

Reflection

We cannot outdo Jesus in generosity.

We can offer the better part of our possessions to the poor; Jesus offers salvation to sinners. There is no need to try; we cannot stand up to God in generosity. However, we are invited to give hospitality to all who cross our paths everyday, and to emulate the profound giving nature of God.

LENT BEGINS MARCH 6th

On **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**, 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 6th
Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.
7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

What will this Lent mean to you?

Our spiritual journey for Lent is outlined in the Ash Wednesday Gospel: **prayer – fasting – good works.**

Make the following a part of your journey:

daily mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Saturday confession...

Let this Lent 2019 really make a difference in our lives as we ***“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”***

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.

**Saint Patrick’s Day
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Sunday, March 17, 2019 – 1:00 pm

Church Hall

Ticket Donation: \$20.00

For tickets & information call:

Dan Cullen – 556-8559

Rectory – 944-4466

RESERVE THE DATE – On Saturday Evening, **May 4th, 2019** we will celebrate our **ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE** at The Alpine Country Club in Cranston, RI. Everyone is invited to attend this enjoyable parish event. Parishioners will soon be receiving Raffle Tickets; the participation of everyone is necessary by purchasing and selling Raffle Tickets, Dinner Tickets, and ads for the Souvenir Book. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in making this parish event a success!

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available to all those who are homebound or suffering from a chronic illness. A shawl and prayers offer special comfort. Anyone interested in participating in the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is welcome to attend the meeting on **Saturday, March 9th** at 1:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. For a Prayer Shawl and/or information, please call Rosalie at 401-274-7806.

On **Saturday, March 16th** at **11:00 am** a **Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick and Elderly** will be offered in our Church. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered by the priest and blessed Prayer Shawls will be available following the Mass.

Looking Ahead

- March 5 – Polenta/Cavati Dinner
- March 6 – Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- March 16 & 17 – Catholic Charity Appeal
- March 16 – Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick & Elderly
- March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
- March 23 & 24 – Catholic Charity Appeal
- March 30 – First Penance
- April 14 – Palm Sunday & Bake Sale
- April 18 – Holy Thursday
- April 19 – Good Friday
- April 20 – Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil
- April 21 – Easter Sunday
- April 28 – Divine Mercy Sunday
- May 4 – Mass of the Sacrament of the Sick & Elderly
- May 4 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance at Alpine Country Club
- May 5 – Confirmation – Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul
- May 18 – First Holy Communion

MASSES FOR MARCH 4 - 10, 2019

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

Monday, March 4th – St. Casimir

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

Tuesday, March 5th

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

Wednesday, March 6th

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

Thursday, March 7th – Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, March 8th – St. John of God

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

Saturday, March 9th – St. Frances of Rome

8:00 am - Intentions of Parishioners

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

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

Weekend of February 16 & 17, 2019

First Collection: \$3,805.00
Second Collection: \$1,106.00
Utility Fund

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, March 4th

7:00 pm - Ladies Guild Meeting - RH

Tuesday, March 5th

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction
6:30 pm - Polenta/Cavatì Buffet Dinner

Wednesday, March 6th - Ash Wednesday

Blessed Ashes will be distributed during all Masses

Friday, March 8th

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

Saturday, March 9th

10:00 am - CCD Classes 1st & 2nd years
1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Meeting
4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, March 10th

10:30 am - Confirmation Class
Second Collection: Major Repair Fund

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, March 9th

5:00 pm

Biagio "Ben" Pagano – 20th Year Anniversary – by wife & family

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, March 10th

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

Deceased of the Holy name Society

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Intentions of Parishioners

Sanctuary Candle:

Joseph & Cece Dilorio
by daughter & family

Altar Bread & Wine:

Joseph & Cece Dilorio
by daughter & family

+ Died in Christ +

Catherine A. Rotella

Baptized in Christ

Jayvier Divino Flores

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In Memory of*

**Josè & Dennis
Pacheco**