

THE REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available to members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish high school graduates or college students who wish to further their education. The applications are available at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center or from Mary Rider, Chairperson at 413-533-2437. The Scholarship is a one-time grant. Completed applications must be returned to the Chairperson by May 15, 2021 with an official transcript of high school or college grades and a letter from their Pastor stating that the applicant is an active and participating member of the parish. Students who are former members of St. Mary's Parish in Willimansett and were enrolled in their CCD program at the time the church was closed may also apply.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS We will be observing the Station of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. The Stations will be at 6:00PM starting February 19th in the church. Please enter through the Chapel St. entrance near the elevator. Masks will be worn and social distancing observed.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17TH. Ashes will be administered to each person in silence during the Masses of the day at **7AM – 9AM and 6:30PM**.

Here is the instruction from the Office of Divine Worship:

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal:

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”

or

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

At that point, the note continues, the priest “cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places.”

He then sprinkles the ashes on each person’s head “without saying anything.”

The idea here is for minimal touch and not to speak so closely to each person. As is the custom, individual “baggies” will be prepared to bring home ashes to those who wish to receive ashes either due to being either infirmed or in isolation.

As you present yourself for the reception of ashes please keep socially distant, keep the mask on your face, and return to the pew by the side aisles.

An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION 2021

Lent is a sacred time to renew our hearts and to be nourished inwardly by the Word of God. The Lenten Day of Reflection focuses on *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*. Participants will be offered suggestions on how to use this resource to help them to reflect on our covenant relationship with *God, Creation, and Neighbor* in a time of overwhelming anxiety, conflict, division, uncertainty, and unrest in our world. Participants will have an opportunity to work with a scripture passage and share insights on how to live in right relationship with *God, Creation and Neighbor*.

FACILITATORS:

Fr. Warren J. Savage is the Director and Catholic Chaplain at the Albert and Amelia Ferst Interfaith Center, Westfield State University; Instructor, Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation Program; Chairperson of the Committee for the Continuing Education, formation and Support of Clergy; Member of the Presbyteral Council; member of Spiritual Directors International, The Academy of Homiletics, and the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality.

Mary Keator, PhD. Is a Visiting Lecturer in the English Department at Westfield State University, Westfield, MA, a member of Spiritual directors International, Contemplative Mind in Society, a registered yoga teacher, Reiki Master, and the author of *Lectio Divina as Contemplative Pedagogy* (Routledge 2018).

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION LOCATION, DATES & TIME:

+Online via the DeCice Hall Zoom meeting Room

+Saturday: **February 20, 2021**

+Lenten Day of Reflection 10:00AM-12:00PM. Zoom meeting admission 9:30-10:00AM.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND FEE

+Zoom Registration link: You are invited to a Zoom meeting—Lenten Day of Reflection 2021.

When: Feb 20, 2021 10:00AM-noon Eastern Time (US and Canada).

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

+The day is free. You can make a free-will offering. Mail your check payable to **Westfield State Foundation, Inc. and write in the memo section: St. Vincent de Paul Fund** and mail to Fr. Warren J. Savage, Albert and Amelia Ferst Interfaith Center, PO Box 1630, Westfield, MA 01086-1630

+Inquiries: Sr. Chris Clark, DHM at email decice.hall@gmail.com and cell (413) 687-1858

REQUIRED RESOURCE: registrants will receive a Zoom best practices guide, and a worksheet for the day of reflection via email. *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter* by Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter: years A, B, and C:* Savage, Rev. Warren, McSweeney, Mary: 9780764819698:Amazon.com:Book, *The Catholic Study Bible* (NABR) or *the New Revised Study Version* (NRSV) are recommended for the day of reflection

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: *Although we may know despair, we are called to live in hope.*

Despair and grief are part of the human condition, and are often brought on because of loss or suffering in Christ, however, we experience hope and healing. As disciples working to build the kingdom of God on earth, let us, like Saint Paul, willingly take the Gospel to others and share our hope freely with them.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Job expresses his despair, describing life without hope or happiness. Saint Paul writes that he has no reason to boast—that preaching the Gospel is an obligation. Thus, he offers the Gospel *free of charge* and has *become all things to all, to save at least some*. In the Gospel, Jesus touches and cures Simon’s mother-in-law, as well as many others, *throughout the whole of Galilee*.

From the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD Office of the Bishop

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of February 6th and 7th, we will be taking up a special collection for the **Seminarian-Vocation Fund**. This collection will be for the education and care of our future seminarians. These men leave everything to follow Christ, like the apostles, dedicating their lives to the Church. Please keep each of them in your prayers.

Your prayers and financial support help to make possible the education and training these seminarians need to be men of deep prayer, dedicated shepherds of parishes, tireless ministers of the sacraments, and strong teachers of our Catholic faith. Contributions towards our **Seminarian-Vocation Fund** will make a significant impact on each seminarian. Funds collected through this special collection help to defray the cost of expenses for formation and seminary education such as tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance for each seminarian. The cost for our young men studying at a seminary is approximately \$90 per day; this amounts to \$2,700 per month per seminarian. This fund is also used when needs arise for them such as medical bills and car repairs so they can travel to their pastoral assignments. This fund is used solely for seminarians of the Diocese of Springfield. I ask you, humbly, to consider making a donation – an investment in the future of our diocese.

On behalf of our current and our future seminarians, I thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please be assured of my daily prayers and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield