

**Lent Begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

On **Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.**

7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

***Lenten Thought***

What Catholic hasn't said, "I don't belong inside a church," or "After the way I've lived God doesn't want me there." On Ash Wednesday the entire Church admits that none of us "belongs in there." Our ash-smeared foreheads admit our sinfulness. If belonging to the Church depended on good behavior, who could last beyond infancy? But ashes are in the shape of the Cross - showing that our sinfulness is not the end of the story. We belong in the Church because of the goodness of Jesus Christ who sees us as the most loveable being in all creation. No sin of ours can stop His love. His sacrifice has conquered sin. So sin itself is not the problem. The problem is a heart that is too prideful or fearful to seek His loving and merciful embrace. You do belong inside the Church. After the things you've done it is the only place that will bring you the forgiveness, peace, and true happiness you long for. So welcome to Lent! Welcome to the Church! Welcome home! Jesus has been waiting for YOU!

**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.

***Reflection***

*The best Lent is one in which we enter the season wholeheartedly. All too often people either take on too much or don't take on enough. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions, and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals.*

**Looking Ahead**

March 2 – Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

March 7 – Ladies Guild Meeting

March 13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

March – Catholic Charity Appeal

April 3 – Parish Fundraiser

Raffle & Sweepstakes Drawings

April 10 – Palm Sunday

April 14 – Holy Thursday

April 15 – Good Friday

April 16 – Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil

April 17 – Easter Sunday

May 22 – Confirmation – Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul

**Parish Fundraiser  
\$5,000 Sweepstakes**

Donation: \$100 per ticket

**Drawing: Sunday, April 3, 2022**

Following the 11:30 am Mass

***Reminder!** Please purchase and return PARISH FUNDRAISER RAFFLE tickets, which parishioners received in the mail. The participation of every family is needed and appreciated. Please make returns in the collection basket at Mass, to the parish office, or in the mail.*

*Thank You & Good Luck!*

**2022 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL**

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

The Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal will get underway in our parish with the In-Pew Appeal. 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!

*"The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." ~ Pslam 126:3*

**MASSES FOR**

**FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 6, 2022**

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

**Monday, February 28**

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, March 1**

7:30 am – For A Special Intention  
by Robert & Donna DiMartino

**Ash Wednesday, March 2**

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

**Thursday after Ash Wednesday, March 3**

7:30 am – For A Special Intention

**Friday after Ash Wednesday, March 4 - World Day of Prayer**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners  
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Saturday after Ash Wednesday, March 5**

8:00 am – Intentions of Parishioners

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, March 5**

**5:00 pm**  
Angela Conte by husband & family  
Elvira Parente by Salvatore & family

**6:30 pm** - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, March 6**  
**First 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

***Special Collections in March***

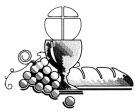
*Thank You For Your Generosity!*

- March 2 – Ash Wednesday
- March 6 - Major Repair Fund
- March 13 – Utility Fund
- March 20 - Extraordinary Expenses
- March 27 – Easter Flower Offering

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Sanctuary Candle & Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Memory of*



*Angela Conte  
&  
Elvira Parente*

**WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT**

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

**Weekend of February 19 & 20, 2022**

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets  
\$4,858.00

*This Week's Bulletin Is Sponsored  
In Memory Of*

**Very Rev. Flaminio Parenti, C.S.**  
*50 Year Remembrance*