

*Reflection*

*Today's Gospel Message is not all warm and soothing. It is consoling and comforting at times, but it is also prodding and challenging. It is too easy to see comforting words directed at me, and challenging words directed at others. We are told that scripture is a double-edged sword. The same blade that removes our oppressors is also there to prod us out of our comfort zone into loving action. May we listen to all the words of the Gospel.*

**2019 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL**  
*Faith and Good Works*  
**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 16 & 17 and March 23 & 24**. 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!

*"He who has compassion on the poor, lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed."  
Proverbs 19:17*

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

**Sunday, March 17, 2019 – 1:00 pm**  
*in the Church Hall*

Ticket Donation: \$20.00

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

**MARDI GRAS CAVATI & POLENTA BUFFET DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm**

in the Church Hall

Ticket Donation: \$20.00

6-12 years : \$10.00    5 years & under: no charge

Tickets available from Ladies Guild Members  
or at the Parish Office

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

**RESERVE THE DATE** – On Saturday Evening, **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019** we will celebrate our **ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE** at The Alpine Country Club in Cranston, 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!

***LENT BEGINS MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>***

On **Ash Wednesday, March 6<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 – March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.**  
**7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English**  
**7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish**

**Looking Ahead**

- March 5 – Polenta/Cavati Dinner
- March 6 – Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- March 16 & 17 – Catholic Charity Appeal
- March 16 – Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick & Elderly
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- March 23 & 24 – Catholic Charity Appeal
- March 30 – First Penance
- April 14 – Palm Sunday & Bake Sale
- April 18 – Holy Thursday
- April 19 – Good Friday
- April 20 – Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil
- April 21 – Easter Sunday
- May 4 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance at Alpine Country Club
- May 5 – Confirmation – Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul
- May 18 – First Holy Communion

**MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2019**

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.*

*However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

**Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - Peter Gallo, Jr. by family

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

**Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - Theresa LaFazia Almagno by Fr. Almagno & family

5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration – Spanish

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:00 pm**

Carmeno & Loretta Volatile by Ann & Marguerite

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

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 am**

Frank Cuiccio by daughters

Miguelina Hernandez – Birthday Remembrance by family

**9:30 am** - Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**

Intentions of Parishioners

**+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +**

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

**Weekend of February 2 & 3, 2019**

First Collection: \$4,248.00

Second Collection: \$2,110.00

Major Repair Fund

**Sanctuary Candle:**

Agnes Boffa

Kimberly A. Miele

**Altar Bread & Wine:**

Agnes Boffa

Kimberly A. Miele

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Presidents' Day

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 am - CCD Classes 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years

4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confession

**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am - Confirmation Class

5:00 pm - First Communion Parent Meeting in the Church

Parents of Saturday First Communion Class ONLY

No Second Collection this Weekend

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