

# 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent March 10 & 11, 2018

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

5:00 PM For Michael Kultz by his Family – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Sunday

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

### Next Saturday

5:00 PM In Memory of Mary Stad and for Matilda Cimini – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary by Angela & Paul Pecchia

### Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Joseph Tessier, Jr. by his mother, Roseanne – Birthday Remembrance

## Weekend Mass Schedule

The weekend Mass Schedule will remain at 5:00 PM on Saturdays and 9:00 AM on Sundays.

## Stations of the Cross

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

## 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 March 3 & 4, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,661.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,365.00
March Monthly to Date	\$ 567.00
Annual Collection to Date	\$9,792.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	84

## 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.

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

## Important News From the IRS

The new Tax Law of 2017 has an important change regarding charitable giving that begins in 2018. Any parishioners who are taking distributions from and IRA can make donations directly to charities. The advantage is that the charitable gift reduces your taxable distributions for the year.

For Example: If you are withdrawing \$1,000 a month from an IRA you may choose to make your church budget contribution from that withdrawal. If you give St. Brigid's \$1,000 in the course of the year from your IRA account, your 1099R for the IRA in 2018 would only show a taxable amount of \$11,000 rather than \$12,000.

## 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](https://www.census.gov/2018jobs)

Or see Fr. Bob for more information.

## Catholic Charity Appeal "Faith and Good Works"

Our Catholic Charity Appeal continues. As of February 27<sup>th</sup>, we have raised \$2,210.00, from 20 households in the parish. This represents 16.37% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 5.19% of our households. Please try to make your pledge or donation as soon as possible to help us reach our goal. Envelopes are available on the ushers' table.

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

This weekend we celebrate *Laetare Sunday*, the half-way point of Lent. The name goes back to when the mass was in Latin and the first words of the Entrance Antiphon were *Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her...* It parallels the Third Sunday in Advent, when we light the pink candle on the Advent Wreath. Today, we light pink candles at the altar.

The First Reading continues presenting to us how God constantly renews his faithfulness and Covenant of Love with his people, even if they fail to keep faith in him and sin.

Today's reading from the Book of Chronicles tells us of the great news that the People of Israel were being given back their freedom and allowed to go back home to Jerusalem. After the destruction of Jerusalem, the Israelites were expelled from their homeland and made slaves by the Babylonians who deported them to Babylon. There they awaited the day when they would be able to return home.

The Babylonians were defeated by the Persians (today's Iranians). It was the Persian King, a non-Jew, that God uses to free the Israelites. The author recounts and interprets the history that led to this moment. He sees in this history the justice of God, but also God's mercy in renewing once again his Covenant of making the Israelites his people and he their God if they kept their part of the covenant (contract).

The reading is a reminder to us, who are now God's Chosen People through Jesus Christ, that he is also faithful to us, even when we sin. It is the same love and mercy that God offers us as we return to God with all our heart during these days of our Lenten Journey.



## **Bakers Needed**

Bakers are needed to bake for the reception after the celebration of Confirmation on April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing and able to bake, please call Louisa @ 401-942-0576.

## **2018 20-Week Club**

There will be a person collecting on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

- **March 4<sup>th</sup>** – Lauren Palana - # 061 and Stephanie Sigillo - # 065

## **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.

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

## **Blood Pressure Clinic**

The monthly Blood Pressure Clinic will take place next weekend after all masses in the sacristy.