

6th Week in Ordinary Time

February 10 & 11, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Dorothy Zoglio – 2nd Anniversary
by her Family

Sunday

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin
Mary for a Favor Obtained by Marion
Cole

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Katherine Marro by her daughter,
Ann Marie

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Louis R. Maccarone, Sr. by his
Family – 30th Anniversary

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday, February 14th. Even if this is our society's celebration of "Valentine's Day" it is still a day of **fast and abstinence**.

Ashes will be distributed at:

- 7:30 AM – Mass & Distribution of Ashes
- 4:00 PM - Prayer Service and the Distribution of Ashes



LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Church law requires abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older). In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **fast days**: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious reasons such as one's health can excuse a person from these rules.

Weekend Mass Schedule

The weekend Mass Schedule will return to 5:00 PM on Saturdays and 8:00 and 10:00 AM on Sundays beginning the weekend of March 3rd and 4th.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of February 3 & 4, 2018

Budget Collection	\$3,130.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$ 773.00
February Monthly to Date	\$ 576.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$9,792.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	97

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes continue this week. Grades 1 – 5 meets from 3:30 – 5:15 PM and Grades 6 – 9 meets from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

There will be no classes next week, February 20th due to school Winter Break. Classes will resume on February 27th.

2018 20-Week Club

There will be a person collecting on the 1st weekend of every month from December to April. All other weeks you can use the 20-Week Club payment envelope found on the ushers' tables.

2018 20-Week Winners

- February 4th: Kathleen Maccarone # 037 and Jennifer Perry # 172.

Health Reminder

We all know that there are many germs floating around these days. Just a reminder, that if you have a cold or are recuperating from the flu or other viruses, please do not receive from the chalice and/or if you are a Eucharistic minister, please ask someone else to take your place. This may help stop some germs from spreading around.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The Parish Nurses will hold their monthly Blood Pressure Clinic after all masses next weekend in the sacristy of the church.

Father Bob's Ramblings

On Wednesday of this week, we begin our annual Lenten Journey. With the celebration of Ash Wednesday, all Christians throughout the world are joined together in a spirit of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We begin this Journey by being marked with the sign of ashes. Ashes are not something magical, but rather they are a sign that all of us are acknowledging our sinfulness and our need to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

The whole Lenten Season has no meaning apart from the Paschal Mystery (the dying and rising) of Christ. The prayer, fasting and almsgiving we do during Lent have an Easter purpose.

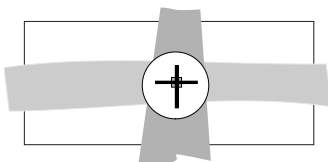
We do not fast during Lent because fasting is good for our health, like a diet or a workout at the gym. Rather, fasting helps us to realize our dependence; it helps us become aware of the needs of others; it empties us so that we can be filled with God's gifts.

We give of what we have for the same reason – to increase our awareness of the poverty of others, to become more detached from material things, and to be more focused on God.

The prayers we offer during Lent are prayers of repentance and prayers of reparation for what we have done wrong. That is important, but most important of all; we pray that God may bring the image of his Son to perfection within us.

So, this Lenten Journey is not a journey to nowhere. It is a journey of hope, as we walk toward the celebration of Easter. It is a journey that leads us to a renewal once again of our call to be children of God through Baptism.

I invite each of us to embark on this Lenten Journey of 2018 together. As we all know, it is a time of great uncertainty and upheaval for many of us. May we resolve to walk its entire length during these forty days as we pray, fast and give of what we have and of who we are so that come Easter we will truly be renewed by God's love.



Daily Prayer Book for Lent

This Prayer Book for Lent is available *free* in the foyer of the church. It is meant to encourage taking five minutes a day for prayer and reflection during the Lenten Season. Please pick one up for yourself, your family members, and/or your friends and continue a past Lenten tradition or start a new one.

Catholic Charity Appeal

“Faith and Good Works”

Case Statement for the Catholic Charity Appeal

The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in need.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation – a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of countless people in our State.

You are asked to please prayerfully consider a **PLEDGE DONATION** rather than simply a one-time cash only donation. Making a pledge allows you to make a larger donation and spread out your payments through a ten-month period.

Our goal for this year is again **\$13,500**. Last year we collected only \$9,244 toward that same goal. Let's try to increase our donations to meet that goal this year.

Soup-er Bowl of Caring

Thanks to our Confirmation Candidates for taking part in the Annual Soup-er Bowl of Caring. Through your generosity we were able to donate **\$309.00** to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.