

+ THAT SHAMEFUL DAY IN AMERICA +

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion, making that day certainly one of the most shameful days in the history of our nation!

Our Holy Father, the late Pope John Paul II reminds us: *"...All human life...from the moment of conception and through all subsequent states...is sacred because human life is created in the image and likeness of God. Nothing surpasses the greatness or dignity of a human person..."* In his Encyclical Letter, "Gospel of Life" the Pope further reminds us: *"Abortion and euthanasia are...crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection..."*

As Catholics and disciples of Jesus, we are called to speak out and pray constantly for an end to this terrible scourge of abortion in our nation so that the sanctity of all human life may again be manifested in the laws and attitudes of our nation.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT – When God chose to become man, He arrived as an unborn child. His conception in Mary's womb, documented in Scripture, marked the beginning of His earthly life. What has changed since then? Nothing, but confused minds unenlightened by divine truths.



Each liturgical year the Gospel passage for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is from John. This Gospel is very different from the other three. John focuses exclusively on Jesus' identity: the purpose of everything that Jesus says and does is to reveal that God has sent him as savior of the world. The reading for today transitions us from the Christmas season, with its feast days that highlight Jesus' divinity, back to Ordinary Time, when we hear about Jesus' public ministry. As we continue through the liturgical year, we remember that the one who is proclaiming and bringing about God's kingdom is God's own Son!

Reflection

Your mercy is always there, always available, always outlasting the interval between my first breath and my last. I know that your mercy will enfold my children, and my children's children, with a strength and finality I can never possess. And so, I offer myself up entirely to your mercy; please let it carry my prayer for peace into every generation.

Looking Ahead

JANUARY

2026 Catholic Charity Appeal Begins

FEBRUARY

11 – Mardi Gras Polenta/Cavati Dinner
at Santa Maria DiPrata Hall, Cranston, RI

18 – Ash Wednesday – Season of Lent Begins †

MARCH

8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward 🕒

28 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance
at Santa Maria DiPrata Hall, Cranston, RI

29 – Palm Sunday 🌴

APRIL

5 – Easter Sunday 🐰

St. Bartholomew Church

CAVATI & POLENTA DINNER

Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm

at

Santa Maria Di Prata Hall

29 Walnut Grove Ave., Cranston

Ticket Donation: \$30

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Purchase tickets, as soon as possible, after all weekend Masses or at the Parish Office.

No Tickets Sold at the Door - No Take-Out Orders

**MASSES FOR
JANUARY 19 - 25, 2026**

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

Monday, January 19

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 am – Joan & Peter Gallo, Jr. by family

Wednesday, January 21 – St. Agnes

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, January 22

7:30 am – Mass for Peace & Justice

Friday, January 23

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

8:00 am – Intentions of Parishioners



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

In Memory Of

Maria Toste & Anthony Antoscia

Aggie Boffa & Kimberly Miele

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, January 24

5:00 pm

Theresa Pullano – Month Mind Remembrance
Brian A. Coulter & Maddox Brian Orsini by Isabelle

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

Etta & Ernie Greco by Donna Greco

11:30 am

Aggie Boffa & Kimberly Miele
Yolanda O'Rourke
by son, Steven & the O'Rourke & Stavolone Families
Luigi Piccirillo by Family



*“Christian love is prophetic:
it works miracles and knows no limits.”*

Pope Leo XIV

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets
December 31, 2025 & January 1, 2026: \$2,835.00
Weekend of January 3 & 4, 2026: \$7,004.00
Weekend of January 10 & 11, 2026: \$5,835.00

Thank you for your generosity!

+ A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE +

January 22nd has been designated by our Bishops as
a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn
Children.**

For the dignity of the human person and a DAY OF
PRAYER for the full restoration of the legal guarantee
of the right to life, a **Mass for Peace and Justice will be
celebrated on Thursday morning, January 22nd
at 7:30 am.**

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

Ruth & Bucky Buchanan

