

3rd Week in Ordinary Time

January 21 - 27, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For William & Dorothy Milazzo & William Michael Milazzo by Family

Sunday

9:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Edward DiLorenzo by his Family – 2nd Anniversary

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Lori-Ann Broccoli-Jacques by her father, Ben

Weekend Mass Schedule

The weekend Mass Schedule for the months of January and February will be 5:00 PM on Saturdays and 9:00 AM on Sundays.

Weekday Mass Schedule

There will be *NO WEEKDAY* masses this week because Fr. Bob will be away.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of January 13 & 14, 2018

Budget Collection	\$2,945.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$521.00
January Monthly to Date	\$9850.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$9,692.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	82

Catholic University Collection

A special *second collection* to help support the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC will be taken up this weekend. Please use the envelope in your budget packet.

Latin America Collection

A special *second collection* to help support the Church in Latin America will be taken up NEXT weekend. Please use the envelope in your budget packet.

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes continue this week. Grades 1 – 5 meets from 3:30 – 5:15 PM and Grades 6 – 9 meets from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors need to attend the 5:00 PM Mass next weekend for the celebration of “The Rite of Preparation.”

2018 20-Week Club

There will be a person collecting on the 1st weekend of every month from December to April. All other weeks you can use the 20-Week Club payment envelope found on the ushers' tables.

2018 20-Week Winners

- January 14th – Nancy Izzo - # 134

Thank You

The children and staff at the William D'Abate Elementary School in Providence are extremely grateful for the enormous generosity of the parishioners of Saint Brigid's Church. Because of you Christmas was made a little more special for some needy boys and girls. The children have made “thank you notes” which are posted in the foyer of the church.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Any adult 18 years or older who wishes to take Confirmation Classes in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is asked to let Fr. Bob know before February 11, 2018. Classes will take place on Tuesdays February 27th, March 6th, 13th & 20th. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31st.

Health Reminder

We all know that there are many germs floating around these days. Just a reminder, that if you have a cold or are recuperating from the flu or other viruses, please do not receive from the chalice and/or if you are a Eucharistic minister, please ask someone else to take your place. This may help stop some germs from spreading around.

Father Bob's Ramblings

In last week's *Ramblings* I wrote about our entering Winter Ordinary Time and how it is a time of walking with Jesus and rediscovering anew what it means to be a disciple of the Lord. This year we will primarily be hearing the Gospel according to Mark, even though last week we heard a reading from the Gospel of John.

Last week we heard the call of the first disciples, Andrew and an un-named disciple. This week in Mark's version we hear how Jesus is walking along the Sea of Galilee when he calls the brothers Simon and Andrew. They abandon their nets and follow him. He then calls the brothers James and John, sons of Zebedee. All four become followers of Jesus that same day and leave their old life behind, in a sense, Zebedee is left holding the nets! The image that Mark paints for us depicts them as giving themselves in complete dedication to following Jesus. All is abandoned in pursuit of him.

In this story we also hear the beginning of a central theme of Jesus' preaching, which to a certain degree echoed that of John the Baptist – "Repent and believe!" Jesus' preaching will be developed throughout Mark's Gospel.

During these cold winter days, we may want to begin asking ourselves of what in our lives we may need to repent and would we be willing to leave everything to follow Jesus?

On another note, I want to thank Fr. Joseph from St. Bart's Parish for celebrating the 5:00 PM mass and Fr. Timothy Reilly, the Chancellor of the Diocese for celebrating the 9:00 AM mass while I am away. See you all next weekend.



Blood Pressure Screening

The Parish Nurses will conduct blood pressure screenings this weekend after all masses.

Catholic Charity Appeal

The start of the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of you will be receiving a mailing from Bishop Tobin this week asking for your support of the 2018 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. **Please be assured that our parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.**

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our Confirmation Candidates will once again pass soup bowls throughout the church on Souper Bowl Weekend, February 3rd & 4th. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2015, 11,000 groups in all 50 states and outside the USA participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$4 million. ALL of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Our parish will donate the Souper Bowl collection to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Cranston.

Since the Souper Bowl of Caring became a national grass roots event in 1993, more than \$28 million has gone to help those in need. Please support the youth of our parish in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on Souper bowl Weekend.

That is also the weekend of St. Brigid's Feast Day, when we remember how she cared for the poor and underprivileged of her day by bringing them milk, butter and cheese. It is one way of following her example of caring for others.

