

3rd Week of Lent

March 3 & 4, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Michael Kultz by his Family – 15th
Anniversary

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Jay & Dolores Iannucilli by Michael
Placella

Weekend Mass Schedule

The weekend Mass Schedule will remain at 5:00 PM
on Saturdays and 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 24 & 25, 2018

Budget Collection	\$2,243.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,211.00
February Monthly to Date	\$ 999.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$9,792.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	121

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.

1st Communion Candidates and parents need to
attend the **9:00 AM Mass** next Sunday, March 11th
for the preparation rite, "It's About the Cross."

1st Communion Parents will meet with Mrs.
Marrocco after the 9:00 AM Mass.

The *Celebration of Confirmation* will take place on
Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 PM. Bishop Tobin will
be the celebrant and a reception will follow in the
church hall.

Stations of the Cross

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

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.

Father Bob's Ramblings

For those of you who were not at mass last weekend, I announced my plans to retire as pastor of Saint Brigid's on July 1st. As I explained last week, I have prayed a long time about this decision and it was a very difficult one to make. However, I realize that the time has come. For over three years my doctors' have urged me to retire, but I kept putting it off. Although I do not look 70 years old nor do I look sickly, my severe, rare type of arthritis is progressing rapidly.

For those of you who were present at mass last week, I want to thank you for your kind and understanding words. I was very touched by your response and thank you so much. Could I expect anything less? This is Saint Brigid's!!!

As to your questions and worries about the future of the parish I still do not know what decisions the Bishop will make. Although the rumors must be rampant since I publicly announced my retirement, there is NO truth to them. When a decision is past down from the Bishop, you will hear it from me.

Many of you have probably heard by now, and this is not a rumor, that Holy Cross Parish will officially become a Mission Church of Saint Thomas Parish on Fruit Hill Avenue in Providence on April 2nd, the day after Easter. The church building will remain open for liturgical use with probably one mass on the weekend and for funerals and weddings. Father John Soares, pastor of Saint Thomas' has accepted this new responsibility.

Our Catholic Charity Appeal began last weekend with a very slow start. Ten donations were made for a total of \$281. However, I know a number of you have sent your donations in the mail. Be assured that these donations are earmarked toward our goal. Our Charity Appeal donations to date are **\$1,816.00**. Please try to fill out your in-pew envelopes as soon as possible so we can grow closer to our goal of **\$13,500.00**.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation last weekend. If you were unable to make a donation last weekend, please consider doing so today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew. Once completed, please place them in the collection basket.

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** - Lauren Palana # 061
- **February 18th** - Stephanie J. Sigillo # 065
- **February 25th** - Antonio Caprio # 297

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 are now on sale in the foyer of the church before and after each weekend mass.

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.

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.