

4th Week in Ordinary Time

January 27 - 28, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Tuesday

7:30 AM For Katie Coughlin by Bill and Sally

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Joseph Magnani – 7th Anniversary
by his Family

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Louis Morrocco by his Family

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.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of January 20 & 21, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,838.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$642.00
January Monthly to Date	\$1,211.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$9,692.00
Catholic University Collection	\$103.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	112

Latin America Collection

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

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 21st -

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.

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.

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.**

This year our in-pew collection will take place on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. As in the past, envelopes will be placed in the pews each weekend and you are asked to please take it home and prayerfully consider a **PLEDGE DONATION** rather than a cash, one time only donation. Making a pledge allows you to make a larger donation and spread out your payments through a ten-month period. Envelopes will be collected in the regular offertory collection each week.

Our goal for this year is again **\$13,500**. Last year we collected only \$9,244 toward that same goal. Let's try to increase our donations to meet that goal this year.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Over the past two weekends I mentioned in my *Ramblings* that we moved into the liturgical season known as *Ordinary Time*. 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. This year we hear from the Evangelist Mark on most Sundays throughout the year.

One of the traditions of this movement into *Ordinary Time* is the ancient custom of announcing the dates of the moveable feasts for the coming year. These are the feasts of the Lenten/Easter season, which also offer us some special celebrations here at St. Brigid's.

- We will be celebrating the Feast of Saint Brigid on the weekend of February 3rd and 4th. Her real feast day is February 1st. The Masses that weekend will be a special Mass in her honor. As we honor her, it is also an opportunity for us to honor ourselves under her patronage and follow her example of reaching out to the poor and needy.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. As Bishop Tobin mentioned in his *Without a Doubt* column last week in the RI Catholic, he will NOT be granting a dispensation from Lenten fast for the Valentine Day holiday. Ashes will be distributed at the 7:30 AM Mass and at a Prayer Service at 4:00 PM.
- Palm Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of March 24th & 25th, followed by our Easter Triduum celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.
- Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 1st.
- Our Second Graders will celebrate their First Communion on Sunday, April 29th at a special 12:00 noon Mass.
- Our 9th Graders will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a time and place to be determined by the Bishop's Office.

During these winter days of *Ordinary Time*, we also have lots of germs in the air. Just a reminder that if you have a cold or are recuperating from the flu,

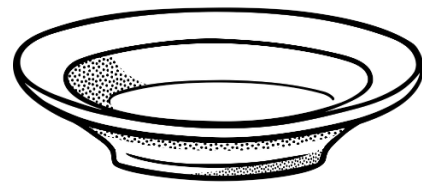
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Souper Bowl of Caring

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 Super 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.



St. Bartholomew Madri Gras

St. Bartholomew Church will host a Mardi Gras Cavati and Polenta Buffet on Tuesday, 2/13/18 @ 6:30 pm in Church Hall , 311 Laurel Hill Ave. Adults - \$20.00; children 6-12 -\$10.00. Call 944-4466 as no tickets will be sold at the door.