

# February 2017

## Lenten Lent in Western Christianity

In Western Christianity, [Ash Wednesday](#) marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins [40 days](#) prior to [Easter](#) (Technically 46, as Sundays are not included in the count).

The answer takes us back to the earliest days of the Church. Christ's original disciples, who were Jewish, grew up with the idea that the Sabbath—[the day of worship](#) and of rest—was Saturday, the seventh day of the week, since the account of creation in Genesis says that God rested on the seventh day.

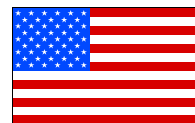
Christ rose from the dead, however, on Sunday, the first day of the week, and the early Christians, starting with the apostles (those original disciples), saw Christ's Resurrection as a new creation, and so they transferred the day of rest and worship from Saturday to Sunday.

## Sunday: The Celebration of the Resurrection

Since all Sundays—and not simply Easter Sunday—were days to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, Christians were forbidden to fast and do other forms of penance on those days. Therefore, when the Church expanded the period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter from a few days to 40 days (to mirror Christ's fasting in the desert, before He began His public ministry), Sundays could not be included in the count.

## 40 Days of Fasting

Thus, in order for Lent to include 40 days on which fasting could occur, it had to be expanded to six full weeks (with six days of fasting in each week) plus four extra days—[Ash Wednesday](#) and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday that follow it. Six times six is thirty-six, plus four equals forty. And that's how we arrive at the 40 days of Lent!



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Sunday-February 5 (a5, gr, g, c)

Readings ( Isiah 58:7-10) (I Corinthians 2:1-5) Gospel-Matthew 5:13-16

10:00a.m.-Holy Mass + Gerry Davis, offered by the Folcik and Strazzulla Families

Blessings of Candles and Throats after Mass

Collection for Mission Fund at the Door

11:00a.m.-Ladies Adoration Meeting

Sunday-February 12 (a, ro, c) Septuagesima

Readings (Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20) (I Corinthians 2:6-10) Gospel-Matthew 5:17-37

Installation of officers prior to Mass

10:00a.m.-Holy Mass + Danieleski and Pernal Families, offered by the Parish

11:00a.m.-Installation of officers dinner



Sunday-February 19 (a, ro, c) Sexagesima

Readings (Leviticus (19:1-2, 17-18) (I Corinthians 3:16-23 Gospel-Matthew 5:38-48

10:00a.m.-Holy Mass + all departed Bishops and Clergy of the PNCC

10:00a.m.-Parish Monthly Meeting

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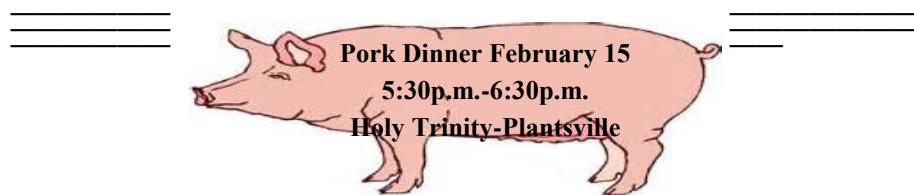
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**Parish Obligations**

Single...\$ 189.00 + 100/per member General Fund = \$ 289.00 Family...\$ 290.00 + 100/per member = \$490.00  
All Back Obligations **Must** be paid before a burial at the Cemetery

**Readers for February**

February 5.. Chrissy Toth February 12...Terry Di Martino  
February 19 ... Diane Hodgkins February 26 ... Marilyn Folcik

**PARISH OBLIGATIONS**

All Parish Members are **required** to use Church Envelopes so the Parish Board can keep an accurate account of those who have met their Obligations. All obligations **must** be paid before a burial at the Parish Cemetery

Family \$ 310.00 + 5.00/ per member Minimum= \$ 830.00  
Single... \$ 155.00 + \$ 5.00/member minimum = \$ 415.00

All who are 18 and older and gainfully employed are requested to pay Parish Obligations.  
If you can't meet these obligations, please contact Fr. Sr. Joe. at 860.628.0736

**To all Parish Members of Holy Trinity and Saint Casimir**

Please send Fr. Sr. Joe an e-mail address if you have one.  
Send in your Birthday too, so wishes can be published in the bulletin.  
Send the month and day

**If anyone need a receipt for Tax purposes contact  
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