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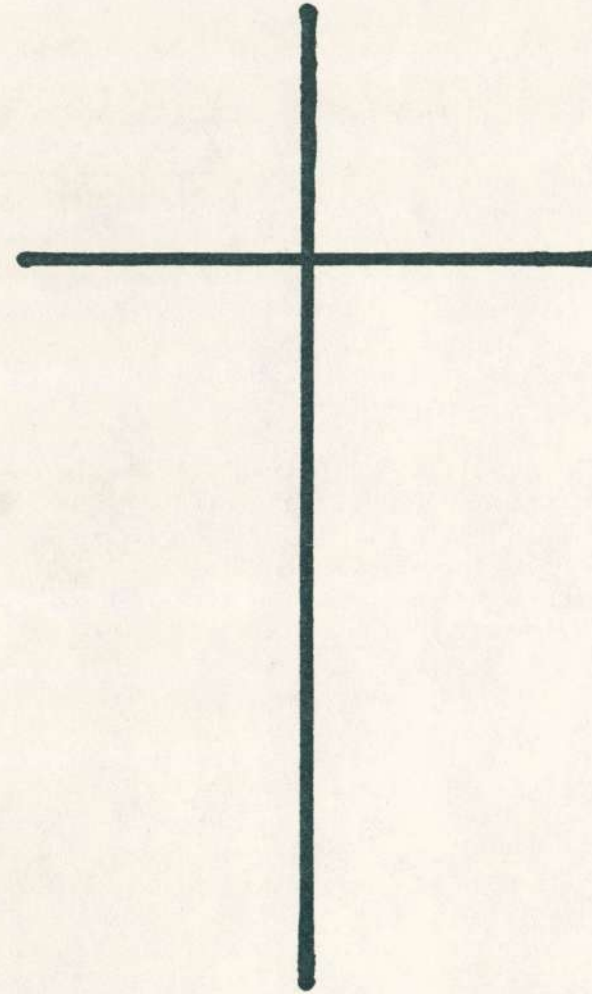
The RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process by which men and women become full members of a Catholic community of faith.

The entire community supports journeyers in this process by its presence and prayer. Those who are preparing for baptism likewise enrich the whole community by their desire, commitment and faith. In the process, all are renewed.

Candidates for this process include:

- unbaptized adults who want to learn more about the Catholic Church and who may want to become full members of a Catholic community of faith
- baptized Christians from other denominations who now want to learn more about and possibly become members of this Catholic community
- baptized Catholics who want to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation

If you or someone you know may be ready to consider the RCIA, please contact Barbara Classen.



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Turn away from sin  
and be faithful  
to the Gospel



Lent, 40 days of prayer, fasting and alms-giving, prepares us for the great Easter celebration of the Paschal Mystery - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The words and actions of the Lenten liturgies remind us that these are 40 very different days. Frequent references to water recall our baptism and remind us that we have died and risen to new life with Christ. The season's penitential purple invites us to deepen our fidelity to our baptismal promises and to seek and celebrate God's reconciling love.

Slow your pace. Set aside time for prayer and faith-sharing. Reach out to those in need. Let God fill you with Word and sacrament and the loving presence of our community of faith. Be blessing and blest.

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OPERATION BREAD BOX - Once again the people of Ss. Peter and Paul can participate in Operation Bread Box, an outreach of the Diocese of Rochester. OBB bags and literature will be available after the liturgies on Ash Wednesday and the week-end of March 3-4. Your small change or large gift will benefit a worker-run bakery and community center in Namibia.

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#### FAST AND ABSTINENCE:

1. All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

2. All Catholics who are at least 18 years old but not yet 59 may take only one full meal (fast) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Two smaller meals are permitted only if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

3. Personal disciplines of fasting - not eating between meals for example - or of abstaining - refraining from eating favorite or luxurious foods - is encouraged during Lent.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 28: ASH WEDNESDAY      Mass and Distribution of Ashes  
at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel  
  
at 6:00 p.m. in St. Peter's  
Kitchen  
6:00 mass followed by a  
Sharing Supper - please  
bring 1 cup of prepared rice,  
pasta, or vegetables for our  
Community Soup Kettle

MARCH 8, 15, and 22: MATTHEW'S PASSION NARRATIVE  
--a lecture-discussion series  
led by Fr. Dave  
--8:00-9:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Kitchen  
--Bring a friend

APRIL 2: COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE      7:30 p.m.  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

APRIL 8: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
11:00 a.m. Procession with Palms  
Please gather at south (main) doors

APRIL 12-14: THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM  
  
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER      Thurs. 7:30 p.m.  
CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION      Fri. 7:30 p.m.  
OF THE LORD  
THE EASTER VIGIL      Sat. 8:30 p.m.

APRIL 15: EASTER SUNDAY      Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Watch the Bulletin for announcements of special events to be celebrated during the Easter Season - 50 days of joy which concludes with PENTECOST on June 3.