

4th Week of Lent March 25 & 26, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Anna DiStefano by Peggì & Peter LaTorre – 1st Anniversary

Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Dominic & Anthony Nardolillo by their Family

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Harriet and Edward Deery by Maureen Riccitelli

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Ann and Frank Formicola by Michael Placella

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 March 18 & 19, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,083.00
March Monthly to Date	\$ 960.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$2,157.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	107

Lenten Responsorial Psalm

*If today you hear God's voice,
Harden not your hearts.*

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 meet from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 13th

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

Good Friday - April 14th

- ❖ 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 - April 15th

- ❖ Easter Vigil Service at 7:30 PM.

Easter Sunday - April 16th

- ❖ Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal "Faith and Good Works"

Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal as of March 10th are **\$3,120.00** or 23.11% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. Only \$10,380.00 left to reach our goal. This represents donations from 34 of 518 households, with an average amount of \$91.76.

If you have not yet made your pledge, you may use the pledge card you received in the mail or you may use the pledge card that was found in your pew over the past two weeks. Pledge cards are also available from the ushers as you enter or leave the church. Our goal can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. Please help us to reach our goal this year by pledging rather than simply making a one-time donation.

20-Week Club Winner

The 20-Week Club winner for week 20, our last drawing, March 19th was Judith Spaziano.

Father Bob's Ramblings

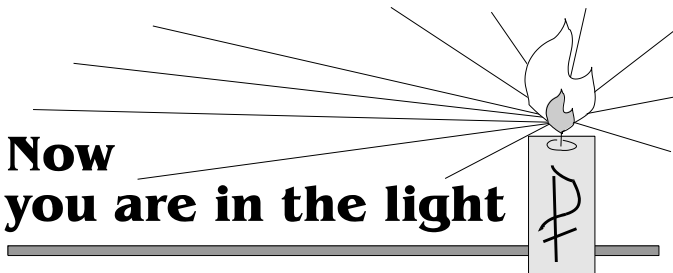
This weekend our Lenten Journey invites us turn from water to light as an image of baptism's renewal. While the Gospel passage of the man blind from birth is the clear center of today's teaching, the second reading, from Ephesians, speaks beautifully of those of us who are already baptized: "Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."

Saint Paul's challenge and the progressive "enlightenment" of the once-blind man are good reminders to us that baptism is really the beginning of a journey rather than the end. We are all baptized people, but like the blind man, we are still growing in our faith, still coming to understand what it means to be enlightened by Christ. The Prayer after Communion acknowledges our need to grow in that new sight, asking that God "illuminate our hearts with the splendor of your grace." We can never forget, of course, that the purpose of seeing the light is to become Christ's light in the world.

This past fall I sent out a letter to all of you, our parishioners, and presented to you a rather negative message about our parish financial health. I am happy to report to you that our financial situation is no longer in intensive care. But is slowly recovering.

Thanks to many of you who have heard my cry for help and either began to once again support the parish weekly or monthly and/or have increased your offertory donations. We are up to date on paying all our bills and have been able to put some money into savings. I hope we can continue in this positive direction and save our parish.

**Now
you are in the light**



Do you Want to Fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

20-Week Club Special Raffle

The 20-Week Club Committee announces the gifts for the Special Raffle:

- ***1st Prize - \$500 Best Buy Gift Card***
- ***2nd Prize – 2017 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots framed 20” x 30” picture with copies of Super Bowl tickets***

Tickets go on sale in the foyer of the church on March 24th and will be drawn at the 20-Week Club luncheon on April 30th at the Alpine country Club.

Donations: \$5.00 per ticket and three for \$10.00

Best Buy gift card was donated by a generous donor from Saint Brigid's.

Please consider purchasing tickets for yourself and selling them to family and friends.

Thank you for supporting Saint Brigid's Church.