

1st Week of Lent March 4 & 5, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 AM For Louis Paolino by Evelyn & Robert Paolino – 9th Anniversary

10:00 AM For David Cunha and his grandmother, Rosalie Melee by Donna & Peter Perry

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Tillie Cimini by Angela & Paul Pecchia – 2nd Anniversary

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Richard Cedor by his wife, Jean – 4th 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 25 & 26, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,137.00
February Monthly to Date	\$1,207.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$1,456.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	100

Lenten Responsorial Psalm

***With the Lord there is mercy
And the fullness of redemption,
Call to Him in your trials,
He will answer whenever you call.***

Lenten Mass Responses

***Mass of Saint Francis Cabrini
Missal # 902 - 911***

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.

First Communion Candidates need to attend the 10:00 AM next weekend to celebrate a preparation ritual called “It’s About the Cross.”

20-Week Club Winners

The 20-Week Club winners for week 17, February 26th were Joan Rega # 020 and Antonio Caprio # 143.

20-Week Club Note

Dues will be collected this weekend before and after Masses in the foyer of the church. Please have your membership dues paid up by March 19th.

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.

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.

**We do not live
on bread
alone**



Father Bob's Ramblings

This weekend we begin our Lenten Journey. For forty days and forty nights, we join with all Christians throughout the world in re-examining our lives vis-a-vie Jesus' Gospel values. The three traditional Lenten practices from the Ash Wednesday Gospel of St. Matthew are *prayer*, *fasting*, and *almsgiving*.

Lenten discipleship is about returning, about making our way back to the Lord. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us on this journey. Just as Jesus' disciples were not free from sin, neither are we. We need the Lord to call us back. We need the Lord to remind us of his everlasting mercy, of his covenant with us, of his forgiveness.

The five Sundays of Lent along with Palm Sunday and Holy Week help us to recalibrate our faith journey. The Scripture readings of these Sundays, as well as the daily readings, help us recognize those areas in our own lives where we need to be reconciled with our brothers and sisters and with God. We sin. We need the Lord to transfigure, to help us grow in holiness. Our actions are at times inconsistent with our words, as was the case with the Scribes and Pharisees. Some of them refused to hear the message of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

The forty days of Lent give us the opportunity to accept God's forgiveness, to humble ourselves, to renew our commitment to living the commandments, and to have God transfigure us.

Jesus never asked the disciples to simply follow him and disregard others. Part of his call to discipleship was to bring others to him. This Lent and Holy Week, let our prayer be: may we as disciples be one with the Lord in his journey to Jerusalem, despite whatever opposition we may encounter. May we extend to believers and non-believers the hope that Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection lead us to new life and a new way at looking at life.

May this Lenten Journey enrich our lives as we join with each other in our commitment to the age-old practices of *prayer*, *fasting*, and *almsgiving*.

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.

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal "Faith and Good Works"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Some of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal yet, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation, which will take place on the weekends of March 11/12 and March 18/19. Our parish goal of \$13,500 is to attain 100% participation – a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals in our State.