



## 2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS

### Archdiocese of Newark

*Lent is the time for the faithful to be “ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer and to to prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises” at Easter (cf. **Paschalis Solemnitatis**, 6).*

*The virtue and practice of penance is a necessary part of the preparation for Easter.*

***Penitential Practices**, such as Fasting and Abstinences are encouraged by the Church.*

*The **Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations for 2020** are in effect beginning **Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020.***

#### ***Days of Abstinence and Days of Fast***

##### *1. **Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence***

*On a Day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten.*

*Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the Law of Abstinence.*

*On a Day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.*

*The Days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.***

*Paschal Fast: If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) known as the **Paschal Fast**, is to honor the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily in His Resurrection.*

- 2. The obligation to observe the **Laws of Fast and Abstinence** “substantially” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.*
- 3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as **Days of Penance**, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.*
- 4. The time for fulfilling the **Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*)** extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.***

*\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

**Any questions, please call our parish office: 201-659-1114.**