

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			(1) MARCH ASH WEDNESDAY <u>Masses</u> 7 am, 9 am, & 6 pm	(2) Catholic Social Teaching 6:30 pm (RMR)	(3) <i>Stations</i> 12 Noon Lunch/discussion	(4) Mass 5pm <i>Rite of Election</i> RCIA
(5) 8:45 Mass 11 am Mass (CLOW)	(6)	(7)	(8) Faith Presbyterian 7 pm	(9)	(10) <i>Stations</i> 12 noon Lunch/Discussion	(11) Mass 5 pm
(12) 8:45 Mass 11 am Mass	(13)	(14)	(15) Delightful Blessings @ Good Samaritan 7pm	(16) Catholic Social Teaching 6:30 pm (church hall)	(17) <i>Stations</i> 12 noon Lunch/Discussion	(18) Mass 5 pm
(19) 8:45 Mass RCIA <i>Scrutiny #1</i> 11 am Mass	(20)	(21)	(22) Friendship Baptist – 7 pm	(23)	(24) <i>Stations</i> 12 Noon Lunch/Discussion	(25) Mass 5 pm
(26) 8:45 Mass 11 am Mass	(27)	(28)	(29) St. Matthew 7 pm	(30) Catholic Social Teaching 6:30 pm (RMR)	(31) <i>Stations</i> 12 Noon Lunch/Discussion	(1) APRIL Mass 5 pm <i>RCIA Scrutiny #2</i>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(2) 8:45 Mass 11 am Mass CLOW RCIA <i>Scrutiny #3</i>	(3)	(4)	(5) Northwood Appold United Methodist 7 pm	(6)	(7) <i>Stations</i> 12 noon Lunch/Discussion “IN THE TOMB” 8 pm Mercy High	(8) Mass 5 pm “IN THE TOMB” 3pm/8pm Mercy High
(9) PALM SUNDAY 8:45 Mass 11 am Mass Seder- 5 pm	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13) HOLY THURSDAY <i>Soup & Bread</i> 6 pm <i>Mass of the</i> <i>Lord’s Supper</i> 7:30 pm	(14) GOOD FRIDAY <i>(St. Matthew)</i> <i>Stations-Noon</i> Morgan University “7 Last Words” 12 Noon <i>(St. Matthew)</i> <i>Service 3 pm</i>	(15) HOLY SATURDAY <u>NO 5 PM</u> <u>MASS</u> <i>Easter Vigil</i> 7:30 pm

(16) EASTER SUNDAY 8:45 Mass 11 am Mass						
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LENT 2017

RICE BOWLS – During Lent we encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God. We build a culture of encounter through daily prayer, weekly fasting and almsgiving that can change lives. One of the ways we do this is by collecting money during the season of Lent in our Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services for their work around the world. There is also a pamphlet with information about various countries, prayers and Lenten activities for you to read. During the season of Lent, pray for the work of CRS and collect your money. Then on Palm Sunday bring your Rice Bowl back to church. You can bring your loose money or convert your money to a check made payable directly to “Catholic Relief Services”.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES – During Advent we began these small groups of people who gather to share their stories and their faith with each other. There are groups still meeting on Sunday at 12:30 pm in the rectory, Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the rectory and Thursday at 7 pm in the rectory. Consider joining one of these groups as a part of your Lenten journey.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES: We walk our Lenten journey with our brothers and sisters of other faiths. Each Wednesday there will be a prayer service at a different church on Loch Raven Boulevard. All services begin at **7 pm**. Come share your faith experience with others.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – On Thursday, March 2, 16 and 30, Fr. Joe will host a discussion of various topics related to Catholic Social Teaching. Come join the discussion at **6:30 pm** in the rectory meeting room.

STATIONS - Every Friday at **Noon** we walk the journey with Jesus on the way to Calvary using the 14 stations. Bring your lunch and after Stations, have lunch and a discussion with Fr. Joe in the rectory.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) is the group of people who are studying to become a Catholic or extend their faith. They are brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and will be baptized and confirmed as they become a member of the Catholic Church. Along the way, they will have the Rite of Election at the beginning of Lent and three ceremonies called the “Scrutinies” where they finalize their preparations to prepare for Easter and are presented to the community for affirmation.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) is offered during the 11 am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month and also on Palm Sunday. The children, ages 4-11 will go to the lower hall where they break into age appropriate groups and hear the Scriptures on their own level. They then have a discussion or activity related to the Word for that day.

The **SEDER MEAL** is offered at 5pm in the hall on Palm Sunday. See the bulletin for details and to sign up to come.

The **TRIDUUM** refers to the celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.
These sacred days each have their own service leading to the celebration of Easter.

HOLY THURSDAY - SOUP AND BREAD MEAL – March 13 at 6 pm. This begins with prayer and is a simple meal of soup and bread. We ask those in attendance to make a donation of what they might have spent on a more elaborate meal. This money is donated to Our Daily Bread for their work with the homeless. Consider making a pot of soup to share-if not soup, bring some bread to share with others. This meal precedes the **Mass of the Lord’s Supper (7:30 pm)** where we hear of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples offering his last meal with them and asking them to love and serve others.

GOOD FRIDAY – There are two services at St. Matthew on this day. One is the Stations at 12 Noon. At 3 pm there will be a service for the Lord’s Passion where we hear the reading of John’s Passion and then have Veneration of the Cross and communion is distributed. This is NOT a Mass as there is no consecration on Good Friday.

EASTER VIGIL – We begin with a service of light as the new Paschal candle is blessed and brought into the dark church. We hear reading of baptize and confirm those who have been studying to become a part of the Catholic Church. We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord!