

2nd Week of Lent

February 24 & 25, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Anna Richard by Peggí & Peter LaTorre – Birthday Remembrance

Sunday

9:00 AM For Gerry Helfrich by his daughter, Bridgette Casalino – 1st Anniversary

Next Saturday

11:00 AM Mass for the Anointing of the Sick

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

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Joseph Ricci & Michael Rossi by Michael Placella

Weekend Mass Schedule

The Parish Pastoral Council recommended, and I accepted their recommendation to continue with only two Masses on the weekends. Masses will continue to be **5:00 PM on Saturdays & 9:00 AM on Sundays.**

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Church law requires abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older). In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **fast days**: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious reasons such as one's health can excuse a person from these rules.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of February 17 & 18, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,458.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,061.00
February Monthly to Date	\$ 701.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$9,792.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	64

Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes for Grades 1 – 5 meets on Tuesdays 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

➤ February 18th -

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.

Lenten Daily Prayer Books

During this Lenten Time, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use *The Word Among Us - Five Minutes with The Word* to grow closer to the Lord throughout Lent. Spending just a few minutes using this small prayer book helps us as we journey through Lent.

The prayer books are **FREE** and are available in the foyer of the church. Feel free to take one for yourself and anyone else you may think will find the book helpful - family members, friends or co-workers. It is one way to get to know the Lord a little better.

Mass of Anointing

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will sponsor our quarterly Mass of Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00 AM in the church. Anyone preparing for surgery, suffering from a chronic illness or experiencing spiritual or emotional pain is invited to come and pray the Church's prayer for healing.

Father Bob's Ramblings

This weekend we join with all the parishes of our Diocese in beginning the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. It is very important for us to realize that we are not a "stand alone" unit of the Diocese, but rather one "cell" of a larger family. It is important for us to reach out beyond our individual parish and realize that a donation to the Catholic Charity Appeal will help address the needs of our entire diocesan family. The funds raised through the Appeal help support 39 diocesan ministries which provide physical, educational and spiritual needs to approximately 200,000 Rhode Island families each year.

Our goal again this year is **\$13,500**. In looking over our four-year amounts raised for the Charity Appeal I found that we have failed to meet our goal each of those years. Our average collection has been \$9,157. Last year we raised only \$9,244 of our \$13,500 goal and that represented the participation of only 86 parishioners, with the average donation being only \$104.50. I would hope we can do better this year in trying to meet our goal. This weekend we will have our in-pew collection. However, that does not limit to making your donation only this weekend. You may make your offering any time over the next month.

I ask that you consider making a pledge rather than a one-time cash gift. If you do make a pledge, the Stewardship & Development Office will send you a reminder of the balance due based upon the payment schedule that you choose. If you prefer to make a regular monthly or quarterly gift by using a credit card or through direct debit, please follow the directions on the form attached to the in-pew envelope.

I realize that these are still difficult financial times for all of us. I also realize and thank all of you who have increased your weekly offertory donation to the parish. Still, I ask you to consider contributing to help meet the needs of our larger Diocesan Family.

**Our Charity Drive donations to date are:
\$1,535.00**

Special Raffle

The 20 Week Club Committee is offering a number of items at its special raffle this year. The raffle will be held at our luncheon on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at the Alpine Country Club. Tickets will go on sale in the foyer of the church beginning on the weekend of February 24th & 25th.

1st Prize: **\$500 gift card** to Target; 2nd Prize: A **Framed Patriots Picture** (valued at \$200), which is on display in the foyer of the church, 3rd Prize: **\$150 gift card** to Spirito's Restaurant in Providence, 4th Prize: **\$100 gift card** to Stop & Shop, 5th Prize: **\$100 gift card** to Stop & Shop.

Ticket prices are: 1 for \$5.00---3 for \$10.00 and 7 for \$15.00. Winners do not have to be present.

Please consider purchasing tickets and selling them to family and friends to help us defray our expenses as well as supporting our parish.

For more information or to purchase tickets please call: Rich at 641-3048 or Louisa at 942-0576. Thank you for your cooperation and God Bless!

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday afternoon during Lent at 3:00 PM.

Daylight Savings Time

It's that time again, don't forget to *spring ahead* one-hour next Saturday night so you won't get to mass an hour early!

Need a Part-Time Job?

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring people to work on the 2020 Census. Training begins this year. Pay begins at \$16 - \$23.50 per hour. Good pay, Close to home. Flexible hours. Paid Training.

Apply Now!
Census.gov/2018jobs

Or see Fr. Bob for more information.