-Ravena: LENTEN Observances: 2015***

The three traditional good works for Lent are prayer, fasting & almsgiving; your parish is offering these opportunities: Note also: "Catholic Lenten Calendar" insert, with daily Scripture & Reflection

### **PRAYER:**

Daily Communion Services: - 9 A.M. each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday- in St. Patrick's Church and/or please see St. Mary's schedule on a weekly basis for Mass/Communion Services.

ST. PATRICK = Patron Feast Day - 7 P.M. Mass - Tuesday, March 17th "green" treats following service.

Penance & Reconciliation - 3:00-3:30 P.M. Saturdays / Communal Penance - 7 P.M., March 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, Coxsackie - for both parishes.

Stations of the Cross: all Fridays in Lent - 7 P.M., in church / "In the Company of Clowns"-Mar. 20th (7:30).

HOLY HOUR - 7 P.M., in our church - Tuesday - March 10th

Diocesan CHRISM MASS - 7 P.M. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - March 30th.

**FASTING:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence is not eating meat (beast or fowl): by those able from age 14 & up; fasting is eating only one full meal a day (2 smaller meals as needed; no solid snacks): ages 18-59.

"Operation Rice Bowl": we are invited to eat one sacrificial meal a week (E.g., Fridays) and put the saved money into the "rice bowl". "Rice bowls" are at the entrances in church. Your contributions may be returned at the Holy Thursday liturgy. 75% supports Catholic Relief Services programs for the hungry throughout the world; 25% supports local hunger needs.

**ALMS-GIVING:** "Operation Rice Bowl" - see above.

"Easter Flowers" envelope [dated March 22nd] may be put into any collection basket: for church decorations.

Ash Wednesday's collection will be for Catholic Charities in our Deanery

"Black, Native, Latin American" Missions: offering = February 22nd

"The Catholic Relief Services" offering = March 15th.

"Shrines & Needy Christians of the Holy Land" Good Friday offering = April 3rd.

Food Pantry: ongoing donations: especially on III Sundays - donation-box in the church entrance-way.

Our parish 'tithe' committee will meet in March to allocate our parish's Stewardship 'tithe.'

**STUDY:** Another worthwhile Lenten activity is devoting some time to studying the faith. - E.g.:

Bible Study--1 P.M. Tuesdays with Women's Bible Group (Parish Rectory)

1 P.M. Thursdays with Men's Bible Group (Parish Rectory)

**Lent prepares us for HOLY WEEK:**

**March 29th- Palm Sunday** - 4, 8, 10 - Brunch hosted by the Knights of Columbus (11 A.M. -12:30 P.M.)

**April 2nd-Holy Thursday** - 7 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**April 3rd-Good Friday** - 3 P.M. Service of the Lord's Passion (7:30 P.M. at St. Mary's, Coxsackie)

7 P.M. - Ecumenical Service: 7 Last Words of Christ (Riverview Missionary Baptist Church)

**April 4th-Holy Saturday** - 8:00 P.M. -Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

**April 5th-Easter Sunday** - 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.