

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11 & 12, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Michael Kultz by his Family – 14th Anniversary

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Kathleen Gioletti by her Family – 1st Anniversary

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 February 4 & 5, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,934.00
February Monthly to Date	\$ 868.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$ 832.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	122

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. **REMINDER---payments for club member will conclude on the weekend of March 19th. An announcement will be made to the date that we will be collecting for the luncheon at the Alpine Country Club on April 30 at 1:00 PM.**

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 winner for week 14, February 5th was Donna Perry # 152.

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.

Save the Date

A Cabaret featuring a *Frankie Vali Tribute* is scheduled for Friday, June 23rd 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.

Father Bob's Ramblings

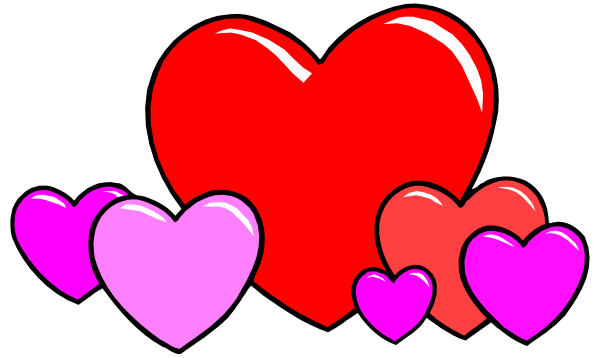
Last weekend as we celebrated our Patronal Feast Day we were able to take time once again to reflect on the gifts and ministry of Saint Brigid of Kildare as well as the many ways we strive to continue her outreach to the poor of society.

Thanks to all who supported our Confirmation Candidates as they participated in the national "Soup-er Bowl" collection to raise funds for the poor and hungry of our society. Through your generous contributions, they raised **\$414** for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Cranston.

This coming Tuesday we celebrate Valentine's Day. According to a legend, Valentine was killed because he attempted to help Christians escape from the Roman prison as they were being tortured and beaten there. Yet another more popular version of the legend states that while in prison Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter who visited him during his confinement. Before his death Valentine wrote a farewell letter to his sweetheart from the jail and signed 'From your Valentine'. The expression became quite popular amongst love struck people and is still very much in vogue today.

Valentine's Day festival gradually grew in popularity due to the combined effect of all the above reasons. To mark the day, lovers began to exchange love notes called 'Valentines' with their sweethearts. Initially, the trend was to send handmade cards but this was changed in the beginning of 19th century when mass-produced greeting cards caught the fancy of the people. In the course of time, Valentine's Day came to be regarded as the festival that celebrates love and not just romantic love. Today, Valentine's Day cards are gifted to teachers, parents, friends, siblings, and sweethearts.

Although Valentine's Day has a rather sketchy history connected to a legend about a saint, it is nonetheless a day rooted in the greatest commandment "Love God and one another." It is a good opportunity to remember those we love and those who love us; as well as those of our world who are unloved, unwanted, and lonely. Wouldn't it be a good idea to tell our loved ones what they mean to us and demonstrate that by the ways we live with them and the kindness we show to them.



Blood Pressure Clinic

The monthly Blood Pressure Clinic will take place next weekend in the sacristy after all masses.

Free Tax Preparation

For individuals and families making \$55,000 or less, Project Hope is sponsoring free income tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers at St. Patrick Academy, 244 Smith Street in Providence. Mondays 4:30-8:00 PM from February 6th through April 17th, **by appointment only**. For more information and/or an appointment, please call Loraine at 401-421-7070.

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.