

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

5:15 PM **Ann F. Masse (Rem.),**
By the SRB Parish Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 AM **Claire Montpetit (Rem.),**
By a friend

10:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Page, Zurro
and Ferretti Families (Rem.),**
By family

Theresa Nadeau (Ann.),
By the Nadeau family

11:30 AM **Rocco Tella (5th Ann.),**
By family
Dennis Blanchard (1st Ann.),
By family

1:00 PM **Baptisms**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 AM **Desiree Marcello (Ann.),**
By Aunt and Uncle
Roger Riccio, Jr. (Rem.),
Bill, Cecile and Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 AM **Mary C. Costa (Birth.),**
By daughter, Doris
John and Isabel Kelley (Rem.),
By Wini and Marie

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 -Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM **OPEN INTENTION**

12:10 AM **David Wheeler (Birth.),**
By family
Gian Piscione (Rem.),
By family

7:00 PM **OPEN INTENTION**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM **NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:10 PM **Lena Riccio (Rem.),**
By Bill, Cecile and Family

7:00 PM **Stations and Benediction**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

5:15 PM **Joseph Barone III (5th Ann.),**
By family
Giuseppe Paris (Birth.),
By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:00 AM **Anthony DiChiaro (16th Ann.),**
By wife and family

10:00 AM **Raymond Mahoney (28th Ann.),**
By Pat
Doris Kelley (4th Ann.),
By family

11:30 AM **OPEN INTENTION**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

**O Lord, I trust
in your merciful love!**

Borrowed from Paul Turner

Love is Hard

Love and hate are not the only options. In between lies a range of emotions including concern and indifference. If someone offends us, we may respond in a variety of ways. Some people feel hatred, bear grudges, and seek revenge. It is a fairly easy choice. But others take the harder option.

The Book of Leviticus proposes this difficult solution. God said to Moses, "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. ... Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This command is one of the most challenging in the entire Old Testament, yet Jesus chose it as one of the greatest commandments: Love your neighbor.

The Book of Leviticus realizes that not every neighbor is lovable. "You may have to reprove your fellow citizen." People sometimes do the wrong thing. They should not continue such behavior. You may have the opportunity to offer correction. But correction is not a license for anger, or for the disruption of charity. When correcting your neighbor, Leviticus says, "do not incur sin." Be not hateful. Be loving.

It is easy to love the neighbor we like, but it is harder to love the neighbor who offends. That love can take many forms—even the form of charitable correction. But it should never deteriorate to hatred. There are other options.

MASS INTENTIONS

(Call for additional Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

TUESDAY	MARCH 3	12:10 PM
SUNDAY	MARCH 8	8:00 AM
MONDAY	MARCH 9	12:10 PM

A FAMILY OF
Faith

Phone:232-9321 E-mail: srbccd2020@gmail.com

Monday 2/24/2020 9th and 10th grade

Tuesday 2/25/2020 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade

Wednesday 2/26/2020 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade

Steubenville East July 10-12, 2020

Please come and learn about this amazing event for our teens at this informational meeting that will be held during class time.

Meeting with Parents/Students in the 9th and 10th grade
Monday March 2nd at 6:30pm

Meet in the lower church.

Meeting with Parents/Students in the 8th grade.
Wednesday March 4th at 4:15pm
Meet in the church.

OUTREACH and EVANGELIZATION

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days, counting Sundays, before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.



Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us.

As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

"Jesus is the light that shines for everyone. He became man and died so that we can live in happiness. Therefore, we need to let Jesus into our hearts so that we may find faith, hope and love." Peace, Dina

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, ROSARY FOLLOWING 8:00 **AM** MASS IN THE UPPER CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, AAGROUP MEETING AT 7:00 **AM** IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

FRIDAY, AA AT 8:00 **PM** IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY FRIDAY)

FRIDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 10:00 **PM** IN THE CHURCH HALL

DAILY READINGS

Sunday Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or
Charon Souza (231-3962)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD SHELF!

We are in need of the

following items:

Canned Ravioli

Peanut Butter/ Jelly

Jarred Pasta Sauce

Boxed Pasta

\$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE

GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS

WELCOME

Thank you for your generosity!

40-WEEK CLUB 2020



OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week #7 Ticket #0004

\$40: Claire Ferretti

Captain: Kate Albanese

Tickets are available at the Rectory Office or call

Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603

All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!



**Community Outreach Ministry
New Lenten Outreach Project
During Lent, we will focus on
collecting new white socks and**

**underwear, all sizes, for men and women in the
shelters.**

We count on your generosity. With grateful hearts,
Carolyn & Marge

Grateful for God's Providence St. Robert Bellarmine CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

We are still making progress toward reaching our goal. To all the families who made their commitment, we want to extend a special "Thank You!" for joining the other members of our parish family who have committed to this campaign. **This brings our total participation to 224 families. Our current pledge total is \$378,734!!** Thank you for your support!

If you have not participated to date, please help us build on this success and reach our goal!

Our goal of \$423,714 is within reach!

Pregnant? Need Help? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is declaring a year of service called "Walking with Moms in Need." This is the mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence's special ministry called "St. Gabriel's Call." The Diocese has seven locations that reach out to help moms, families and babies during and beyond pregnancy. Our help is free and confidential! For information regarding our pastoral outreach services and locations, contact Carol Owens at 278-2518.

Looking for a Spiritual *pick-me-upper*? La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA has published its complete schedule of 2020 retreat programs and days of recollection. Visit its website at: www.lasalletteretreatcenter.org. Or, send for its catalog of programs at: La Salette Retreat Center, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.

Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation Saturday, March 14, 2020

Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

All adults are invited to be refreshed in their faith, enjoy fellowship with other Catholics, and be equipped to discuss their Catholic Faith with others. Dynamic speaker and author, Mike Aquilina, will present the Keynote Address "The Martyr's Cup" and a breakout session "Angels of God." Speakers from the McGrath Institute for Church Life will present a series of talks on Science and the Bible. Other topics include missionary discipleship, sharing the Faith with children and teens, the Church's teaching on gender theory and more. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Thomas Tobin. The schedule runs 10:00 AM – 5:15 PM and includes informative breakout sessions with 20 speakers, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets, view the full schedule and list of speakers and exhibitors at www.discovercatholicfaith.org. For more info: Office of Faith Formation at 401.278.4646.

DEALING WITH OUR FAULTS

When we deal with our faults and imperfections, we are dealing with the basic issues of being human. We can become bitter and cynical about the imperfections of others, or we can realize every person is incomplete but growing, just as we are. The way we look at the faults in others and the way we look at our own are closely tied together. In our spiritual journey, we must begin with the premise that no person on earth ever achieves perfection.

Perfection apparently is not what this life is about at all; it is about making progress.

We are lovable, and we can love in the process of living our lives. Since we are not perfect, we have to be accountable. We must have standards for our behavior and hold ourselves to those standards, admitting our mistakes and making changes and repairs where we can.

Lent 2020



Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020

Mass with distribution of ashes
9:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

Fr. David Thurber will be here at St. Robert Bellarmine on February 29th and March 1st to celebrate the Weekend Masses, introduce himself and extend a personal invitation to join him as he re-introduces the tradition of an Annual Lenten Mission here at our parish. So that he can be here at St. Robert's, I will be celebrating Fr. David's Weekend Masses at St. Teresa Parish in Pawtucket. I thank you in advance for welcoming him, and I look forward to seeing you at the Mission. In Christ, Fr. Richard

Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. David Thurber

March 2nd, 3rd & 4th at 7:00 PM

In the remarks that he sent to be published in our parish bulletin, our mission preacher wrote the following: "Greetings! My name is Fr. David Thurber and I am the pastor of St. Teresa Parish in Pawtucket. I was honored and excited when your pastor asked if I could preach your mission this year. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, giving alms and refocusing ourselves on Jesus Christ and his teachings. We are all called to be disciples of Jesus, yet the business and worries of life often cloud our true mission and purpose here on earth. Throughout our three evenings together, I will celebrate Mass and talk about the various aspects of discipleship and how we can grow in our calling to spread the Gospel. I hope you can join me as we laugh, learn and grow. May God bless you this Lent and always and I look forward to seeing you in person for our mission."

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: 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 health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).