

*Lenten Thought*

What Catholics haven'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-smearing foreheads admit our sinfulness. If belonging to the Church depended on good behavior, who could last beyond infancy? But the 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 lovable beings in all creation. No sin of ours can stop His love; His sacrifice has conquered sin. The problem is a heart that is too prideful or fearful to seek His loving and merciful embrace. You do belong inside the Church; it is the only place that will bring you the forgiveness, peace, and the true happiness you long for. So welcome to Lent! Welcome to the Church! Jesus has been waiting for YOU!

**LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>** - On **Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</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 – February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.

7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** and **March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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*

**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!

**+ THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY +**

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available to all parishioners, relatives, and friends who are homebound or suffering from a chronic illness. A shawl and prayer offer special comfort. Anyone interested in participating in the Prayer Shawl Ministry is welcome to attend the meeting on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. For a Prayer Shawl and/or information, please call Rosalie at 401-274-7806.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

February 13<sup>th</sup> - Polenta/Cavati Dinner

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

February 16<sup>th</sup> - Weekly Friday Stations of  
the Cross begins

March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Catholic Charity Appeal

March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - Catholic Charity Appeal

March 11<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick Dinner

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday & Bake Sale

April 1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Annual Parish Dinner Dance

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation – Cathedral

May 20<sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion

**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 28<sup>th</sup>. A profit of \$1,250.00 was raised for our Church Roof Fund. Our appreciation to all those who gave their time and to everyone who attended this wonderful afternoon of great food and fun with friends.

**MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 5 – 11, 2018**

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

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - Peter Gallo, Jr. by family  
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm - Novena Services & Benediction

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - In Thanksgiving to St. Maria Goretti by a devotee

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - Donald Baynes by wife Mary Virginia

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am - Deceased Members of St. Vincent DePaul Society

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 pm - Collective Mass**

Joseph & Cece Dilorio by daughter & family  
Joseph Pastina by wife & children  
Joanne Quaranto

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 am - Collective Mass**

Karen Cady by family  
Carmino Caparco by family  
Rhonda Caparco Phillips by family  
Samantha M. Richards by family  
Concetta & John B. Romano by grandsons  
Eva & Pio A. Romano, Sr. by sons  
Steven & Pio A. Romano, Jr. by brothers  
Raymond & Ronnie

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am - Collective Mass**

Vicente Adoptante by family  
Gregoria Adoptante by family  
Vergel Adoptante by family  
Modesto Fernandez by family  
Erlinda Fernandez by family  
Aurelia Cap-Cap by family

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm - Ladies Guild Meeting - RH

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am - CCD Classes – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years  
1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry - RH

**+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+**

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

**Weekend of January 20 & 21**

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,855.00  
Second Collection: \$963.00  
Catholic University of America

**Baptized in Christ**

Rafael Luna-Franco, Thiago Jeronimo Morales,  
Eduar Pulup Mejia, Yesenia Pulup Mejia

**+ Died in Christ +**

Cesar Garcia

**Sanctuary Candle:**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Altar Bread & Wine:**

Intentions of Parishioners

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