

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 28 & 29, 2017

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

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

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

#### Tuesday

7:30 AM For Catherine Coughlin by Sandy Cerrito

#### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Regina, Joseph and Paul Johnson – Birthday Remembrance – by Marion Cole

#### Next Sunday

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's

10:00 AM For Joseph Magnani – 6th Anniversary – by his family

### **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 21 & 22, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,772.00
January Monthly to Date	\$995.00
Annual Collection to date	\$13,201.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	158

### **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.

### **Meetings This Week**

Mon., 1/30/17, Finance Council, Church Hall

### **Religious Education News**

Religious Education Classes continue this week on Tuesday: Grades 1 – 5 meet from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Grades 6 – 9 will *NOT* meet this week.

### **20-Week Club Winner**

The 20-Week Club winners for week 12, January 22<sup>nd</sup> was Mary Jane Volino # 220.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM.

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

### **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 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## ***Father Bob's Ramblings***

The year 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to the children of Fatima. The Church around the world will celebrate this centenary. Here in the Diocese of Providence Bishop Tobin has designated the entire year as a year dedicated to help us renew our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. By dedicating the entire year to Mary, the Bishop feels that it is a privileged moment in which we should heed and hear once again the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima.

Mary's messages at Fatima was a call to all Christians to conversion and repentance for sins, an invitation to deepen and intensify our prayer life, especially through the rosary, and an increased devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart. Mary's apparitions in Fatima took place at the beginning of World War I. It was Mary's hope that following her messages the world would become a more peaceful place.

The Diocese will observe this Marian Year on a number of occasions that will be announced in the coming months. However, so that we, as a diocesan family will be united in our prayer during this Marian Year, the Bishop suggests that in each month we take to heart the public intentions he has created. These include the following:

- **January**: For an increase in Respect for Life, especially for unborn children
- **February**: For Religious Men and Women
- **March**: For repentance of our sins
- **April**: For many vocations to the Priesthood
- **May**: For peace, justice, freedom & prosperity in every nation
- **June**: For priests, deacons, religious and all who minister in the Church
- **July**: For religious freedom
- **August**: For those with special needs in our community
- **September**: For the protection of the environment
- **October**: For all who are ill
- **November**: For the Faithful Departed
- **December**: For our families, especially our troubled families

The Bishop further hopes that this Marian Year will renew our devotion to the Blessed Mother.



## **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

## **Free Copies of RI Catholic**

Complimentary copies of Rhode Island Catholic-the diocese's national award-winning newspaper-are available near the entrance of the church this week as the paper launches its annual February Subscription Drive. If you do not already receive RI Catholic, or would like to renew your subscription or perhaps even purchase one as a gift for a friend or loved one, there are three ways this year to have the news you will not find anywhere else delivered to your home each week. To subscribe for a year of weekly in-home delivery for \$30.00, place the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly parish budget envelope into the collection basket; visit [www.thericatholic.com/subscribe.html](http://www.thericatholic.com/subscribe.html) to purchase or renew a subscription with a credit or debit card; or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone.