

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

5:15 PM Angelo Ruschetta (Rem.),  
By family  
Christopher Lautieri (Rem.),  
By Betty and Gene

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25 – PALM SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Connie & Vincent Laurenza (Rem.),  
By Sal, Cee and Chris

10:00 AM Virginia DiFiore (2nd Ann.),  
By husband  
Antonio Cerbo (Ann.),  
By family

12:00 PM Bruno Calvitto (14 Ann.),  
By family  
Gina Vespia (Birth.),  
By family

**MONDAY, MARCH 26**

12:10 PM Mary Costa (Rem.),  
By daughter, Doris  
Ann Ricci (Month's Mind),  
By the Bilobram family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

12:10 PM Joseph E. Perry (Rem.),  
By son, Bob  
Rocco Izzo (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) &  
Salvatore Izzo (Rem.),  
By family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Reo  
Family (Rem.),  
By Gloria  
Gerard Nadeau (Ann.),  
By the Nadeau family

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29 – HOLY THURSDAY**

7:30 PM OPEN INTENTION

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30 – GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and  
Holy Communion

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 – HOLY SATURDAY**

7:30 PM OPEN INTENTION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 AM John Mercurio (Birth.),  
By family  
10:00 AM Frank & Edith Amitrano (Rem.),  
By family  
Lawrence Martino (Rem.),  
By family  
11:30 AM Bobby 'Bo' Desmet (Rem.),  
By mom, Terri, Tiffani and Aunt Judy  
Robert Habershaw (Rem.),  
By family

**Palm Sunday of the  
Lord's Passion**

March 25, 2018

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS**

Borrowed from Paul Turner

**The Mystery of Suffering**

The speaker of today's first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God's word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This word gets him into trouble.

But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God who gives him these pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the word God gives him, even in the face of resistance.

Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God's word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God.

The victim on the cross hangs in full view in our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.

Fr. John

**MASS INTENTIONS**

(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

MONDAY	APRIL 23	9:00 AM
SUNDAY	APRIL 29	8:00 AM
SUNDAY	MAY 6	8:00 AM



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**Office Hours: 9am to 4pm.**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**Phone : 232-9321**  
**E-mail – srbccd@aol.com**

**Religious Education Classes**

Day	Date	Grade	Time
Sun	Mar 25	7 thru 10	No Class
Tue	Mar 27	1 thru 3	4:15-5:30
Wed	Mar 28	4 thru 6	4:15-5:30

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor retreat April 6, from 6 to 8 here at St. Robert’s, please keep all our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers.

BLESSED PALM SUNDAY



The cross of Jesus doesn’t just reveal God as unconditional love; it also reveals how vulnerability is the path to intimacy. How is this revealed in the cross? The best place to start is with God. What the cross tells us, more clearly than any other revelation, is that God is absolutely and utterly nonviolent and that God’s vulnerability, which the cross invites us into, is a power for community with God and with each other.

*Our Path to the Cross*

**MR. ROB MANZO**

Blessed  
 is Jesus  
 who comes in God’s name



**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)  
**THURSDAY, NA GROUP MEETING** AT 7:00 **PM** IN THE SACRISTY  
**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** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39  
**Monday** Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday** Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday** Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday** Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42  
**Saturday** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7



**Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or Charon Souza (231-3962) or Eileen Morrison (349-3601)**

**FOOD SHELF!**

**The Food Shelf is in need of these items:**

- OATMEAL**
- RAMEN NOODLES**
- BOX PASTA/JARRED PASTA SAUCE**
- CLEANING PRODUCTS**
- \$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**
- Thank you for your generosity!**



# 40-WEEK CLUB 2018

## OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week #12 Ticket # 0446

**\$35 : Michelle Crudale**

**Captain: Wini Kelley**

Tickets are still 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!

### ++ CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE ++ PROGRAM POLICIES 2018-2019

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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **McVinney Auditorium**

Volunteer as an Usher at McVinney The commitment may be small, but the impact is great! Our ushers are integral in providing a welcoming experience to everyone who comes through the doors of McVinney. What you can expect: - Arrive 90 minutes before the event - Take tickets, guide patrons to their seats, or hand out programs - Assist any patrons in the theater during the event - Enjoy the event for FREE! To learn more, email [mcvinney@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:mcvinney@dioceseofprovidence.org) or visit [www.mcvinneyauditorium.com](http://www.mcvinneyauditorium.com) for more details.

We hope to see you soon!



### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

A big thank you goes out to the ladies who made and donated the beautiful fleece, knitted and crocheted scarves and hats for the homeless. You are making a difference. Our prayer shawl ministry is in full swing. Drop off knitted/ crocheted prayer shawls at church. For knitted shawls, we use 3 skeins of Lion Brand, Homespun yarn or any soft yarn, total yardage 555 yds. Cast on 60 stitches and work until the skeins are finished. For crocheted shawls, check out the web site "The Crochet Crowd" for easy patterns. For more information contact Carolyn 231-5864 or Margie 231-5276

### **2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

#### ***"Support the Work of the Church"***

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 so many individuals.

### **Time Out Retreats**

**"Dream Big, Fly High,"** a StoweGood concert led by Stowe Dailey and Karen Taylor-Good, singer-songwriters from Nashville, TN will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Wareham, MA on Sunday, April 15 from 4:00PM -5:30PM. This fundraiser concert is in support of Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at St. Patrick's Church, The Narrows Restaurant, Wareham and through Sr. Claire at 508-295-0100 or Peggy Patenaude 508-548-9149.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



**HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 29**

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 PM  
(Adoration until 10:00 PM only)

**GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30**

Way of the Cross – 3:00 PM  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion  
7:30 PM

**EASTER VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY,  
MARCH 31 AT 7:30 PM**

**\*\*\*NOTE: THERE IS NO 5:15 PM MASS TODAY\*\*\***

**EASTER DAY MASSES, SUNDAY, APRIL 1**  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, AND 11:30 AM