

# SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM  
Tuesday: 9 AM  
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM  
Thursday: 9 AM  
Friday: 9 AM

Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass  
with Benediction at 12 NOON

1st Saturday: 9 AM Mass  
Rosary immediately following

Confession

Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

## March 17, 2024

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” (John 3:23)



### Mission Statement:

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is a Christian community in the Catholic tradition following the direction of the Holy Spirit in building the kingdom of God and the church in Hedgesville and beyond. Through Word, Worship, Ministry, and Service we celebrate our common faith given in baptism. Grateful for our faith, we seek to grow in love toward all. “It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognize you as my disciples.” —John 13:35

REFLECTION

‘God is good’. All the time. And all the time. God is good!’

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Welcome!

This is the final Sunday before Holy Week (also known as Passion Week), which begins next Sunday with Palm Sunday leading up to Easter Sunday. Today we focus our attention on the nearness and coming of the hour of Jesus’ glorification.

Our readings this weekend invite us to meditate on God’s unconditional love for us despite our sinful nature. We are no different from our fathers in faith about whom the Prophet Jeremiah writes in our first reading. They (our fathers, but also all of us) broke the covenant God made with them in leading them by the hand out of bondage and slavery in Egypt. Thanks to God’s infinite love and despite our sins, He has not forsaken his shattered people, but will soon make “a new and more intimate covenant” with them (us), says Jeremiah in our first reading. This covenant has been realized in the suffering and death of His Only Begotten Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ – a moment He refers to as “the hour of glory”. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified,” Christ says, willingly accepting to undergo his Passion.

In our second reading last Sunday, Saint Paul reminded us that it is not through our own efforts that we are saved, but through the love and mercy of God. In today’s second reading in his Letter to the Hebrews, he explains that God seeks us out and offers us salvation, because the “prayers and supplications” offered on our behalf “with loud cries and tears” by Christ have been heard by God. Through His obedience and suffering Christ became the source of eternal life for all who obey him”.

In the very first message of His public ministry, Christ tells us how we can be saved: “Repent and believe in the gospel”, He tells us. “For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life”. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him” (Jn. 3:15-16).

In these remaining days of Lent, let us join Psalmist in our Responsorial Psalm in pleading to our “good and compassionate God” to have mercy on us; to “thoroughly wash” us from our guilt; to cleanse us of our sins; to “create a clean heart” in us; to cast us not out from his presence; and not to take the Holy Spirit from us.

Today’s gospel passage provides the following reminder to all servants of Christ: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be”. To be true servants of Christ, we must turn to God,

confess our sins, truly do penance for them, and dedicate our lives to loving God and loving neighbor, as ourselves. Only by doing so can we hope that God will restore to us “the joy of [his] salvation”. In today’s gospel passage, Christ reiterates what our prize will be: “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself”. However, this is not a “free for all” because He does not mince his words when he tells us: “For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). Therefore, let us work and pray to be counted among those Christ draws to himself on the last day.

Happy Sunday

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

**Marriage Banns: Second Call** – I publish the banns of marriage between Alann Patricio Reyes and Crystal Ortiz, both of this Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024** – Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; patron saint of the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV.

**Palm Sunday March 24, 2024:** As Easter draws near, we join faith communities around the world to prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week (also known as Passion Week). Palms will be blessed during all the weekend Masses.

**Prayers:** Morning prayers shall be held in the parish on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday beginning at 9:00 am.

**Good Friday:** Morning prayers on Good Friday shall be followed immediately by Stations of the Cross in the parking lot.

**Wednesday March 27:** Penitential Service and individual confessions in the Parish Church. Time: 4pm to 5:45 pm followed by Holy Mass at 6 pm.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 3138.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1337.02
Maintenance .....	\$ 752.00
Outreach .....	\$ 363.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP  
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

**High School Book Club** for Lent! **This is the last meeting. Sunday, March 17th from 12:15-1:15 PM.** You do not have to be previously signed up to attend.

The **Cherub Ministry** is collecting donations of Easter candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held directly after the 9 AM Mass on Easter Sunday. We will need lots of candy. Your help is appreciated. A basket can be found in the narthex.

**St. Joseph Angels** Cleaning out your closets? St Joseph Angels is currently in need of children's clothing and coats for boys and girls sizes 12 months up to size 5. When donating, please keep in mind that we do not have the space or need for sizes above 5. Thank you for your continued support! If you have items to donate, you can drop them off in the church office or call the Angels phone to schedule a time at 304-676-6433.

There is a representative from the Catholic Daughters here this weekend only to sell tickets for their **Day of Recollection for Women**, a retreat to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Priest Field and presented by Sister Faustia Szaboova. The diocese is helping with the cost of admission. Tickets are only \$15 per person. The Catholic Daughters are hoping for a good turnout so that the diocese will bring other events like this one to our area. Tickets will only be sold at St. Bernadette's this weekend, but you can reach out to our choir director, Linda, or call the St. Joseph parish office for tickets after this weekend.

There is a **sign-up sheet in the narthex for Holy Thursday's Washing of the Feet** during Mass on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This is open to all men, women, and children.

There will be a funeral for Sarah Bright this Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM. Adoration is cancelled for this Friday and there will be no meatless supper after the Stations of the Cross.

There is a Hospitality Ministry volunteer here today to sell tickets for the **"Evening of Gathering", formal dinner on April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$40 per person for a hand-crafted surf and turf meal.



O CIA Rite of Election  
St. James the Greater,  
Charles Town  
March 24, 2024



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz, Vicki Lowery, Wayne Montañó, Ron Robertson, Pat Reeser

*Please keep the sick and homebound, and those that have no one to pray for them, in your thoughts and prayers. You may call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to add a name to our Prayer List.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR



**Sunday, March 17th**  
8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Kathy Reeser*  
10:15—11:45 AM Religious Education  
11 AM Mass—Fr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Tom Ivory*  
12:15—1:15 PM High School Book Club—Last meeting  
2:30 PM African Mass

**Tuesday, March 19th**  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Joseph Gasper*  
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, March 20th**  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Marie Françoise Kao*  
5-5:45 PM Confession  
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, March 21st**  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Marie Françoise Kao*

**Friday, March 22nd**  
9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Marie Françoise Kao*  
Adoration cancelled  
11 AM Funeral Mass for Sarah Bright  
6 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 23rd**  
10:30 AM Book Club  
4—4:45 PM Confession  
5 PM Mass—Fr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Kathy Reeser*

**Sunday, March 24th**  
**Palm Sunday**  
8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Kathy Reeser*

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session before the Baptism can be scheduled. To register for the Preparation Class, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Will be held Wednesday evening from 5:20—5:50 PM, Saturday 4—4:45 PM, and Sunday 8:15—8:45 AM. Confession is also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

**Order of Christian Initiation:** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in August and ends in April. These classes are for members who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending OCIA, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Bernadette Catholic Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least six months notice is required. No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** When a Parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request and Communally as scheduled.

**Parish Membership:** We give a heartfelt welcome to all new people moving into our Parish. You can get a registration form from the Parish Office or you can register on our website at [www.stbernadettewv.org](http://www.stbernadettewv.org). Those who plan to move from our Parish Community are asked to inform us.

**St. Bernadette Pastoral Council:** Pat Winkelman, Chairperson; Cindy Lathwell, Secretary; Members: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** Paul Guttman, Neil Shanholtzer, and Jeff Ferrell

**Ministries:** If you are interested in training for any of the following ministries: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, or Usher, please contact the Parish Office.

**Hospital Visits:** Because of the HIPPA regulations, we are not notified when someone from our Parish is in the hospital. If you want a Priest to visit you, please contact the Parish Office yourself, have a close family member contact us, or ask someone at the hospital to contact us. Friends and neighbors do not make the decision for a Priest to visit the sick. It must be at the request of the family. If you are local, we can make the visit. If you are in Winchester, please let the hospital know that you want a priest or contact the local parish.

### WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 18th—Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 19th—Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday 20th—Dn 3:14-20 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday 21st—Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

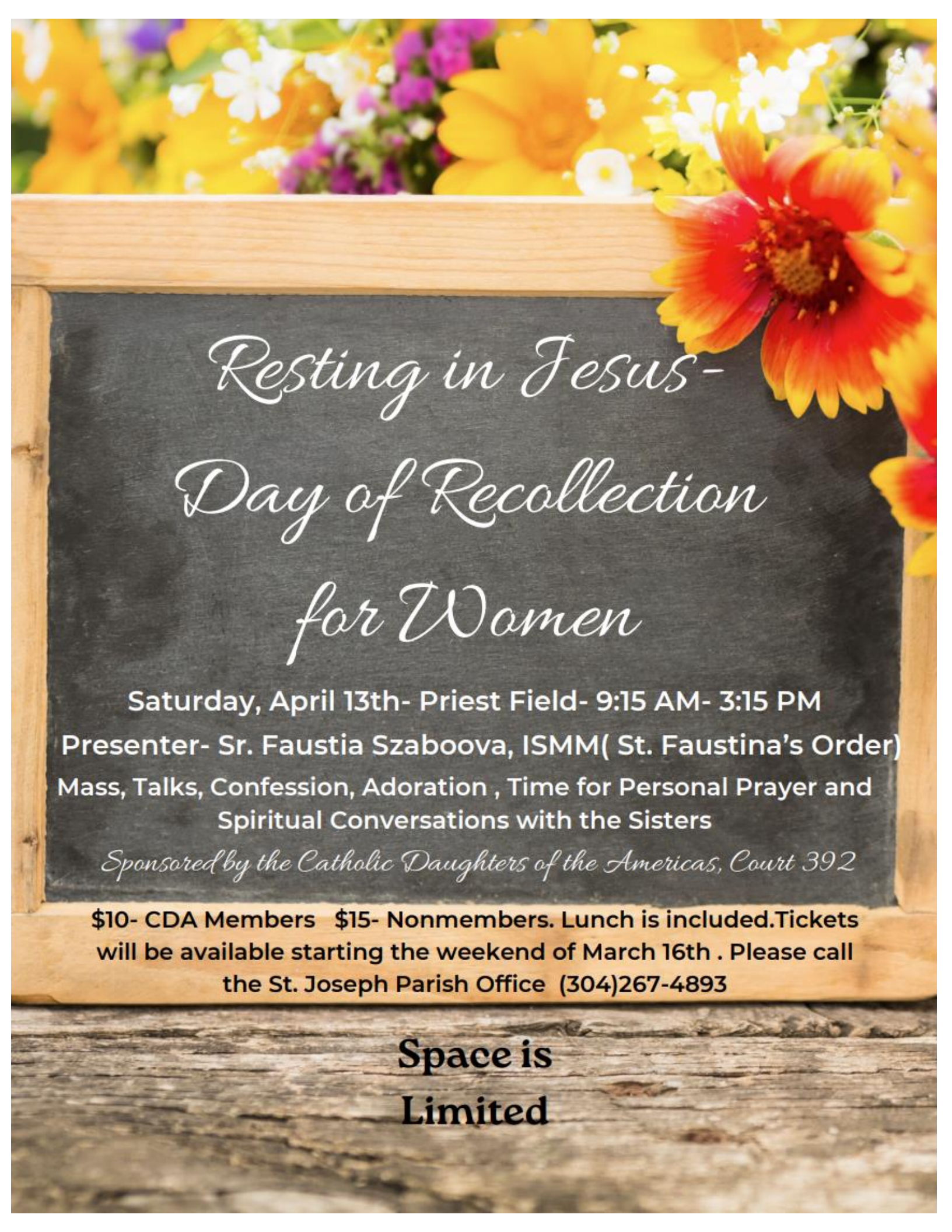
Friday 22nd—Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday 23rd—Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday 24th—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion; Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT CARING FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



*Resting in Jesus -  
Day of Recollection  
for Women*

**Saturday, April 13th- Priest Field- 9:15 AM- 3:15 PM**

**Presenter- Sr. Faustia Szaboova, ISMM( St. Faustina's Order)  
Mass, Talks, Confession, Adoration , Time for Personal Prayer and  
Spiritual Conversations with the Sisters**

*Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 392*

**\$10- CDA Members \$15- Nonmembers. Lunch is included. Tickets  
will be available starting the weekend of March 16th . Please call  
the St. Joseph Parish Office (304)267-4893**

**Space is  
Limited**