

5th Week of Lent

March 17 & 18, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

7:30 AM For Ralph Labriole by his daughter, Sandy Cerrito

Tuesday

7:30 AM For Richard Rochon by his brother – 25th Anniversary

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Judy Gormley by her husband, Don – 1st Anniversary

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Louis Paolino by his wife Evelyn and his son, Robert

Stations of the Cross

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

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - March 29th

- ❖ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. Adoration in the church hall until 9:00 PM.

Good Friday - March 30th

- ❖ Living Stations of the Cross led by Grades 6, 7, 8 & 9 at 3:00 PM.
- ❖ Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 PM.

Holy Saturday - March 31st

- ❖ Easter Vigil Service at 7:00 PM.

Easter Sunday - April 1st

- ❖ Masse at 9:00 AM.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of March 10 & 11, 2018

Budget Collection	\$2,690.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,731.00
March Monthly to Date	\$ 807.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	90

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 19th 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 March 2nd we have raised **\$2,420.00**, from 20 households in the parish. This represents 17.93% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 5.71% 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

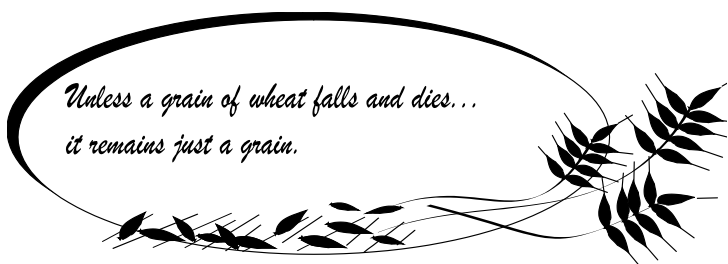
This week we celebrate the feast days of two favorite saints: St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Even though these days have become secularized celebrations with parades, parties, and nationalistic rivalries, both saints are important in the history of our faith.

St. Joseph, the spouse of the Virgin Mary and step-father of Jesus, is a model of trust and humility for all of us. He trusted in God's words to him about taking Mary as his wife and about protecting the Child Jesus. Although he was always in the background, he humbly cared for his family through his carpentry profession.

Legends about St. Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him also: he was humble and he was courageous. At the age of 16 he was captured and made a slave in Ireland, but he soon escaped to France, had a spiritual conversion, ordained a priest & bishop, and then returned to convert the people of Ireland.

Although Italians claim St. Joseph and the Irish claim St. Patrick, both are saints for all people to admire and pray to for help in better living our faith.

This week also brings us another step closer to our Holy Week and Easter celebration. The whole season of Lent hopes to lead us to an authentic conversion that holds Jesus' death and resurrection at its core. The call to conversion was present among the prophets, and today Jeremiah reminds us of it. And, although the apostles didn't understand at first, Jesus reminded them that this new life requires surrender, like the grain of wheat that is sown and produces good fruit. What do we take away from Jesus' own surrender, and how can we imitate it in our own lives? What do we give of ourselves fully to: family, work, church, relationships? What needs to die in us so we can truly become holy as God is holy?



Bakers Needed

Bakers are needed to bake for the reception after the celebration of Confirmation on April 19th. 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 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 Winner

➤ **March 11th** –

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.

Blood Pressure Clinic

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