



Live the truth and love the light! This is our call and challenge. As people of faith, we are to live life rejecting darkness and sin and embracing the truth and light revealed in Jesus Christ. We should be filled with joy, knowing that Jesus, our Lord and Messiah, came so that we would not fall to the clutches of sin and perish, but have eternal life, gazing upon the glorious throne of God. This is the purpose of Lent: the springtime for the soul, blossoming into new life, is a gift. God cares for us so dearly that we are still invited - all invited - always invited - into God's loving embrace.

How is Christ crucified a sign of God's love for you?

A Prayer for Lent
Stay with me Lord, because I am weak and
I need your strength. You are my life
And without you I am without fervor.
You are my light and without you I am in darkness.
Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love you
And always be in your company.
Stay with me, Jesus, in life with all its dangers,
I need you. Amen
 ~ St. Padre Pio

2023 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Every gift matters. Every gift makes a difference.

The Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal will get underway in our parish with the **In-Pew Appeal on March 25th & 26th**. 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!

"It is in giving that we receive..." Prayer of Saint Francis



SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Santa Maria Di Prata Society Hall
 29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI

Music by DJ Eddie Catoni

Tickets: \$50 per person

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 25 & 26 – Catholic Charity In-Pew Appeal
- April 2 – Palm Sunday
- April 6 – Holy Thursday
- April 7 – Good Friday
- April 8 – Holy Saturday
- April 9 – Easter Sunday
- April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday & 1st Communion – Older Students – 9:30 am Mass
- April 23 – Confirmation at Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul
- May 20 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall



FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH – will be celebrated this year on Monday, March 20th 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.

Morning Mass will be celebrated in honor of St. Joseph on Monday, March 20th at 7:30 am.

MASSES FOR

MARCH 20 - 26, 2023

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

Monday, March 20 – Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, March 21 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Wednesday, March 22 – Lenten Weekday

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Thursday, March 23 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 am – Antonio Funaro by Family

Friday, March 24 – Lenten Weekday - Abstinence

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, March 25 – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am – The Annunciation of the Lord

**Sanctuary Candle &
Altar Bread & Wine:**



Antonio Funaro by Family

+Died in Christ+

Rev. Daniel LaPolla, C. S.



WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

Weekend of March 11 & 12, 2023

Collections: \$5,899.00

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, March 25

5:00 pm

William Cospes by Marilyn & the Family
Anthony C. Ginolfi – 7th Year Remembrance
by Wife & Family
John O'Rourke by son, Steven & Stavolone Families
Michael Paliotti & John Paliotti by mother, Inez
Recardo Silvestri – Birthday Remembrance
by Olivia, Gary, & Family

6:30 pm

Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, March 26
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am

Michael R. Mancini

9:30 am

Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Karen Cady by Family
Robert Joseph Carnevale by Wife & Family
Betty DeTroia by sister, Grace
Glenn Fernandez – Birthday Remembrance
by Parents & Family

THANK YOU to the dedicated members of our Parish Ladies Guild for a very enjoyable **Polenta/Cavati Dinner** held on February 20th. We are grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to this parish event. A profit of \$1,287.28 was raised for our Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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In Honor
of
All Priests