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A CENTRAL FOCUS of our lent journey is dealing with the tension between life and death. Like the disciples at the Transfiguration, we too try to reconcile death with the glory of God. We often ask what this 'rising from death' means.

Occasionally we have a dramatic 'rising from death' experience when we, like Isaac in our first reading, walk away from a near-to-death experience.

More commonly, though, it means rising above the despair, hardships and poverties that Saint Paul lists in his letter to the Romans. After weighing the troubles of life against the glory of God, Paul concludes: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

But eventually for Jesus and for each one of us as baptized Christians, 'rising fro death' means passing from this life to the next, to eternal joy in the nearer presence of God. It is this dying and rising again that we celebrate at every baptism, each confession, and every time we gather around the altar to receive Christ at Mass.

Like the Transfiguration, Holy Eucharist draws us into the Paschal Mystery. As we receive anew the blessed and broken body of Christ, let us resolve to live into this mystery of the mercy of God.

(Reflection of Beverly Ulaug, from Living with Christ)



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Margaret Lewis and Melvin and Mariam Odicta

Tuesday, February 27th, 2018

8:30 a.m. In Honour of Mother Mary

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

8:30 a.m. Birthday wishes for Angela Kim

Thursday, March 1st, 2018

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Ayanna Alexander

Friday, March 2nd, 2018 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Maria Primitiva Gimena

Special Intention of Anthony Pillai

7:30 p.m. For the Protection of the Unborn Children

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Bill Marley

Sunday, March 4th, 2018

8:00 a.m. + Rose Deans

9:30 a.m. + George vanMierlo

11:00 a.m. + Vincenzo & Anna Saracino

Lenten Schedule

Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m. – Monday to Friday

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Day of Confession

**Thursday, March 8th, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.**

Parish Lenten Retreat & Mission

Monday, March 5th to Friday, March 9th

Retreat Director: Fr. Errol Fernandes

Renowned Retreat Director, Fr. Errol Fernandes will lead us in a Lenten Mission on the theme:

“Leave Every Negative Thought” (LENT)

We are pleased to co-host this Retreat with Blessed Trinity Parish. All sessions will take place, this year, at St. Edward' Church.

Monday 5th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection
Tuesday 6th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection
Wednesday 7th – 7:00 p.m. – Mass & Reflection
Thursday 8th – 7:00 p.m. – Reconciliation Night
Friday 9th – 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross with Reflection

Confirmation Retreat

A Confirmation retreat will be held at St. Edward's Church on:

- **Friday, March 2, 2018 from 10:00am to 2:30pm** for St. Cyril School and St. Antoine Daniel School

Lunch will be provided. For specific dietary restrictions, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Kimberly Go, at stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, February 20th.

As mentioned at the Parent Information Night, we will be collecting the fees for the Confirmation gown rental (\$15.00) and the retreat fee (\$15.00), for a **total of \$30.00**, on the day of your child's retreat. Please place your cheque, payable to St. Edward's Church, in an envelope with the student's name and school on the front, and provide to your child to take on their retreat day.

February 25, 2018

Dear Parishioners:

Recently, we held an Appreciation event for all who volunteer in our parish programs and ministries. Despite the cold and snow, many came out to enjoy a time of social gathering, a meal and a chance to meet old and new friends. I am very grateful to all who give of their time and talent to St. Edward's Parish.

This past weekend Terry McDermott, a nurse, spoke at all the Masses, as we highlighted the "Call to Protect Conscience" campaign, as requested by Cardinal Collins. A special thanks to all who signed up in support of the campaign to protect the conscience rights of doctors. Terry mentioned that she was very pleased by the response of the community.

As we look forward, next week, to the start of our parish Lenten Mission, I simply want to encourage all of our parishioners to consider attending some or all of the Retreat. Take time, this Lent, to be renewed in heart and spirit. Fr. Errol Fernandes will speak at all the Masses, next weekend, and he will begin the Lenten Retreat on Monday, March 5th – Wednesday, March 7th, with an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a spiritual reflection at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, March 8th, at 7:00 p.m., he will offer a brief reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Confessions will follow). A number of priests will assist to hear confessions. Fr. Errol will conclude the Retreat, on Friday evening, March 9th, at 7:00 p.m., by leading a Stations of the Cross with a brief Reflection.

The Knights of Columbus will host a social each evening (with the exception of Thursday night, March 8th – as it is an evening of confessions). All are welcome into the parish hall to meet Fr. Errol and to share in a time of fellowship.

Let us pray for one another as we engage this season of Lent. May God bless you!

Fr. Pat

EDGE Youth Ministry

All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to our upcoming EDGE Night!

When? Friday, March 9, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm

Where? St. Edward's Church (Parish Hall)

EDGE students will assist in the 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross.

Please contact Kimberly Go at

stedwardyouthministry@gmail.com for more information



Saturday, March 17th, 2018

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

The annual St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance will be held on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Dinner, Dancing & Irish entertainment. Tickets are \$35:00 per person (cash bar). Tickets will be available today, after all Masses.



St. Edward's 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance

Fr. Pat wishes to announce that the St. Edward's Gala Dinner & Dance in honour of the 75th Anniversary of the parish will be held on Friday, June 1st at Presidente Banquet Hall. The evening will include full dinner, open bar and dancing to a live band. Ticket are \$75:00 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact:

Peter Bernotas – 416-460-7089

Rosanna Del Grosso – 416-512-0554

Danny Rebello – 416-226-1232

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical event which takes place at the same date and time across the world, once a year. This year, it takes place on Friday, March 2nd, at 12:00 noon at Lansing United Church, 49 Bogert Ave. (at Poyntz and Beecroft). This year we are praying for the Republic of Suriname. The needs of the country will be discussed; refreshments, fellowship and prayer service will be included. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed in any or all of the following Eucharistic Ministries:

- Bring Holy Communion to Catholic residents of Canterbury Place, Chartwell Lansing Residence, and Del Manor Retirement Residence and assist at Masses at the residences.
- Bring Holy Communion to the sick and the elderly in private homes.

Training will be provided. For more information, please call: Ann Harrington at 416-221-0297 or Sylvia Leaver at 416-226-2744.