

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism".

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

A sincere THANK YOU to the dedicated committee of our Annual Parish Dinner Dance held on Saturday, March 7th, for a very enjoyable and successful evening. Thank you to those who attended and to all who purchased raffle tickets and ads.

Congratulations to the Raffle Winners:

\$5,000 Sweepstakes - #18 - Young Pannese Social Club

\$500 Raffle 1st Prize - #2935 - Mary Anne Cullen

\$200 Raffle 2nd Prize - #5559 - Rosalie D'Agostino

\$100 Raffle 3rd Prize - #8342 - Bellanirys Muñoz

2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Faith and Good Works

Supporting the work of the Church

Next weekend, **March 21 & 22**, the Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal will get underway in our parish with the In-Pew Appeal. 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! Through your generous gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal, Emmanuel House is able to provide a warm, safe place to sleep for those without a home and no other place to turn.

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." St. Teresa of Calcutta

FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK – will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 17th, as we honor Saint Patrick who was born in Great Britain about the year 385. In 432 he was consecrated a Bishop and then went to Ireland as a missionary where he tirelessly preached the Gospel of Jesus to the people of Ireland and converted many to the Catholic Faith. He died in 461. The foundation of Saint Patrick's strength was a deep experience of the presence of God and his constant prayer.

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH – will be celebrated on Thursday, March 19th as we honor the husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron of the universal Church. What a wonderful model and example for fathers! Saint Joseph is also invoked as the patron of the dying and of a happy death since he is believed to have died in the arms of Jesus and Mary. O glorious Saint Joseph, guardian of Mary and Jesus, assist and protect from all harm the families of our parish and all those throughout the world who turn to you for divine guidance.

WEEKLY SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

The sacrament of Penance is offered every Saturday from 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm in our Church, or at any other time upon request at the Parish Office.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 21 & 22 - Catholic Charity In-Pew Appeal

March 28 & 29 - Catholic Charity In-Pew Appeal

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

April 19 - Divine Mercy Sunday

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

MASSES FOR MARCH 16 - 22, 2020

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

Monday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday - St. Patrick

7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotion & Benediction

Wednesday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Michele DiFabio by wife & sons
5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, March 19 - St. Joseph

7:30 am - In Honor of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm

Matthew & Angie Arrico by sister Gloria
Carlo & Joan Napolillo by sister Gloria
John Napolillo, Jr. & Joan E. Napolillo
by sister Gloria & family
Anthony Ginolfi by family

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, March 22
Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

Filomena Antuono by children
Frank Cuiccio - Birthday Remembrance - by daughters

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Robert Joseph Carnevale by family
Evangelista Rendina by husband & children

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotion & Benediction

Wednesday, March 18

5:00 pm - Older First Communion Class - SD Center
6:30 - RCIA Class - SD Center

Thursday, March 19 - Happy St. Joseph's Day

5:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Rectory

Friday, March 20 - Day of Abstinence

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

Second Collection: Altar Easter Flowers

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

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

Weekend of March 7 & 8, 2020

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$3,540.00
2nd Collection: \$1,837.00
Major Repair Fund

Sanctuary Candle:

Robert Joseph Carnevale by family

Altar Bread & Wine:

Robert Joseph Carnevale by family

+ Died in Christ +

Angela Conte
Adeline Moretta
Paul Cardullo
John Soccio

SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN

Because our weekly parish bulletin can no longer be paid by ads on the back page, we are hoping to help defray this expense by asking parishioners to come forward each week by sponsoring the bulletin with a donation of **\$70.00**. Please call the parish office if you wish to help.