

Reflection

The best Lent is one in which we enter the season wholeheartedly. All too often people either take on too much or don't take on enough. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions, and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals.

Lenten Thought

What Catholic hasn't said, "I don't belong inside a church," or "After the way I've lived God doesn't want me there." On Ash Wednesday the entire Church admits that none of us "belongs in there." Our ash-smearred foreheads admit our sinfulness. If belonging to the Church depended on good behavior, who could last beyond infancy? But ashes are in the shape of the Cross - showing that our sinfulness is not the end of the story. We belong in the Church because of the goodness of Jesus Christ who sees us as the most loveable being in all creation. No sin of ours can stop His love. His sacrifice has conquered sin. So sin itself is not the problem. The problem is a heart that is too prideful or fearful to seek His loving and merciful embrace. You do belong inside the Church. After the things you've done it is the only place that will bring you the forgiveness, peace, and true happiness you long for. So welcome to Lent! Welcome to the Church! Welcome home! Jesus has been waiting for YOU!



LENTEN REGULATIONS

WEEKDAYS OF LENT - Although there is no obligation to fast, Jesus calls us to do penance. Voluntary acts of self-denial are highly recommended and encouraged.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY - are days of fast and abstinence. Limit one full meal on these days to all between 18 and 59 years of age. The other two meals should be lighter than they normally would be. Eating between meals is to be avoided. No meat for those 14 years and older.

FRIDAYS OF LENT - are days of abstinence, that is, Catholics who are 14 years and over are required to give up meat.

EASTER DUTY - the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

Lent Begins March 5th

On **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**, we begin that special season of penitential observance known as LENT. It is that time of year when we take time out to seriously examine our human values against profoundly different Gospel values—when we reassess our principles against principles of the Good News of Jesus.

Ash Wednesday – March 5th
Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.
7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English

**2025 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
 A STATE OF HOPE**

Every gift matters. Every gift makes a difference.



*“Commit your way to the Lord;
 trust in him, and he will act.”
 Psalm 37:5*

Annual Parish Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 5, 2025

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

Tickets: \$55 per person

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Annual Souvenir Ad Book

Please consider purchasing an Ad in our souvenir book for your business, family, or In Memory of a loved one.

Memorial Lines and Family Name Lines are available for \$10.

Please call the Parish Office for information.

Thank you for your support!

MASSES FOR

MARCH 3 - 9, 2025

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

Monday, March 3

7:30 am – For A Special Intention

Tuesday, March 4

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Ash Wednesday, March 5

7:30 am – Ash Wednesday – Mass in English
10:00 am – Ash Wednesday – Mass in Spanish
5:30 pm – Ash Wednesday – Mass in English
7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday – Mass in Spanish

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, March 6

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Friday after Ash Wednesday, March 7

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

Saturday after Ash Wednesday, March 8

8:00 am – Intentions of Parishioners

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Penance is offered in the Church:

Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45 pm in English

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in Spanish

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

In Memory of:

Angela Conte

Sandra Ferrucci

LORD’S DAY MASSES

Saturday, March 8

5:00 pm

Angela Conte – 5 Year Remembrance
by husband & family

Sunday, March 9 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

Intentions of Parishioners

11:30 am

Maria Ricciotti by Peter & Lillian
Antonio & Maria Annina Marinucci by Peter & Lillian

Special Collections in March

Thank You for Your Generosity!

March 2 - Major Repair Fund

March 5 - Ash Wednesday

March 9 - Utility Fund

March 16 - Second Collection

March 23 - Extraordinary Expenses

March 30 – Second Collection

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

Weekend of February 22 & 23, 2025

\$6,177.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Baptized in Christ

Amaya Ana Duverge Moronta

Natalia Morillon

Anthony Valentin Noriega Argueta

Xyla Ismari Pratts

Nariyah Leigh Williams



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

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

Vanessa Smith McCarthy

Misas en Español

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes 7:00 pm
 Sábado 6:30 pm-- Domingo 9:30 am y 7:00 pm
 N.B. Miércoles a las 5:30 pm Adoración
 Confesiones los Miercoles en español 6 a 6:45 pm

Bautismos: Marzo. 29.

Debe registrarse **3 semanas antes** de la fecha

Reflexión

La mejor Cuaresma es aquella en la que entramos en la temporada de todo corazón. Con demasiada frecuencia, la gente asume demasiado o no asume lo suficiente. La solución es simplificar nuestras disciplinas, enfocar nuestras intenciones y concentrarnos más claramente en nuestras metas espirituales.

Pensamiento Cuaresmal

Lo que los católicos no han dicho: "No pertenezco a una iglesia" o "Después de la forma en que he vivido, Dios no me quiere allí". El Miércoles de Ceniza toda la Iglesia admite que ninguno de nosotros "pertenece allí". Nuestras frentes manchadas de ceniza admiten nuestra pecaminosidad. Si la pertenencia a la Iglesia dependiera del buen comportamiento, ¿quién podría durar más allá de la infancia? Pero las cenizas tienen la forma de una cruz, lo que demuestra que nuestra pecaminosidad no es el final de la historia. Pertenece a la Iglesia por la bondad de Jesucristo, quien nos ve como el ser más adorable de toda la creación. Ningún pecado nuestro puede detener Su amor. Su sacrificio ha vencido el pecado. Entonces el pecado en sí no es el problema. El problema es un corazón que es demasiado orgulloso o temeroso para buscar Su abrazo amoroso y misericordioso. Pertenece dentro de la Iglesia. Después de las cosas que has hecho, es el único lugar que te traerá el perdón, la paz y la verdadera felicidad que anhelas. ¡Bienvenidos a la Cuaresma! ¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia! ¡Bienvenido a casa! ¡Jesús te ha estado esperando!

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La Cuaresma comienza el 5 de marzo

El **Miércoles de Ceniza, 5 de marzo**, comenzamos esa temporada especial de observancia penitencial conocida como CUARESMA. Es esa época del año en la que nos tomamos el tiempo para examinar seriamente nuestros valores humanos en comparación con los valores del Evangelio profundamente diferentes, cuando reevaluamos nuestros principios en comparación con los principios de las Buenas Nuevas de Jesús.

Miércoles de Ceniza – 5 de marzo

cenizas bendecidas distribuidas durante todas las Misas.

7:00 pm – Misa en español

Cena & Baile Parroquial

Sábado 5 de abril de 2025

*Salón de Sociedades Santa María Di Prate
 29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI*

Entradas: \$55 por persona

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Libro de anuncios de souvenirs anual

Considere comprar un anuncio en nuestro libro de recuerdos para su negocio, familia o en memoria de un ser querido.

Las líneas conmemorativas y las líneas de apellidos están disponibles por \$10.

Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para obtener información.

¡Gracias por su apoyo!