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### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Don McLeod, CSB – *Administrator*

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Kevin Alexander - *Chair*

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jason Grech - *Chair*

### WEEKEND MASSES MCEWAN CAMPUS

Saturday Vigil - 5 pm

Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 7:30 pm

### CONFESSIONS - MCEWAN CAMPUS

Saturdays - 3:45pm to 4:45pm

### DAILY MASSES - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday - 8am

Tuesday - 12:10pm

Wednesday - 5pm

Thursday - 12:10pm

Friday - 8am

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - ROSARY CHAPEL

Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 8pm

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms for children of parishioners are celebrated monthly. Contact Sr. Lise Jolie for details of the program.

### MARRIAGES

Couples must arrange one year in advance and be active in the parish. Contact the Parish Office.

### RCIA

Program for those interested in the Catholic Faith. Contact the parish office.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMING

For children preparing for First Confession, Communion, Confirmation and for all other grades at well. Registration is required in September.

### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Contact Dcn. Paul Bezaire to make arrangements.

### FUNERALS

Please have the Funeral Director contact the office for arrangements.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY

(519-973-7033)

Fr. Paul McGill, C.S.B. - *Chaplain*

Chrisandra Skipper, Tom Dula, Andrea Dula  
- *Campus Ministers*

### CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS

Assumption Parish Community Association

Chad McPhedran - *Chair*

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St. Vincent de Paul

Ivan Benko - *Chair*

ASSUMPTION PARISH WELCOMES ALL VISITORS AND WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WITH US.  
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES TO A MEMBER OF OUR  
PASTORAL TEAM AND TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH.



# February 22, 2015 First Sunday of Lent



## THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

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## Set Clocks Ahead

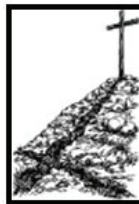


**Just a Reminder**  
**It's that time again!!!**  
**Change your Clocks**  
**Saturday night 2am**  
**March 7, 2015**

## THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things.—German proverb

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS



Join us in walking the *Way of the Cross* at  
**3:30pm each Friday during Lent**  
*February 20, 2015 to March 27, 2015*  
**In St. Francis Mausoleum – Heavenly Rest Cemetery**

Led by Fr. Christopher Bourdeau

*Thank You!*

Five months ago, I shared with you my diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Many of you have offered kind words of encouragement and an assurance of prayers. In addition though, I heard the stories about the many parishioners who are facing similar struggles. The list of people on my prayer list grew many times over! The strong sense of Christian community filled me with tremendous encouragement and hope. I was strengthened by the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick for which I thank Fr Bill Riegel and by the prayers of my brother deacons around the diocese.

It was necessary for me to withdraw from my regular activities at the parish. I am so grateful to Fr Don, Sr. Lise, Sr. Connie and the McQuaids who stepped in to help when needed. My wife Marlene and my son and daughter provided me with amazing support as well.

I am pleased to tell you that my chemo-therapy treatments are now complete and that my latest scan shows that I am now **100% free of cancer!** With my immune system back to normal, I am anxious to get back to my outreach ministries with Hospice, Chateau Park Nursing Home, and the West Windsor Particular Council of St. Vincent de Paul. I also look forward to assisting with liturgy and sacraments when needed.

I want to thank everyone for your kindness and prayers during this time, and for those still struggling with a life-threatening illness, know that in Christ and his church, there is hope!

Deacon Paul Bezaire

## stations of the CROSS



## FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7:00pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Friday 'Twilight' LENTEN RETREAT

Friday February 27  
4:00pm-10:00pm

**Fr. Patrick Beneteau presiding  
Music led by Josh Topolie**

To register or for more information visit  
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**Wednesday February 25, 2015**  
**9:30am – 3:30pm**

**Blessed By Less: Clearing Your Life of Clutter by Living Lightly** by Susan Vogt

Participants will learn how Susan Vogt teaches people to liberate themselves and allow their spirituality to grow and deepen by living with less. We will be empowered to reflect on our own experiences and the longings of our own hearts. Only when we can appreciate the Blessedness of being “poor in spirit” will we be able to let go of the clutter that binds.

**Facilitator:** Paul McGill csb

**Suggested offering:** \$25 includes lunch

**Thursday, February 26, 2015**  
**9:30am – 3:30pm**

**SSVP Lenten Retreat**

This is a special day for members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to come together as family to begin the Lenten Journey.

**Facilitators:** Joe Quinn csb and Janine Rocheleau snjm

**Please pre-register by phone or e-mail**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending

**Monday:** St. Polycarp; Julian Calendar Lent begins

**Friday:** Abstinence



The Women’s Cursillo retreat is taking place this weekend at Assumption Parish. This is a three day gathering of women for prayer, sharing, and renewing their faith. They are praying for us, and we are asked to pray for them that their journey deeper into holiness will be a blessing for all.

With "Why Catholic?", RCIA, Cursillo weekends, devotional prayer, and daily Mass, our parish is rich in prayer and opportunities to deepen our relationship with God.

**LET US GIVE THANKS!**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**February 15, 2015**

**Regular Offertory**

**Miscellaneous**

**Total Collection this week**

**Not available at press time**

**Mass  for the Intentions  Week**

8am-Mass	<b>Monday February 23rd</b> † Henriette Marchand by Rick, Claude & George † Fr. Daniel Chui by the Eugenio Family <b>For the Intentions of Shirley Laskowski by Julia Hickey</b>
6:00pm	Catechism Program (McEwan Campus)
12:10-Mass	<b>Tuesday February 24th</b> † Tom Mailloux by Joe Samrah † Ernest Walker by John & Joyce Rocheleau † Maria Vaccher by Mr & Mrs Lorenzo Liscio & Family
10:00am	Moms and Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:00pm	Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)
5pm-Mass	<b>Wednesday February 25th</b> † Anna & Michele Buzzeo by Antonietta Laberi & Family † John Lamarande by Sheila & Theresa † Fr. John Callaghan by Theresa Haggarty
12:10-Mass	<b>Thursday February 26th</b> † Remo Incitti by his wife Lucy † Adam Aloisio by his Niece † Camillo & Nicholas Laberi by his Daughter
7:00pm	Choir Practice with Peter (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:30pm	Hour of Power (Rosary Chapel)
7:30pm	Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)
8:am-Mass	<b>Friday February 27th</b> † Carlo DalBello by his Wife & Family † Jeff Berlasty by his Family <b>For the Intentions of Don &amp; Nancy Nantais on their 55th Wedding Anniversary</b>
9:00am	SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)
4:00pm	Lenten Twilight Retreat (Rosary Chapel and Hall)
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross (McEwan Campus)
Mass 5:00pm	<b>Saturday February 28th</b> <b>For the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>
8:30am	SVDP Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus)
Masses 9:00am	<b>Sunday March 1st</b> <b>For the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>
11:00am	<b>For the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>
4:00pm	<b>Campus Ministry Mass (Rosary Chapel)</b>
7:30pm	<b>For the Intentions of the Parishioners</b>
12:00pm	RCIA Program (McEwan Campus-Hall)

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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