

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.

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.

Parish Dates to Remember

- March 3rd & 4th - Catholic Charity Appeal
- March 10th & 11th - Catholic Charity Appeal
- March 11th - St. Patrick Dinner
- March 25th - Palm Sunday & Bake Sale
- March 29th - Holy Thursday
- March 30th - Good Friday
- March 31st - Holy Saturday
- April 1st - Easter Sunday
- April 8th - Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 28th - Annual Parish Dinner Dance
- May 6th - Confirmation – Cathedral
- May 10th - Feast of the Ascension
- May 20th - First Holy Communion
- May 23rd - Parish May Crowning

Saint Patrick's Day
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sunday, March 11, 2018 – 1:00 pm
in the Church Hall

Ticket Donation: \$20.00

For tickets & information call:
Dan Cullen – 556-8559 Rectory – 944-4466

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

RESERVE THE DATE – On Saturday Evening, **April 28th, 2018** we will celebrate our **ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE** at “The Crowne Plaza” in Warwick, RI. Everyone is invited to attend this enjoyable parish event. 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 this parish event a success!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 19 - 25, 2018

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

Monday, February 19th

7:30 am - Theresa LaFazia Almagno
by Fr. Almagno & Family
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, February 20th

7:30 am - Etta Licciardi by husband & family
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, February 21st

7:30 am - Antonetta & Peter Gallo, Sr. by family

Thursday, February 22nd

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

Friday, February 23rd

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, February 24th

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 pm - Arthur Marcantonio by wife

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, February 25th Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - Collective Mass

Frank Cuiccio by daughters
Giulio Porretta by wife

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am - Collective Mass

Linda Bianchi
Corrine Grande
Esther Moretti by daughter
Louis & Janet Zoglio by family

February 18, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 23rd

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

Sunday, February 18th

No Second Collection

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

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

Weekend of February 3 & 4

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,026.00
Second Collection: \$2,762.00
Church Roof Fund

+ Died in Christ +

Eugenia Pattek
Elena Pilloni

Sanctuary Candle:

Frank Cuiccio by daughters
Rolando Cesar Garcia by family

Altar Bread & Wine:

Frank Cuiccio by daughters
Rolando Cesar Garcia by family

A PRAYER FOR LENT

"Merciful God, you invite us to repentance so that we can find the happiness we are seeking. Help us to trust more deeply in the Good News of Salvation so that we can turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. This Lent, as we pray more devoutly and listen to your Word more attentively, may our hearts be transformed by the saving love of the Cross. We ask these things as we ask all things, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen"

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