
Pulpit Announcements

15 February 2026

The Penitential Season of Lent Opens

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday – it is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses that day and upon request during the day.

Please note that the entire Ash Wednesday collection this year will be to benefit the works of Catholic Charities here in the Boston Archdiocese. Government funding cutbacks for the needy will be making ever greater demands on the Church's social outreach ministries. Please be generous!

Please consult and retain at home the insert in today's Bulletin. It provides a convenient listing of observances & practices for the whole Lenten season.

In-House Lenten Appeal

The Shrine's annual Lenten Appeal has been rebranded to encompass and help sustain needed major capital repairs that will be ongoing over the coming years.

We will especially promote this Heritage-Legacy Sustaining Fund during the alms-giving Season of Lent, but other opportunities to contribute will be ongoing throughout the year.

For those who might not have received our revamped Lenten Appeal mailing, additional donation envelopes are available at the display in the confessional lobby.

Food Pantry

Non-perishable food items for the poor may be brought to stock our Food Pantry. Monetary donations to our St Anthony Fund for the poor are also welcome.

Place those in the donation "post" at the foot of his statue. Market Basket Gift Cards are always welcomed to help put food on needy families' tables.

Presidents Day Holiday

The Shrine will be OPEN as usual and follow a regular ministry schedule on Monday, February 16.th

Offertory Donations

Please remember to place your weekly Sunday Offertory donation for today's Mass in any of our Offertory Collection Boxes at the exits, as you leave the Shrine. **Thank You!**
