

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH**

**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

**“Faith and Good Works”**

The start of the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2017 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that your parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.** Your gift to the 2017 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please give generously to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal.

**+LENT BEGINS MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>+**

On Ash Wednesday, **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, we begin that special season of penitential observance known as LENT. It is that time of year when we take time out to seriously examine our human values against profoundly different Gospel values—when we reassess our principles against principles of the Good News of Jesus.

**Ash Wednesday—March 1<sup>st</sup>**

(Blessed ashes distributed during Mass)

7:30 am & 5:30 pm—Mass in English

7:00 pm—Mass in Spanish

**WHAT WILL THIS LENT MEAN TO YOU?—**

Our spiritual journey for Lent is outlined for us in the Ash Wednesday Gospel: **prayer—fasting—good works.** Why not make the following a part of your journey:

Daily Mass—7:30 am

Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration—6:00 pm

Tuesday Novena & Benediction—7:00 pm

Friday Divine Marcy Chaplet—3:00 pm

Friday Way of the Cross & Benediction—7:00 pm

Saturday Confession—4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Parish Mission—April 3-4-5—7:00 pm

Let this Lent make a difference in our lives as we **“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**WEEKDAYS OF LENT**—Although there is no obligation to fast, Jesus calls us to do penance. Voluntary acts of self-denial are highly recommended and encouraged.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**—are days of fast and abstinence. Limit one full meal on these days to all between 18 and 59 years of age. The other two meals should be lighter than they normally would be. Eating between meals is to be avoided. No meat for those 14 years and older.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT**—are days of abstinence, that is, Catholics who are 14 years and over are required to give up meat.

**EASTER DUTY**—the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

**RESERVE THE DATE**—On Saturday Evening, **April 29, 2017**, we will celebrate our **ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE** at The Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very enjoyable parish event with parishioners and friends. Parishioners will soon be receiving Raffle Tickets; the participation of everyone is necessary by purchasing and selling Raffle Tickets, Dinner Tickets, and ads for the Souvenir Book. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making the parish event a success.

**St. Bartholomew Church**

**SAINT PATRICK’S DAY**

**Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**

**Sunday, March 12, 2017 – 1:00 pm**

**St. Bartholomew Church Hall**

**DONATION: \$20.00—Pot of Gold Raffle**

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**For Tickets Call: Dan Cullen—556 8559**

**Rectory —944-4466**

**Join us for an enjoyable afternoon!**

**THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS**

to the dedicated members of our parish **Holy Name Society** for a very enjoyable and successful **Macaroni Dinner** which was held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. A profit of **\$2,300.00** was raised for our Church Roof Fund. Our appreciation to all those who donated their time and to everyone who attended this wonderful afternoon of great food and fun with friends.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

**MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5**

(Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead. However, the following are specifically remembered this week.)

**Monday, February 27**

7:30 am – Donald Baynes by wife Mary Virginia  
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, February 28**

7:30 am – Florence Lisi by Cynde & Jose  
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm – Novena Devotions & Benediction

**Wednesday, March 1**

7:30 am – Ash Wednesday Mass in English  
5:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Mass in English  
7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, March 2**

7:30 am – For a Special Intention

**Friday, March 3**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners  
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 4**

8:00 am – Intentions of Priest Celebrant

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**5:00 pm – Collective Mass**

Sandra Ferrucci by family  
Biagio Bennie Pagano by wife & family  
Thomas Rotondo by Mary

**6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish**

**Sunday March 5—First Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 am – Collective Mass**

Claudina DeFeo by Joe & Jeannette Carreau  
Frank Varrica by wife & son

**9:30 am – Mass in Spanish**

**11:30 am – Amadio & Angelina Bianco & Wayne Rand by Virginia**

**MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27—MARCH 5:**

**Sanctuary Candle:** Concetta & John B. Romano by grandsons  
Eva & Pio A. Romano, Sr. by sons  
Stephen & Pio A. Romano, Jr. by brothers Raymond & Ronnie

**Altar Bread & Wine:** Concetta & John B. Romano by grandsons  
Eva & Pio A. Romano, Sr. by sons  
Stephen & Pio A. Romano, Jr. by brothers Raymond & Ronnie

**DIED IN CHRIST:** Nicholas Gualtieri

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, February 28**

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 7:30 am Mass  
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm – Novena Devotions & Benediction

**Wednesday, March 1**

Distribution of Ashes at All Masses

**Friday, March 3**

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel  
5:45 pm – Confirmation I Class, RH

**Saturday, March 4**

10:00 am - CCD Classes 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Years

**Sunday, March 5**

**Second Collection:** No Second Collection

**+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+**

**What Our Lord Asks is**

**Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice**

(logo from Increase Giving Campaign)  
Weekend of February 11—12

Envelopes & Loose Collection: **\$2,706.00**

Second Collection: Extraordinary

Parish Expenses **1,114.00**

Total Income **\$3,820.00**

Our sincere thanks to all those making our Increase Giving Campaign possible.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN MARCH**

March 1 —Ash Wednesday  
March 5 —No Second Collection  
March 12—Church Roof Fund  
March 19—Extraordinary Expenses  
March 26—No Second Collection

**PARISH EVENTS—DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 1 —Ash Wednesday  
March 3 —Stations of the Cross – Fridays  
March 11/12—Catholic Charity In-Pew Appeal  
March 12 —St. Patrick Dinner  
March 18/19—Catholic Charity In-Pew Appeal  
April 1/2 —Flea Market  
April 3/4/5 —Parish Mission  
April 7 —Living Stations of the Cross  
April 8/9 —Palm Sunday Bake Sale  
April 13 —Holy Thursday  
April 14 —Good Friday  
April 16 —Easter Sunday  
April 29 —Annual Parish Dinner Dance

***This week's parish bulletin***