

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

12:10 PM Carmela Tortorella (1st Ann.),
By family

7:00 PM **Lenten Mission**

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Zanni
Family (Rem.),
By Fran and John

7:00 PM **Lenten Mission**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

12:10 PM Joyce St. Angelo & Anthony Capece
(Rem.)

7:00 PM **Lenten Mission**

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

12:10 PM Jeannine & Phil McSoley (Rem.),
By Ann and John

7:00 PM Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

5:15 PM Michael Muscatelli (Rem.),
By family
Thomas Muscatelli (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM Blanche & Raoul Lemoi (Ann.),
By family
10:00 AM Barbara & Richard Gervais (Rem.),
By family and friends
Rene Nadeau (Ann.),
By the Nadeau Family
11:30 AM Jared Bromley (3rd Ann.),
By Auntie Ann Marie and Uncle David
Louis Vinagro, Sr. (Birth.) &
Louis Vinagro, Jr. (2nd Ann.),
By Ann Marie and David



First Sunday
of Lent

March 1, 2020

**One does not live
by bread alone!**

Borrowed from Paul Turner

What One Can Do

One person can do a lot of damage. As we begin Lent we remember the story of Adam and the origins of human sin. But we all know how much damage any one person can do, because we have experienced it in our own sinful lives. One person can say and do things that hurt. Such things hurt another person, but they also hurt the very person who commits the offense. In addition, one person's offense may tarnish others—the family, the profession, or the church. One person can do a lot of damage.

At the beginning of Lent it is tempting to wallow in sin. This season will indeed turn our attention to our offenses. This is a perfect time of year to make a good examination of conscience and to bring our sin to the sacrament of reconciliation.

But there is more to Lent than sin. There is grace.

St. Paul told the Romans that death came into the world through one person's transgression, but "how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ."

One person can do a lot of good. The kindness we perform for another person can bring unexpected joy. And by the death and rising of Christ, sinners are made righteous.

Yes, reflect on sin this Lent, but remember also the grace. Jesus brings life to the world, and to you.

MASS INTENTIONS

(Call for additional Mass availability)
The following dates and times are available

TUESDAY	MARCH 10	12:10 PM
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 11	12:10 PM
SUNDAY	MARCH 15	8:00 & 11:30 AM

40-WEEK CLUB 2020



OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week #8 Ticket # 0370

\$40: David Scotto

Captain: Henry Giolitti

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!



New Lenten Outreach Project

ALL are invited: teachers, parishioners, CCD students, Troop 20, our youth group, to

participate in our Lenten outreach project.. We are collecting new white socks and underwear, all sizes, for homeless men and women.

Please drop items off at the vestry and they will be delivered to several shelters. The need is great, so we count on your generosity.

Calling all knitters, sewers, crocheters to make lap blankets, prayer shawls, scarfs and hats. We will have a meeting at church in March for those interested in these projects. If you aren't in any of these categories, but would like to help out, yarn is always appreciated. With grateful hearts,

Carolyn & Marge

Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation

Saturday, March 14, 2020 Bryant University

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.

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 226 families. Our current pledge total is \$381,134!!** 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!

Go Forward

Even if you should fall fifty times a day, never should that surprise you or worry you. Instead, ever so gently set your heart back in the right direction and practice the opposite virtue, all the time speaking words of love and trust to Our Lord after you have committed a thousand faults, as much as if you had committed only one. Once we have humbled ourselves for the faults God allows us to become aware of in ourselves, we must forget them and go forward.

St. Jane Frances de Chantel

In accordance with Diocesan Policies, **Tuition Assistance is only for students in grades K-8.** **The premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need.** Families requesting assistance must fulfill the following requirements:

- ***Must** be registered in the parish (at least one full year.)
- ***Must** attend Mass on a weekly basis.
- ***Must** use the budget envelope system.
- ***Must** show family involvement in parish programs/ministry.
- ***Must** submit the FACTS form through the school's Financial Aid Office

Please fill out a separate form for each child in a household. If you need an application sent to you, please call the Rectory at 232-5600 or pick one up on the community table at Church. **Applications must be completed and returned to the Rectory by April 1st.**

Lent 2020

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. David Thurber

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

Fr. David Thurber will be here at St. Robert Bellarmine this weekend to celebrate all 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

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).