

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-smearing 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!*

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 26th

On **Ash Wednesday, February 26th**, 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 26th

Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.

7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

What will this Lent mean to you?

Our spiritual journey for Lent is outlined in the Ash Wednesday Gospel: **prayer – fasting – good works.**

Make the following a part of your journey:

daily mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Saturday confession...

Let this Lent 2020 really make a difference in our lives as we ***"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."***

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.

This weekend, we welcome Rev. Raul Perez to visit our parish on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. He will preach the Homily at all Masses, and will be available to hear confessions. Fr. Perez will share his powerful and uplifting stories about the severe poverty being endured in the countries they serve. Informational brochures will be distributed.

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

*Alpine Country Club
251 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, RI*

Music by "Gemini Band"

Tickets: \$45 per person

SILENT AUCTION – At our Parish Dinner Dance you will have an opportunity to bid on great items! Share your time, talent, and treasure by donating items such as food for Italian and gourmet baskets, chocolates, wine or liquor, entertainment and children's items, or gift cards to restaurants and stores. Join parishioners and friends for an enjoyable get-together!

**Annual Parish Dinner Dance
\$5,000 SWEEPSTAKES**

Donation: \$100 per ticket

**Drawing: Evening of Parish Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 7th, 2020**

The Alpine Country Club, Cranston, RI

LOOKING AHEAD

February 26 - Ash Wednesday - Season of Lent

March 7 - Annual Parish Dinner Dance

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time

April 5 - Palm Sunday & Easter Baskets & Bake Sale

April 9 - Holy Thursday

April 10 - Good Friday

April 11 - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

April 12 - Easter Sunday

May 10 - Confirmation - Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul

MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 1, 2020

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

However the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Florence Lisi by Cynde & José

Friday, February 28 - Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, February 29

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, February 29

5:00 pm

Emma Urbani
by Young Pannese Social Club Women's Auxiliary
Gloria Kelly
Sandra Ferrucci by family

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

Giulio Porretta by wife
Deceased of Pio A. Romano, Sr. Family

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Carmella Visinho by Domenic Nascenzi

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, February 24

6:30 pm - PARISH DINNER DANCE MEETING - RH

Tuesday, February 25

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
6:30 pm - Polenta/Cavati Dinner - CH

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

Blessed Ashes will be distributed during all Masses

Thursday, February 27

5:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Rectory

Friday, February 28

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Saturday, February 29

10:00 am - CCD Classes - 1st & 2nd Years - Rectory
4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confession

Sunday, March 1

Second Collection

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

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

Weekend of February 15 & 16, 2020

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3624.00

2nd Collection: \$1178.00

Parish Utility Fund

Sanctuary Candle:

Miguelina Hernandez by family

Altar Bread & Wine:

Miguelina Hernandez by family

+ Died in Christ +

Joseph Creta
Rose Lima

Baptized in Christ

Logan Christopher Laurenza

Special Collections in March

March 1 - Second Collection
March 8 - Major Repair Fund
March 15 - Extraordinary Expenses
March 22 - Easter Flower Offering
March 29 - Second Collection

Thank you for your generosity!