

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21 & 22, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

10:00 AM Baptism during mass – Quinn Spence

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Edward DiLorenzo, Sr. – 1st
Anniversary – by his family

Next Sunday

8:00 AM For Lori –Ann Broccoli Jacques –
Anniversary Mass – by her father, Ben

10:00 AM For Judy Dimitri – 1st Anniversary – by
Fran, John and Maureen

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 14 & 15, 2017

Budget Collection	\$4,333.00
January Monthly to Date	\$835.00
Annual Collection to date	\$13,201.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	233 (not a typo)

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 Winners

The 20-Week Club winners for week 11, January 15th were #24: Rhonda Boehm and #17: Cindy Pagliaro.

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.

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

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 this weekend.

Blood Pressure Screening

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

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.

Meetings This Week

Wednesday, 1/25/17, 7:30 pm, K of C, church hall

Father Bob's Ramblings

This past week we celebrated two rather symbolic days: Martin Luther King Day on Monday and Inauguration Day on Friday. As we all know, no matter what our political affiliation may be, it was an historic week for our country. Martin Luther King, who worked so hard and dedicated his life and ministry to bring about equality for all black people, and the inauguration of the first non-politician as president of our country.

It is a time for all of us to stop and pray for our country, our new President, Congress and the new administration. The turmoil and divisions in our country these days needs prayer and sacrifice on the part of each one of us to try to bring new hope and renewed values to our nation.

Most of you by now have received a letter from Bishop Tobin regarding this year's Catholic Charity Appeal. This letter contained a pledge card for your 2017 donation. The card can be filled in and mailed directly to the Charity Appeal Office and the parish **will be credited** with your donation. If you have not yet made your pledge, you will be receiving another reminder letter and pledge card from the Bishop again this week.

We will also have our usual in-pew pledge donation weekends for the Catholic Appeal on March 11/12 and March 18/19. You may also wish to wait until then to make your pledge.

I urge you to try to make a pledge this year rather than a one-time donation. A pledge donation allows you to give a larger amount of money and spread out the payments throughout the year.

It is good to be back and seeing you all again. The snowstorm, the week before I left for vacation, kept most of you away from mass Thanks to all who made up their offertory donations last week.

The Bulletin is once again just one page this week because of a computer/email problem in trying to send the Bulletin to the printing company this week. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Saint Brigid's Feast Day Celebration

The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites all parishioners to come and celebrate St. Brigid's Feast Day after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday, February 5th. Coffee and pastry will be served in the hall.

Souper-Bowl for the Hungry

Once again this year our Confirmation Candidates are participating in the national Souper-Bowl for the hungry. They will be passing soup pans through the pews as a second collection on Super-Bowl Sunday. Please place your donation in the pan and pass it along to the person beside you. All the money will go to support the ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Cranston.

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