Ash Wednesday & Good Friday – Both February 26, and April 10, 2020, are days of fast and abstinence (from meat) in the universal Church.

Every Friday of Lent – All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (from meat) in the Church in the United States.

The Law of Abstinence (from Meat) – Binds Catholics aged 14 and older.

The Law of Fasting – Binds Catholics aged 18 and over, until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59).

Easter Duty - In the dioceses of the United States, the obligation to receive holy Communion at least once a year may be satisfied from the First Sunday of Lent (March 1/2) to Most Holy Trinity Sunday (June 6/7). For a just cause, the Easter duty may be fulfilled at some other time of the year. Church law states that once a person has attained the age of reason, he or she is bound to confess serious (“mortal”) sins at least once a year. The season of Lent is a particularly good time to receive the grace of the sacrament even if there is no serious sin involved.

Ash Wednesday Schedule  
Wednesday February 26  
8:00 AM St. Brigid School Mass at St. Joseph Church  
9:00 AM Mass- St. Pius X Church  
Noon- Mass at both St. Joseph and St. Pius X Churches.  
5:30 PM Mass – St. Pius X Church  
7:00 PM Mass – St. Joseph Church  

Note the additional noon Mass being offered this year. Ashes are not given out apart from Mass.

Stations of the Cross – every Lenten Friday during Lent at 6 PM – St. Pius X Church.  
(note the change from previous years when Stations were prayed at 7 PM).  
A simple meal of soup and bread will be available at 5:00 PM at the Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave. on some/all Fridays. See the bulletin for updates on this. All are welcome. A free-will offering is invited to cover the cost of the meals.  
Note: on Friday April 3rd the Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual Lobster Roll Supper at 5:00 PM at the Hall.

Living Stations of the Cross –  
Wednesday April 8 following the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Pius X Church.  
Stations are presented by the students of St. Brigid School.

Lenten Scripture Study/Faith-sharing – At the time this calendar was compiled, we have two Small groups will be available. The weekly meetings will focus on praying over the Sunday readings and sharing reflections. One group is meeting Tuesday 1:00 -3:00 PM at the Hall at St. Pius X. The other group meets Tuesdays 3:00 -4:00 PM at Park Danforth (777 Stevens Ave). Contact the Parish Office for further information or to join either group.

Two Parish Traditions:  
St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef Dinner – Saturday March 14 – 6:00 PM Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave  
Knights of Columbus Lobster Roll Dinner – Friday April 3 - 5:00 PM Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave.

Lenten Retreat Opportunities - “Meeting Christ in Prayer” This eight-week retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will be given material for prayer each week. Retreat meetings will be either Monday evenings (6:30 PM) or Saturday mornings at 9:30 – in the Hall at Ocean Ave – choose one meeting. Fr. Vince is coordinator of this retreat.
A Lenten evening prayer – Wednesday March 25th 7:00 PM at St. Pius X Church – “Where’s the Good News?”
Fr. Paul, facilitator

Reconciliation ‐ “The Light is on for you” – In addition to our regular Saturday times for Reconciliation (or by appointment), we are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mon-Tues-Wed-Thursday March 30 – April 2 from 6:30-7:30 PM at St. Pius X Church and following the 9:00 AM Mass there (9:30-10 AM) on those same days.
Regular Confession times: Saturday 2:30 to 3:00 PM St. Joseph Church 3:30-4 PM St. Pius X Church

The Novena of Grace March 4-12. The Novena of Grace has been a tradition in Jesuit-connected parishes and schools for many years and source of great blessing. We will observe the Novena at all regularly scheduled parish Masses. Novena prayers will be made available for those who wish to pray the Novena at home. The Novena is in honor of St. Francis Xavier and ends on the day of his canonization (March 12, 1622), the same day that Ignatius of Loyola, Philip of Neri, Isidore of Seville and Teresa of Avila were canonized.

Holy Week April 5 – 12, 2020
Palm Sunday April 5 – regular weekend schedule of Saturday/Sunday Masses

Holy Thursday April 9 -
6:00 PM Parish Hall, 492 Ocean Ave. – Gathering and simple supper
7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – St. Pius Church. Quiet prayer at the altar of repose (in the Hall) until 10:00 PM.

Good Friday, April 10 - St. Joseph Church will be open for quiet prayer from Noon with Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM. The Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion is at 7 PM at St. Pius X Church

Holy Saturday, April 11 – The Great Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM at St. Joseph Church

Easter Sunday, April 12 – Masses: 7:00 AM St. Pius X Church 8:00 AM St. Joseph Church 9:00 AM St. Pius X Church 10:00 AM St. Joseph **No 5:00 PM Mass on Easter Day**

*******Watch the bulletin and parish website for any updates/ additions to this calendar********

Online Resources for Lent
www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical year/lent - resources from the US Catholic Conference of Bishops
www.bread.org/lent from Bread for the World
various Jesuit-connected resources
https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/ a wealth of resources from the site run by campus ministry at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
www.ignatianspirituality.com good source of prayer material/reflections etc.
www.sacredspace.ie daily reflections, run by the Jesuits of Ireland
www.Jesuits.org/news from the US Jesuit Provinces
www.scu.edu/jst/resources - from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California
www.bc.edu/church21/lent1.html from Boston College
www.holycross.edu/faith-and-service.... From The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

From Ash Wednesday through Easter Monday, join the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) (https://ignatiansolidarity.net/lent-2020/) and voices from the Jesuit and broader Catholic network as we hear God’s call to “be strong and take heart”—to work with radical hope toward the promise of peace and justice, the vision of equality and dignity. During Lent, in these tumultuous times, where do we find radical hope?

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