



"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to *renew the promises of our Baptism*".

- Pope Benedict XVI

**WEEKLY CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Penance is offered in the Church:

Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45 pm in English  
 Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in Spanish



**Five Steps to Confession**

1. Examine your conscience, it is important that we spend some time to consider prayerfully what we have done or omitted to do since our last confession.
2. Be sorry for your sins, try to have perfect sorrow. No sin can be forgiven unless we are truly sorry for having offended God.
3. Make a firm resolution not to sin again and to avoid the occasions of sin. True sorrow must always include the promise to avoid the sin in the future. We must also be willing to remove whatever leads to sin.
4. Tell your sins to a priest and receive absolution. Jesus said to the Apostles (and through them, to their successors): "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain are retained."
5. Perform your penance promptly.

**2024 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL  
 A STATE OF HOPE**

*Every gift matters. Every gift makes a difference.*

*"Those who hope in the Lord will  
 renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31*

**ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

*Santa Maria Di Prata Society Hall  
 29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI*

Tickets: \$50 per person  
 Meal Choice: Baked Scrod or Chicken Piccata

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saint Patrick's Day  
 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 4:00 pm**  
 Church Hall      Ticket Donation: \$25

**Looking Ahead**

- March 10 – Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward 🕒
- March 17 – St. Patrick Day Dinner 🍀
- March 24 – Palm Sunday 🌴
- March 28 – Holy Thursday 🦶
- March 29 – Good Friday ✝️
- March 31 – Easter Sunday 🐣
- April 27 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance 🎉
- May 5 – Confirmation at the Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul 🔥



**MASSES FOR**

**FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 3, 2024**

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

**Monday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday**  
7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

**Tuesday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday**  
7:30 am – Florence Lisi by Cynde & José  
Rev. Flaminio Parenti

**Wednesday, February 28 - Lenten Weekday**  
7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

**Thursday, February 29 - Lenten Weekday**  
7:30 am – Domenica (Minnie) Giarrusso  
by Domenic Giarrusso

**Friday, March 1 - Lenten Weekday – Abstinence  
World Day of Prayer**  
7:30 am – For All the Souls in Purgatory  
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Saturday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**LORD’S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, March 2**

**5:00 pm**  
Evelyn Saccoccia by Family

**6:30 pm** – Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, March 3**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 am**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**9:30 am** – Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**  
Amadio & Angelina Bianco and Wayne Rand by Virginia  
Sandra Ferrucci – 15 Year Remembrance

**SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN**

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***Special Collections in March***

*Thank You for Your Generosity!*

- March 3 - Major Repair Fund
- March 10 - Utility Fund
- March 17 - Easter Flower Offering
- March 24 - Catholic Relief Services
- March 28 - Holy Thursday
- March 29 - Good Friday/Holy Land
- March 31 - Easter Offering

**SANCTUARY CANDLE &  
ALTAR BREAD & WINE:**

*In Memory of*  
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**Misas en Español**

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes 7:00 pm  
Sábado 6:30 pm-- Domingo 9:30 am  
N.B. Miércoles a las 5:30 pm Adoración  
Confesiones los Miercoles en español 6 a 6:45 pm

**Bautismos Marzo 30.**

Debe registrarse **3 semanas antes** de la fecha



"La Cuaresma es como un largo 'retiro' durante el cual podemos volver a nosotros mismos y escuchar la voz de Dios, para vencer las tentaciones del Maligno. Es un período de 'combate' espiritual que debemos vivir junto con Jesús, no con orgullo y presunción, sino usando las armas de la fe: la oración, la escucha de la palabra de Dios y la penitencia. Así podremos celebrar la Pascua en verdad, dispuestos a renovar las promesas de nuestro Bautismo".

- *Papa Benedicto XVI*

**Cinco pasos para la confesión**

1. Examina tu conciencia, es importante que dediquemos un tiempo a considerar en oración lo que hemos hecho u omitido desde nuestra última confesión.
2. Arrepiéntete de tus pecados, trata de tener un dolor perfecto. Ningún pecado puede ser perdonado a menos que estemos verdaderamente arrepentidos de haber ofendido a Dios.
3. Tomar la firme resolución de no volver a pecar y evitar las ocasiones de pecar. El verdadero dolor siempre debe incluir la promesa de evitar el pecado en el futuro. También debemos estar dispuestos a eliminar todo lo que conduzca al pecado.
4. Cuenta tus pecados a un sacerdote y recibe la absolución. Jesús dijo a los Apóstoles (y a través de ellos, a sus sucesores): "Recibid el Espíritu Santo. A quienes perdonéis los pecados les serán perdonados y a quienes les retengáis los pecados, les quedarán retenidos".
5. Realiza tu penitencia con prontitud.

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**CENA DE BAILE ANUAL PARROQUIAL**

**sábado, 27 de abril de 2024**

*Salón de Sociedades Santa María Dí Prata  
29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI*

Entradas: \$50 por persona  
Elección de comida: pollo o pescado

**RESERVA LA FECHA**

**Día de San Patricio**

**Cena de carne en conserva y repollo**

**Domingo, 17 de marzo 2024 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Salón de la iglesia Donación: \$25

**Mirando hacia el futuro**

- 10 de marzo – Horario de verano –  
🕒 Primavera adelante
- 17 de marzo – Cena del Día de San Patricio
- 24 de marzo – Domingo de Ramos
- 29 de marzo – Viernes Santo
- 31 de marzo – Domingo de Pascua
- 27 de abril – Cena y baile anual parroquial
- 5 de mayo – Confirmación en la Catedral de los SS. Pedro y Pablo