

# Solemnity of Saint Brigid

## February 4 & 5, 2017

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

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

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

#### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For George R. Dupre by Donna &  
Peter Perry

#### Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Margaret Maiorisi by her  
daughter-in-law, Ann Marie

### 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 28 & 29, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,503.00
January Monthly to Date	\$1,085.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$772.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	104

### 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

Tuesday – K of C – 7:30 PM – 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 meet from 6:30 – 7:30 PM this week.

### 20-Week Club Winners

The 20-Week Club winners for week 13, January 29<sup>th</sup> were Ken Mancuso # 238 & Joan Lapierre # 160.

### 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.*

### 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.

### 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 Mass today. Coffee and pastry will be served in the hall.



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

This weekend we celebrate our Patronal Feast Day, the Feast of St. Brigid. Saint Brigid, a contemporary of Saint Patrick, is probably the second best known Irish saint. As in the case of Saint Patrick, not much is known about her life. Folklore says she was born on February 1, 457, in County Kildare. February 1<sup>st</sup> was considered the first day of Spring at that time. Her father, Dubtach, might have been a member of a noble family, while Brocseach, her mother, was a slave in Dubtach's household. Brocseach was a Christian, but Dubtach did not convert until later in his life when Brigid saved his life by blessing him with a cross (St. Brigid's Cross) which she made out of straw.

The poor knew Brigid for her generosity. For example, as a child she once gave away her mother's whole store of butter. Later (probably after being made aware of her mother's concern), she prayed and the store of butter was miraculously renewed.

Another famous story about her is the story about her miraculous cow. The story says that seven people came to see Brigid at her home in Kildare. She asked her cook if they had any food to feed them and the cook said no. Brigid was ashamed that she did not have any food to serve them, so she prayed hard to the Lord. An angel came and told her to milk her cow for the third time that day. So, she milked it again and filled the pails with milk. The milk overflowed the pails until it created a lake that is called, to this day, the Lake of Milk. Brigid is most always shown with her cow with red ears (as in our statue of her). It is said that she never went anywhere without her cow so she could bring milk and butter to the poor.

It is because of these stories and others that Brigid is associated with butter and ale (!!!), as well as good country foods. This is the reason we bless and share butter this weekend. Her floral symbol is the Bay- Laurel shrub from which bay leaves come and her flower is the dandelion. Both surround her statue this weekend

As our Patron Saint, she can certainly be a model to us as we strive to live out the Gospel values of Jesus. We, too, are called to reach out to the poor and needy of our time. It is not only in offering

them food, as we so generously do through our support of the Food Pantry, but also in offering a helping hand or a listening ear to people who are in need of more than food. How many poor and lonely people do we all know who would appreciate a call or a visit? Can we take the time to listen to their stories and find Jesus in them? May we follow the example of St. Brigid by giving of who we are as well as what we have.

## **Save the Date**

A Cabaret featuring a *Frankie Vali Tribute* is scheduled for Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Santa Maria DiPrata Hall, Walnut Grove, Cranston.

This event is a fundraiser for St. Brigid Church and will be an evening of cocktails and food stations followed by local entertainer Michael Panarello who will entertain with his famous interpretations of Frankie Vali at approximately 7:45 PM. Michael has performed this tribute in Las Vegas, where he has been invited to return soon.

The fundraiser will be catered by *Ralf's Kitchen* and will include a wine fountain with cheese & crackers, antipasto, and a pasta station as well as a cash bar. Tickets for this entertaining, memorable, and enjoyable evening (21 and older) will go on sale in May in the church foyer. The price per ticket is \$30. Please consider supporting this fundraiser and market tickets to friends and family members. Any questions, please call Louisa @ 401-942-0576.

## **2017 Catholic Charity Appeal "Faith and Good Works"**

The start of the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many of you have received a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2017 Appeal. For your convenience, a pledge card was enclosed with this mailing. **Please be assured that our parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail.**

Your gift to the 2017 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our Diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your generosity.

Our goal this year is **\$13,500**. Please help us make our goal this year.