

A Message From Your Pastor

Rev. Moacir Balen, the Provincial Superior of the Eastern Province of the Scalabrini Community, has made the following changes for the priests here at St. Bartholomew Church. Rev. Vilmar Orsolin, C.S. will become the new pastor as of March 1, 2018. Fr. Vilmar was born in Brazil in 1950 and ordained to the priesthood in 1980. Father speaks three languages – English, Spanish, and Portuguese. I have been reassigned as Senior Priest to Our Lady of Pompeii Church in New York City. Fr. Vargas, our Assistant Pastor, has also been reassigned as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Cucuta, Colombia. Both these changes will also take place on March 1, 2018.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14th - On **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, 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 – February 14th

Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.

7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

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.

**MARDI GRAS CAVATI & POLENTA
BUFFET DINNER**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – 6:30 pm
in the Church Hall**

Ticket Donation: \$20.00

6-12 years: \$10.00

5 years & under: no charge

No Tickets Sold at the Door - No Take Out Orders
Everyone is welcome to attend!

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 at 7:30 am, Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 pm, Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, Friday Way of the Cross & Benediction at 7:00 pm, Saturday Confession from 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm.*

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

In 4 weeks our Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal will get underway in our parish with the In-Pew Appeal on the weekends of **March 3rd & 4th and March 10th & 11th**. In the past, generous donors have contributed by a gift or pledge. Although, we are all living in difficult financial times – we need to reach out and help those worse off than we are – as we offer thanks to God for His many gifts and blessings to us. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

“Live out charity in the Church and manifest this charity in all areas of society with the zealous love that comes from God.” - Pope Francis

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the Altagracia Committee for their generous donation of \$600.00 to our Church Roof Fund as profit from the Feast of Altagracia Celebration which was held in the Church Hall on Saturday Evening, January 20th. Congratulations on a beautiful and enjoyable parish event!

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2018

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

Monday, February 12th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, February 13th

7:30 am - Mary Anton by Sr. Rose
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

7:30 am - Mass in English - Distribution of Ashes
5:30 pm - Mass in English - Distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish - Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, February 15th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, February 16th

7:30 am - In Thanksgiving of St. Anthony
by a devotee
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, February 17th

8:00 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, February 17th

5:00 pm - Carmeno & Loretta Volatile
by Ann & Marguerite

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, February 18th

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am - Collective Mass

Antonio Calicchia
Vincenza Marrocco
Gilda Piacitelli
Anna Vidiri

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, February 13th

6:30 pm - Polenta/Cavati Dinner

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

Season of Lent Begins
Distribution of Ashes during all Masses

Friday, February 16th

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 17th

10:00 am - CCD Classes – 1st & 2nd years

Sunday, February 18th

Second Collection - Parish Utility Fund

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts -
But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)

Weekend of January 27 & 28

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,341.00
Second Collection: \$949
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Altar Bread & Wine:

Carmeno & Loretta Volatile by Ann & Marguerite

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