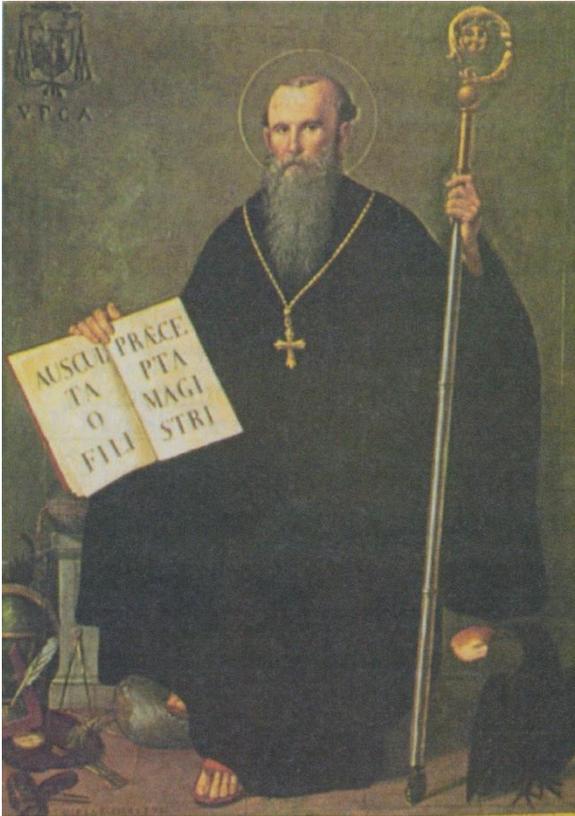


**St. Benedict's
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Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of February 22nd

Sun, Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m. – 1st Sunday of Lent

RIP poor souls (Anonymous)

Mon, Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m. – St. Peter Damien

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

Tues, Feb. 24, 8:30 a.m. – St. Matthias

In honor of our Lady of Sorrows for the spiritual welfare of the Steven Wertish family (Anonymous)

Wed, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m. – EMBER WEDNESDAY

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Thurs, Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m. – Lenten Feria (St. Mechtilde)

Clara House (Knight)

Fri, Feb. 27, 8:30 a.m. – St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin

(EMBER FRIDAY)

Holy Souls (Knight)

Sat, Feb. 28, 10:00 a.m. – EMBER SATURDAY

For my Alabama benefactors (Fr. Oswalt)

Sun, March 1, 10:00 a.m. – 2nd Sunday of Lent

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

“I find a heaven in the midst of saucepans and brooms.” --- *St. Stanislaus Kostka (1550 -1568)*

BLESSED ASHES

Those who were unable to receive blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday can receive them after Mass today. Please approach the communion rail after Mass as Father comes out of the sacristy.

EMBER DAYS

This Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are Ember days, set aside by the Church for extra prayers and fasting, especially for the sanctification of priests and more vocations to the priesthood.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

Father will be flying to Denver on Monday March 9 to assist at the 25th anniversary Solemn High Mass of the ordination of Fr. Peter Raleigh, a traditional priest in Trinidad, Colorado. Father will return on Wednesday March 11. It is an act of priestly fraternity to be able to share in this special anniversary.

BE INFORMED! CATECHISM CLASS!

Catechism Class will be on Wednesday Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Holy Hour will be on Wednesday Feb. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH SICK

Please pray for these parishioners who are greatly ailing and in need of your prayers: Al Krebsbach, Al & Joyce Stolpa.

BULLETIN INSERT

Continuing the occasional insert on important matters of faith, this insert is yet another explanation of the heresies of the Feenyite position. I had the pleasure to meet a couple of times Fr. Martin Stepanich before he died and the knowledge and holiness of this Franciscan priest was most impressive. If anyone desires, there are many articles and theological tracts explaining the true teaching of the Church against the errors of the Feenyites that I could provide if one asks. Always keep in mind, that those who deny Baptism of Desire and Baptism of Blood and adhere to the distorted Feenyite misunderstanding of the dogma No Salvation Outside the Church, are committing a sin against faith, thus they are, at "best", in mortal sin. At worst, they follow their leader Fr. Feeny, who was excommunicated from the Church in 1953, outside the Church.

Meditations and Readings of St. Alphonsus de Liguori Patience in the Midst of Spiritual Desolation

Desolation of spirit is the most sensible and the sharpest pain a soul that loves God can experience on this earth. To a soul assisted by Divine consolations, all insults, sorrows, losses and persecutions are not only an affliction, but rather a source of consolation, because they give her occasion to offer these pains to her Lord, and by such offerings to unite herself more closely to her Beloved. The severest pain of a loving soul consists in seeing herself without devotion, without fervor, without desires, and in finding nothing but disgust and tediousness in Meditation and Communion. But, according to St. Teresa, God has the best proof of their love, when without relish and even with anguish and pain, they persevere patiently in their accustomed exercises. By aridity and temptations, says the Saint, God tries His lovers. St. Angela of Foligno, finding herself in a state of aridity, complained to God as if He had abandoned her. No, daughter, answered our Lord, I now love you more than before, and I bring you nearer to Myself.

Some there are who, finding themselves in desolation, imagine that God has abandoned them, or that they are not fit for the way of perfection; thus they leave the road upon which they had entered, begin to give liberty to the senses, and thus lose all they have gained. Do not allow yourself to be deceived by the enemy: when you feel aridity, be constant, and omit none of your ordinary exercises of devotion. Humble yourself, and say that you deserve to be treated in this manner in punishment of your sins. Above all, resign yourself to the Divine will, and trust more than ever in God; for this is the time for rendering yourself dear to Jesus Christ. Do you imagine that the Saints were always in the enjoyment of consolations and celestial tenderness? Know that the Saints spent the greater part of their life in desolation and darkness. And to speak the truth, which I have learned by experience, I have but little confidence in the soul that abounds in spiritual sweetness without having first passed through the ordeal of internal sufferings; because it not unfrequently happens that such souls go on well as long as the Divine consolations continue, but when tried by aridity they give up all, and abandon themselves to a life of tepidity.

But someone may say: I do not refuse this cross if it be the will of God; but what afflicts me is that this abandonment may be the chastisement of my infidelities. But I answer: Let it be a chastisement, if you like; to you in a special manner I say, that if you have failed by attachment to any creature, God, Who is a jealous Lover, justly withdraws Himself. Let it then be a chastisement; is it not a just one? Is it not the will of God that you accept it? Accept it, then, in peace, and remove the cause of your desolation, take away affections to creatures, take away dissipation of spirit arising from excessive indulgence of the eyes, the tongue, and the ears: give yourself again entirely to God, and He will restore your former fervor. But seek not to be consoled by the tenderness of former days, but rather ask strength to be faithful to God. Be persuaded that He sends desolation only for our greater profit, and to prove our love. He said to St. Gertrude that He tenderly loves the souls that serve Him at their own expense, that is, in aridity and without sensible sweetness. **(To be continued)**