

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 24 & 25, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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. – For the Parishioners

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of March 17 & 18, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,559.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,771.00
March Monthly to Date	\$ 857.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	81

Special Collections

A special *second* collection this weekend is taken up for Operation Rice Bowl and Catholic Relief Services. Please place your envelope in the *second* collection basket.

Special Easter Collection is a special 2nd collection on Easter Sunday. This collection goes to the Diocesan Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. The first collection goes to the parish.

Catholic Charity Appeal

. As of March 9th, we have raised **\$2,695.00**, from 29 households in the parish. This represents 19.96% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 6.75% 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.

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 an 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.

5 Minutes with the Word

The prayer pamphlet called *5 Minutes with the Word*, for *Easter Time* is available in the foyer of the church. Please feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend or family member. It is a good way of trying to better understand the scripture reading each day and reflecting on their meaning in our lives.

Prayer Shawls Available

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a number of blessed Prayer Shawls available for anyone who is sick, home bound, or preparing for surgery. Please see Ursula Zarella @ 5 PM Mass or Theresa Choquette @ 9 AM Mass or ask Fr. Bob.

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.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Today we gather to celebrate Palm Sunday as our Lenten Season draws to a close. As I write these Ramblings, we await another possible "Nor'easter." Hopefully, the snow will disappear soon and the temperatures will become a bit warmer. Maybe spring might really be just around the corner!

Once again, we hear the Passion— this year in Mark's stark terms. What is different about hearing the Passion this time? Each year we are at a different place in our life journey. Perhaps the way we relate it to our own pain. When we are wounded or broken-hearted, it is immensely consoling to follow a Lord who wept, who agonized, who knew human loss and vulnerability directly. Jesus was and is the Great Lord, yet, he could be nailed to a cross and buried like countless others.

During this Holy Week, we might want to take some time to meditate on the high cost of our redemption. We might remember that we don't need to go through all sorts of contortions to earn anything from God. Jesus has already won salvation for us. We might think about the greatest act of love anyone has ever done for us, then see how Jesus' surpasses it. Finally, we might want to take some time and simply rest in quiet gratitude.

I invite everyone to come and join us as we celebrate the holiest days of our Christian calendar on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Come and let the Lord touch each one of us and offer us his healing love as he alone knows what we truly need.

Special Raffle

The 20 Week Club Committee is offering a number of items at its special raffle. The raffle will be held at our luncheon on Sunday, April 22nd 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.

2018 20-Week Club

20 WEEK CLUB SEATING AND RSVP INFO
At the Alpine Country Club, 251 Pippin Orchard Rd,
Cranston, RI, April 22nd at 12:30 PM

RESERVATION FORMS

PLEASE PRINT AND LIST ALL IN YOUR PARTY INCLUDING GUESTS \$35., CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$10.

Only members who are paid in full will be able to attend the luncheon at an additional cost of \$10 to help defray our cost. Guest that paid \$35 should also be listed on the form and paid in full including children.

Note: If you cannot fill a table of 10 the remaining seats will be filled by the committee.

CLUB COLLECTION PAYMENTS

Feel free to put your club membership payment, raffle tickets, guest tickets or the \$10 for the luncheon as well as the reservations forms in an envelope and drop them in the collection basket. Forms are in the foyer for your convenience.

SPECIAL DINNERS

Gluten Free and Vegetarian Dinners need to be indicated at the bottom of the form with names and the dinner being requested. Children will be served a special meal. Please remind the server of your request.

NOTE

A member of the committee will be at each Mass beginning the week of March 24th through the weekend of April 15th.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.**

2018 20-Week Winners

- **March 11th – Leah Montagano # 168**
- **March 18th - Donald Ibbitson # 211
and Robert S. Durfee, Jr. # 136**



