

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND
OF 27 & 28 FEBRUARY 2016**

- 1. On the Fridays of Great Lent, the daily Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM, followed by the Stations/Benediction of the Cross.**
- 2. Lenten dietary regulations: Abstinence from meat & meat products is observed on Ash Monday and all Fridays of Great Lent. Abstinence is binding on everyone over the age of 14 years. Fasting from food and drink (except water and medicine) is observed from Midnight until Noon on Ash Monday and Good Friday. Fasting is binding on everyone between the ages of 18 and 60 years. Those unable to fast due to ill health must perform other penances & works of charity; like attending daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, etc.**
- 3. The Annual Bishop's Appeal is taking place during Lent. The Appeal letters have already been mailed out. Please make your returns by Easter.**
- 4. The Sodality will meet this weekend on Sunday, February 28th at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**
- 5. Baking for the Sodality's Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale will take place on Wednesday, March 16. Thursday March 17. Friday March 18 and Saturday, March 19. Baking takes place in the Church Hall Kitchen beginning at 9:30 AM every day. A lot of help is needed, so please join us for the baking.**
- 6. As many of you already know, the relics of Saint Sharbel are on pilgrimage in our Eparchy, moving from parish to parish for the veneration of the faithful. The relics of Saint Sharbel will be in our parish in Scranton from Thursday, March 17th to Friday, March 18th. There will be Mass followed by the Ramsho of Saint Sharbel and public veneration of the relics on Friday evening, March 18th at 6:30 PM in the parish Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend and seek the intercession of Saint Sharbel. For spiritual preparation, you may view at your convenience a movie of the life of Saint Sharbel on YouTube. It is in Arabic with English subtitles, so everyone can understand. The movie may be found at www.youtube.com/maronites, where many other videos are also available.**
- 7. The Annual Children's Easter Party will be held in the Parish Hall on Palm Sunday, March 20th, after the 11:00 Mass. All the children of the parish are invited to attend and receive a gift from the Easter Bunny.**