

**+ THAT SHAMEFUL DAY IN AMERICA +**

Fifty-one years ago 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.



**+ A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE +**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Monday morning, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 am.**

**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.

*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.*

**St. Bartholomew Ladies Guild**



**CAVATI & POLENTA DINNER**

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

at

*Santa Maria Di Prata Hall*

*29 Walnut Grove Ave., Cranston*

Ticket Donation: \$25

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Tickets available from Ladies' Guild members, at the Parish Office, & after all weekend Masses.

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

**2024 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL  
A STATE OF HOPE**

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



*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31*

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**MASSES FOR**

**JANUARY 22 - 28, 2024**

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

**Monday, January 22**

7:30 am – Mass for Peace & Justice

**Tuesday, January 23**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales**

7:30 am – Mary Pranzo – by son, Fr. Joe

**Thursday, January 25**

**The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

7:30 am – Maria & John Pitocco

**Friday, January 26 – St. Timothy & St. Titus**

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Saturday, January 27**

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, January 27**

**5:00 pm**

Brian A. Coulter & Maddox Brian Orsini by Isabel & Family

Rose Mozzetta

Gloria J. Saritelli by family

**6:30 pm** – Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, January 28**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 am**

Ernie & Etta Greco by Donna Greco  
Deceased of Pio A. Romano, Sr. Family

**9:30 am** – Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**

Adina D'Allesandro – Birthday Remembrance  
by daughter, Sandra  
Lorraine D. Gazzero  
Luigi Piccirillo by family

**WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT**

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.  
(Increased Giving Campaign)  
Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

**January 13 - 14, 2024**

**\$6,697.00**

**LOOKING AHEAD 2024**

- January – Catholic Charity Fund Appeal Begins
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Season of Lent Begins
- February 15 – Polenta/Cavati Dinner  
at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall
- March 10 – Daylight Savings Time
- March 24 – Palm Sunday
- March 31 – Easter Sunday
- April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday
- May 5 – Confirmation at Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul

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



*In Memory of*  
*Aggie Boffa*  
*Maria & John Pitocco*

**+Died in Christ+**

Donna J. Lanzi

**Baptized in Christ**

Jaxon Kai Leamy-D'Ercole

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