

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14 & 15, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Janice Card – 14th Anniversary –
by Peggi and Peter

Sunday

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of Saint Brigid's

10:00 AM For Ida Ciarlo by her brother, Jerry

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For present and deceased members
of The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Sunday

8:00 AM For Douglas D'Aguanno – Birthday
Remembrance – by mother, Ursula

10:00 AM Baptism during Mass – Quinn Spence

MASS STORM POLICY

Mass will be cancelled in the event of a snowstorm when there is a parking ban in Johnston and/or no school in Johnston. This is due to a safety issue and insurance protection.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of January 7 & 8, 2017

Because of the January 7th & 8th snowstorm, this stewardship will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Budget Collection	\$
January Monthly to Date	\$457.00
Annual Collection to date	\$13,101.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	

20-Week Club Note

Here is a reminder that 20-Week Club membership dues are collected on the first weekend of the month in the church foyer. You may also deposit your dues by placing them in an envelope marked with your numbers and depositing it in the weekly collection basket.

20-Week Club Winner

The 20-Week Club winner for week 10, January 8th was Frank Schiavulli, #243.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes continue this week on Tuesday: Grades 1 – 5 meet from 3:30 – 5:00 PM and Grades 6 – 9 meet from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

FAMILY BOWLING--DON'T STRIKE OUT!!!

A Fun Day for families and friends will be held on Saturday, January 28th at the Town Hall Lanes, 1463 Atwood Ave., Johnston, sponsored by our Social Ministry.

- ✓ PRICE--\$12.00 per person for adults. Children under 5 years of age are FREE!
- ✓ PERKS--2 hours of Cosmic Duckpin Bowling, shoe rental, pizza, chips, and drinks are provided.
- ✓ TIME--Arrival time is 1:45 PM
- ✓ BOWLING ---2 TO 4 PM
- ✓ QUESTIONS--Call Cynthia, 944-6778

Registration and payment may be made prior to and after all masses beginning this weekend through the weekend of January 21st.

William D'Abate Elementary School Thank you

A wonderful thank you letter has been received from Jacqueline B. Lefebvre, School Nurse. She tells us that the Administrators, Staff and the students themselves were overwhelmed by the numerous gifts received from St. Brigid's. When it comes to generosity, our parishioners are the best.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Any adult, 18 years of age or older, who wishes to take adult Confirmation Classes are asked to call Fr. Bob to register. Classes will take place at the Office of Faith Formation, 34 Fenner Street, Providence on Mondays, March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Confirmation will take place here at St. Brigid's at the Easter Vigil, April 15th @ 7:30 PM.

Remember: Anyone wishing to be a godparent for a Baptism or a sponsor at Confirmation MUST be confirmed.

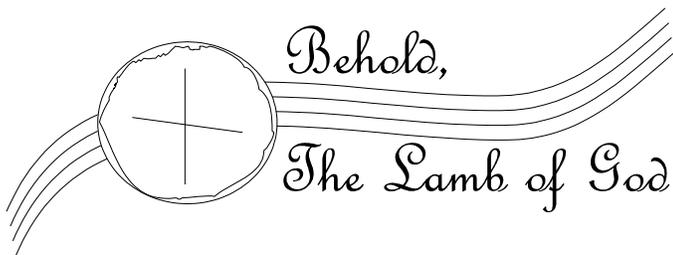
Father Bob's Ramblings

Christmas time ended last weekend with the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, a feast that also marks the beginning of the “ordinary” days of Jesus’ ministry. So, this week, our Church calendar returns to Ordinary Time. When most of us hear the word *ordinary*, we immediately think common, routine, or normal. However, the Church reminds us that this new season we enter is anything *but* normal. We have just finished celebrating the Incarnation of the Lord, Jesus becoming human. In the face of such love (God becoming a human person), in the face of such an initiative on God’s part; *nothing* can ever be *normal* or the *same* again!

The term *Ordinary Time* comes from the Latin root *ordinalis* meaning *counted*. This reminds us that our time – our days, our months, and our years – are counted or ordered. They are ordered around the celebration of the teachings and challenges that Christ presents to us through the Gospels. Fittingly, both John the Baptist and Jesus share the focus of today’s gospel. John’s mission of preparing the way for Jesus continued after the baptism, gradually fading away to give way to the One who was the true Light of the World.

This year we will hear the Gospel of Matthew each weekend. Matthew sees the presence and the ministry of Jesus to be the great light spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. Beginning with next weekend’s reading, we will hear the start of Jesus’ public ministry – his Galilean ministry; his experience in the synagogue of Nazareth; the calling of the first disciples; and Matthew’s version of the Beatitudes, which is the hallmark of Jesus’ early ministry.

As we go about our “ordinary” lives now that all the decorations and lights of Christmas are put away, we might try to be like John the Baptist by letting our lives point to Jesus by what we say and do.



Welcome

We welcome Fr. Marc Fallon, a priest of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, who is covering for me this weekend while I am on vacation. Fr. Marc is in the process of changing ministries from working with the immigrant population in Fall River and New Bedford to becoming a Chaplain to the VA Hospital in Brockton. Please welcome him as you always welcome visiting priests into our Community.

Cold and Flu Season

We are now entering the cold and flu season, which means taking certain precautions not only at home but also in church. Please keep the following in mind if you are symptomatic:

- There are a number of ways to share the “sign of peace” other than a handshake; a wave, a smile, or some other way of greeting
- Not to share in the “Blood of Christ” at communion
- To receive communion in your hand and not on the tongue
- To NOT leave dirty tissues in the pew or on the floor

Blood Pressure Screenings

Next weekend, the third weekend of the month, the Parish Nurses will hold their monthly blood pressure screening after all masses in the sacristy.

Celebrate Catholic Schools

Week with Saint Philip School!

Sunday, January 29, 2016 at a Mass @ 11:30 am, followed by Open House 12:30-2:30 p.m. 618 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI 02828 ~ (401) 949-1130 ~ www.stphilipschool.com

Come and see how a Roman Catholic education nurtures the *whole* child!
Registrations accepted for Age 3 through Grade 8!