

# 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time February 25 & 26, 2017

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Mass with the distribution of Ashes

4:00 PM Prayer Service with the distribution of  
Ashes

### Next Saturday

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

### Next Sunday

8:00 AM For Louis Paolino by Evelyn & Robert  
Paolino – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

10:00 AM For David Cunha by Donna & Peter  
Perry

## **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 18 & 19, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,448.00
February Monthly to Date	\$1,177.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$1,291.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	

## **Ash Wednesday Schedule**

7:30 AM - Mass and distribution of Ashes

4:00 PM - Prayer Service and distribution of Ashes

## **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 meet from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

## **20-Week Club Note**

Here is a reminder that 20-Week Club membership dues for club members will conclude on the weekend of March 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 Winner**

The 20-Week Club winner for week 16, February 19<sup>th</sup> was Frank Schiavulli # 243.

## **Daily Prayer Book for Lent**

This Prayer Book for Lent is available *free* in the foyer of the church. It is meant to encourage taking five minutes a day for prayer and reflection during the Lenten Season. Please pick one up for yourself, your family members, and/or your friends and continue a past Lenten tradition or start a new one.

## **Thank You**

Thanks to the Social Ministry Committee, under the direction of Millie Santilli and Cynthia Galipeau, for sponsoring our yearly Family Bowling Day on January 28<sup>th</sup> and for preparing and serving at the coffee hour following the 10:00 AM Mass on St. Brigid's Day, February 5<sup>th</sup>.



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

On Wednesday of this week, we begin our annual Lenten Journey. It is a season of forty days when we try to live our lives a little differently. It is a time when we strive to get rid of some bad habits we have developed in our human and spiritual lives over the past year.

As we gather on Wednesday, we will hear the words "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel," as our foreheads are marked with ashes. Within that phrase, both verbs are significant: each indicates a different aspect of how we ought to make our Lenten Journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

We must first "turn away from sin," be converted. In the scriptures, the Hebrew word for conversion means to "turn back around" and the Greek word means to "change your mind. Conversion recognizes that we have turned away from God and must change our direction, turning ourselves around and heading back to God. Our feelings of guilt or sorrow prepare us to do that, but they are only the beginning. True conversion involves a change of heart.

We are also called to "be faithful to the gospel." The gospel or Good News is that we are already forgiven! We do not have to earn God's forgiveness. Our task is to believe this and accept God's gracious mercy poured out on us throughout the forty days of Lent.

In Wednesday's gospel reading, Jesus reinforces the importance of our intentions in striving to live out this double task. He tells us we accomplish this through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting in ways that only our Heavenly Father knows about.

As a community of faith, we begin our walk on this Lenten Journey together. I encourage each one of us to choose methods of prayer, ways of reaching out to others, and a commitment to fasting that is appropriate for us to help us accomplish our goal of "Turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel."

May this Season of Lent be a time a blessings and new life for all of us.

## **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** for those between the ages of 19 and 59, meaning that no solid food should be taken between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious reasons such as one's health can excuse a person from these rules.

### **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"**

Our Parish in-pew collection will be taken up on the weekends of March 11 / 12 and 18 / 19. Please begin to reflect on how much you are able to donate this year and try to make a yearlong pledge rather than a one-time donation. Our goal this year has been lowered from \$16,800 to **\$13,500**. Please help us make our goal this year.

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.