

Solemnity of Saint Brigid

February 3 & 4, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

9:00 AM For Louis Morrocco by his Family

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Dorothy Zoglio – 2nd Anniversary
by her Family

Next Sunday

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin
Mary for a Favor Obtained by Marion
Cole

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 27 & 28, 2018

Budget Collection	\$2,652.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$ 692.00
January Monthly to Date	\$1,301.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$9,692.00
Catholic University Collection	\$ 103.00
Latin America Collection	\$ 74.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	115

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday, February 14th. Even if this is our society's celebration of "Valentine's Day" it is still a day of **fast and abstinence**.

Ashes will be distributed at:

- 7:30 AM – Mass & Distribution of Ashes
- 4:00 PM - Prayer Service and the
Distribution of Ashes



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.

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** – Irene Boehm # 053 and Walter Richardson # 167
- **January 28th** – Donna Perry # 173

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.

Bartholomew Mardi Gras

St. Bartholomew Church will host a Mardi Gras Cavati and Polenta Buffet on Tuesday, February 13th at 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.

Father Bob's Ramblings

This weekend we celebrate our Patronal Feast Day, the Solemnity of Saint Brigid of Kildare. As we do so, it is an annual opportunity to reflect on her life and her extraordinary ministry to the people of her time.

Born on February 1 about 452, she was a strong, woman of Christian faith. She is credited with many miracles during her lifetime, often centered on the abundance of milk and butter that would come from her cow with red ears. Brigid would walk through the countryside bringing her dairy products to the poor and needy. It was through this ministry to the poor that she brought many people to follow Jesus and be baptized into the Christian Faith.

This year I would like to highlight some of the many ways that we have become followers of her many acts of charity to the poor. Throughout the year our parish-wide consciousness of reaching out to others with care and compassion has almost become tradition. We support the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Cranston throughout the year with the donation of food products, gloves, scarfs and mittens, bars of soap, and financial donations and the Confirmation Candidates participation in the Soup-er Bowl Collection. Our Giving Tree Ministry during Advent helps hundreds of young children at the D'Abate School in Providence have a happier Christmas celebration. We support the world-wide missionary efforts of the Church with financial donations on Mission Sunday as well as individual collections to a particular missionary society every year. Our support of the Catholic Charity Fund also helps people in our own Diocese with special assistance. And the donation of our extra meals from our festivals goes to help feed people at the Ronald McDonald House in Providence.

I am sure Saint Brigid is proud of our efforts as we try to emulate her example of offering care and compassion to the poor and needy of our time. As we celebrate her feast day, let us one again renew our commitment to be signs of God's care and compassion to all.

Happy Feast Day to All!

Catholic Charity Appeal

"Faith and Good Works"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of February 24/25 and March 3/4. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation – a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives.

You are asked to please prayerfully consider a **PLEDGE DONATION** rather than simply a one-time cash only donation. Making a pledge allows you to make a larger donation and spread out your payments through a ten-month period.

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.

Soup-er Bowl of Caring

Our Confirmation Candidates will once again pass soup bowls throughout the church on this Soup-er Bowl weekend. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. None of the money is sent to the Soup-er Bowl of Caring headquarters. Our parish will donate the Soup-er Bowl collection to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Cranston.

That also being 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.