

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 18 & 19, 2017

Religious Education News

There are *NO* Religious Education classes this week because of school vacation.

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Kenneth Boehm by his Family – Birthday Remembrance

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Dorothy Zoglio – 1st Anniversary by Phyllis, Vincent, & Alexis DeVoza

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 11 & 12, 2017

Budget Collection	\$1,759.00
February Monthly to Date	\$1,033.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$ 867.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	69

20-Week Club Note

Here is a reminder that 20-Week Club membership dues for club members 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.

20-Week Club Winners

The 20-Week Club winner for week 15, February 12th were Joan Lapierre # 160 and Robert Van Meter # 172.

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

Now that we are in the sub-freezing cold of mid-winter, all life around us seems to have slowed down quite a bit. Along with mid-winter also comes the Season of Lent. This year, Lent begins on next Wednesday, March 1st.

Although only a little more than a week away, it is not too soon to begin thinking about what mindset we might adopt for our spiritual practices for this season. Our Scripture readings this weekend seem to lay out a path we may want to consider.

Most of us want things to go our way. There are things we want. There are situations in which we hope to prevail. Sometimes we can arrange to make them happen. Sometimes other people suffer for it, but other times they benefit because our vision is actually quite good.

However, there are times our way is not God's way. We may not agree with God's way. We may think that God is making a mistake. We may think that our ways are better and that God should listen to us. But God has a plan, even though it may be a mysterious plan. It is a plan incomprehensible to humans, even if it is not like our plan.

God's words to Moses in our first reading: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" and Jesus' words in the gospel: "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" are words spoken to us as well. These might be difficult words to see as a plan, but they are truly a call for us to try to work on during Lent.

As we prepare for Lent, we might want to ask ourselves in whom and what do we put our trust. Can we be more accepting of God's plan by trusting more in God and giving up what keeps us from trusting in God's plan?

Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:30 AM - Mass and distribution of ashes

4:00 PM - Prayer Service and distribution of ashes

Blood Pressure Clinic

The monthly Blood Pressure Clinic will take place this 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.

