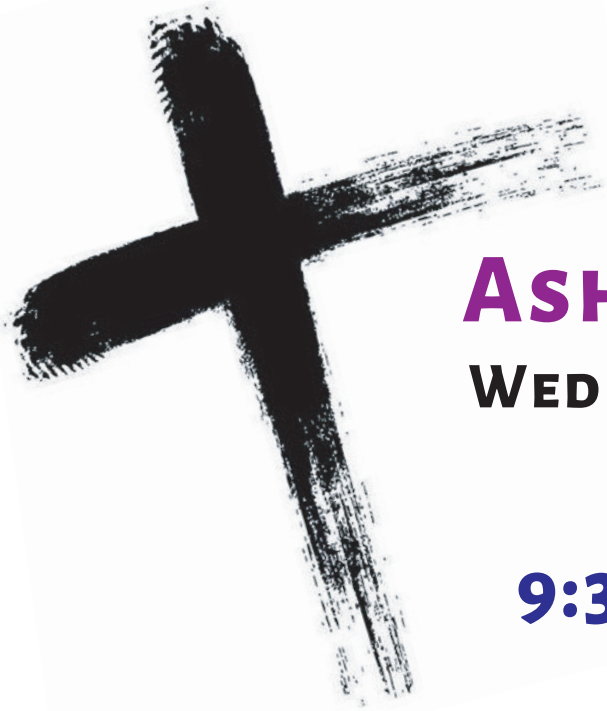


# ST LAWRENCE

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

*Come.*  
*Pray. Belong.*



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

MASS AT

**9:30 AM ● 7:00 PM**



The Catholic Community of  
**St Lawrence**



## 2018 LENTEN REGULATIONS

**1.** The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten.

Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

**2.** The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

**3.** The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

**4.** The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.

# Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

## 2018 Annual Appeal



Last weekend was our Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. We would like 100% participation in our One Body, One Mission that is the Archdiocese of Newark

### "One Body, One Mission"

In his first letter to the Church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul shares deep insight into the great gift given to us in baptism. As Christians, we are members of Christ's body. Though many and each unique, our unity is rooted in the mission entrusted to the Church by Jesus Christ - namely, to proclaim the Good News, to pass on the faith to the next generation through formation and the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and most vulnerable.

As missionary disciples, we seek to answer the Lord's call each day. Christian stewardship is one way we can respond to the Lord's call, as well as, assist our Church in serving those entrusted to its physical and spiritual care. Through the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal, the Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Newark comes together in support of ministries and programs which provide social, educational, and spiritual support throughout Essex, Bergen, Hudson, and Union counties.

*May God bless you for your generosity!*

**Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal?**

<p><b>WHY THE ASHES?</b> THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY</p> 	<p><b>1</b> ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT</p> 	<p><b>2</b> ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST</p> 
<p><b>3</b> ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.</p> 	<p><b>4</b> AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"</p> 	<p><b>5</b> THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR</p> 

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DIVORCED/SEPERATED SUPPORT GROUPS** "It's true . . . there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce" ...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. And it affects and hurts us all. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help. The Archdiocese of Newark currently has 13 parishes who offer a support group for the separated/divorced and these groups will be starting during the next couple months. **For a list of these groups, please visit our website at: [www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups](http://www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups) or Email [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org) or call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4327.**

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your husband or wife? Why not a romantic weekend away from home falling more in love? A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is exactly that kind of getaway. **To receive an information and registration brochure, contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016or 609 335 6880or email [njwwme@peoplepc.com](mailto:njwwme@peoplepc.com)**

Sr. Brittany Harrison, FMA Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. **Contact your local chaplain or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016or 609 335 6880 for more information.**

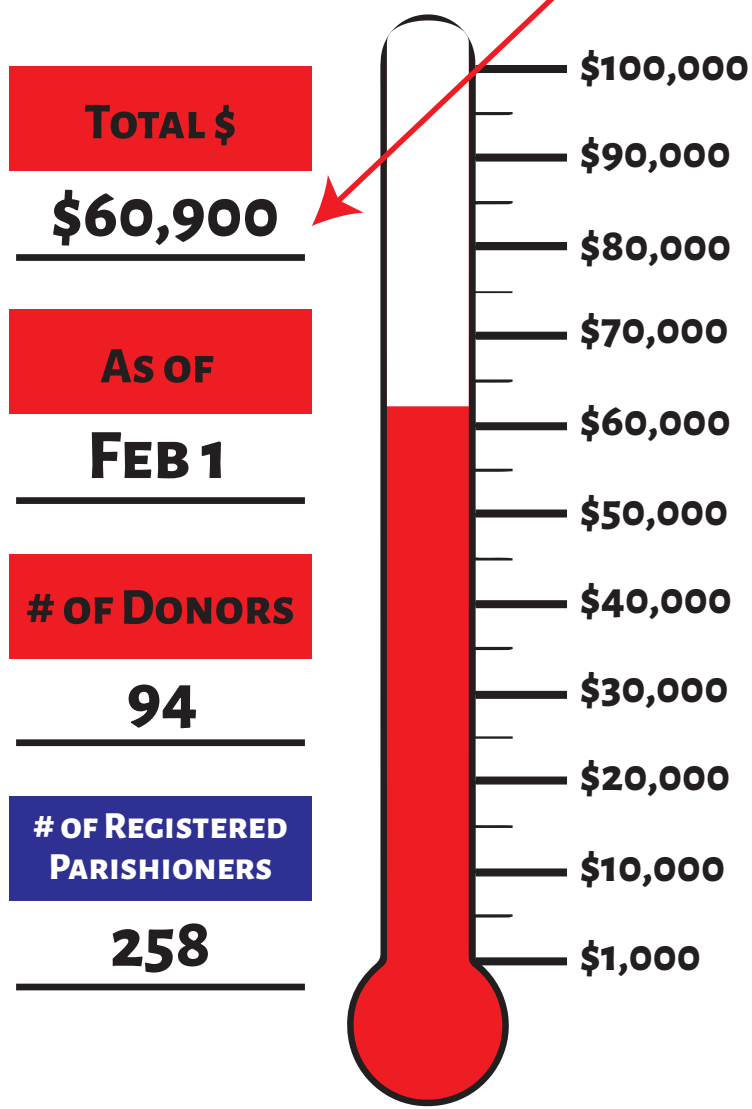
**MORNING OF HEALING: FOR PERINATAL LOSS**  
The Offices of Family & Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago. Agenda includes: Presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments provided. When: Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 8:30am to 12:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ Free of charge and babysitting is provided. **For more information call 973-497-4327. Must register online at: <http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss/>**

**ALIVE IN CHRIST- RENEWING OUR FAMILIES** The Archdiocese of Newark presents "Catholic Women's Commission Day of Reflection" at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079. Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 8:00-4:00pm. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Cost: \$25 Clergy and religious free. Keynote Speakers: Hallie Lord, Gloria Purvis, Sr. Brittany Harrison, FMA. Celebration of the Holy Mass at 4:00pm with main celebrant Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. **To Register online visit [www.rcan.org/womenscommission](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission). For more information, email [CatholicWomen@rcan.org](mailto:CatholicWomen@rcan.org) or call 973-497-4545.**

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE NOT AFRAID . . . THE VICTORY IS CHRIST'S":** The Archdiocese of Newark presents "Catholic Men's Conference" at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079. Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 8:00-4:30pm. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Cost: \$25 Clergy and religious free. Keynote Speakers: Jesse Romero, Joe Lombardi Jr., Hector Molina. Highlights of the day include: Registration/Breakfast& Lunch incl., Confessions/Fellowship Music, Exhibitors, Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions throughout the day. **To Register online visit [www.njcatholicmen.org](http://www.njcatholicmen.org). For more information, email [CatholicMen@rcan.org](mailto:CatholicMen@rcan.org) or call 973-497-4545.**

# ROOF PROGRESS

## We are more than HALFWAY to our goal!



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT \$5,367	BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE 1/28/18 \$166,373
COLLECTED AMOUNT 1/28/18 \$2,062	COLLECTED YEAR TO DATE 1/28/18 \$129,632
	<b>DEFICIT (\$36,741)</b>

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