

Reflection

It has been forty days since Christmas when the true Light came into the world. On this day we celebrate the Light being brought into the temple to be ritually dedicated to God's service. Just as the light of a single candle is a great consolation in the darkness, so too each simple act of service becomes hope for a weary world.

+ Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel His people. +

**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

**St. Bartholomew Ladies Guild
MARDI GRAS
CAVATI & POLENTA DINNER**

Thursday, February 15th 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

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Friday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple. We hear the story of Mary and Joseph carrying the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God. There the elderly prophets Simeon and Anne meet the holy family. They encounter the one for whom they longed. Jesus the Messiah! This Feast is about Jesus, the light of the world, who dispels the darkness of sin and death. May the word of God, proclaimed on the feast of **Candlemas Day**, inspire us to bring the light of Christ to a world longing for peace!



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR



We celebrate his feast on **Saturday, February 3rd**. St. Blaise was venerated as the patron of those who suffer from ailments of the throat. Before dying as a martyr he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is,

therefore, a sign of faith in God's protective love for us and for the sick in our midst.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – is observed on February 2nd to pay tribute to the religious men and women around the world. Please pray in a special way, on this day for our own Parish Priests, members of the Scalabrinian Congregation and for all of the Priests and Sisters who have so faithfully served in our parish over the years.

A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their world on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen

MASSES FOR

JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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

Monday, January 29

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, January 30

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

Wednesday, January 31

7:30 am – Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors

Thursday, February 1

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, February 2

7:30 am – The Presentation of the Lord
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, February 3 – St. Blaise

8:00 am – Sgt. Stephen Michael Shaw,
30 Year Remembrance – by wife & family

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

January 20 & 21, 2024

\$4,128.00

2nd Collection: Catholic University of America:
\$1,156.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY

Thank you for your generosity

February 4 - Major Repair Fund

February 11 - Extraordinary Parish Expenses

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 18 - Utility Fund

February 25 - Second Collection

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



*In Memory of
Adina D'Allesandro
Luigi Piccirillo*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, February 3

5:00 pm

Intentions of Parishioners

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, February 4
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am

Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Anthony Evangelista, Jr. by Quagliozzi Family
Elena Pilloni
Henry Pilloni, Sr.

SAVE THE DATE

February 15 – Polenta/Cavati Dinner
at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall

March 17 – St. Patrick Day Dinner

April 27 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance

May 5 – Confirmation at Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul

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