

# Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection April 1, 2018

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday**

**7:00 PM Easter Vigil**

### **Sunday**

**9:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's**

### **Next Saturday**

**5:00 PM For Harriet & Edward Deery by their daughter, Maureen Riccitelli**

### **Next Sunday**

**9:00 AM For Dominic Nardollilo & Barbara Leoncavallo by Barbara Nardollilo**

## **Parish Stewardship**

### **Weekend of March 24 & 25, 2018**

Budget Collection	\$1,925.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,807.00
March Monthly to Date	\$1,122.00
Rice Bowl Collection	\$ 430.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	94

## **Special Collection**

*Special Easter Collection* is a special 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, we have raised **\$5,846.00**, from 55 households in the parish. This represents 43.30% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 12.99% 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.

## **Special Open Parish Meeting**

A special open parish meeting will take place in the church hall on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss St. Brigid's becoming a Mission Church of St. Rocco's. The meeting will be conducted by the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee. All are invited to attend this important meeting about our future.

## **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. All are welcome.

## **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.

## **Welcome**

We offer a warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend. We hope your Easter celebration with us is an experience of a prayerful, welcoming community.

## **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.

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

As another Easter Sunday dawns we once again pause to remember the central mystery of our faith: so long ago, death on a cross gave way to the Resurrection and hence death no longer has power over us. Jesus came as the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of all God's promises of old; He gave and gave of himself until there was nothing left to give. This mystery is so profound and powerful, we set aside fifty days each year to celebrate the Easter Season, which culminates on Pentecost Sunday.

And all the symbols we use, in church and out of church, point to this mystery of new life: The Easter candle, the Easter water, the sprinkling with that water, and the renewal of our baptismal promises, are all expressions of the new life of the Resurrection.

Outside, spring will soon (we hope) be blooming as the death of winter gives way to the new life of nature; we color and hide Easter eggs – what speaks of new life more than eggs? And we prepare special Easter dishes as a way to nourish the life we share.

Easter this year for us here at Saint Brigid's is a sad time as we mourn the death and end of our community with the closing of our parish. Like Mary Magdala, Peter and John, we, too, come to the empty tomb and feel abandoned. However, as they leave the tomb in hope, so, too, must we live on in hope. We need to believe that God is with us, no matter what happens in our lives.

As the People of God, we believe that the Church is not a mere building, but it is the *people*. We have experienced a wonderful faith community here for many years. Although it will be different, we need to believe that our faith calls us to move on.

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Office invites all to an open parish meeting on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The members of the Planning Office will try to explain as best they can what to expect after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The information that I have at this time is that St. Brigid Parish will no longer exist. St. Brigid church will be a mission church of St. Rocco's. Fr. Angelo Carousi will be the pastor. Mass will be celebrated once each weekend (time not yet determined) as will funerals and weddings. All monies and debts will be

assumed by St. Rocco's as well as all our property, that is our church and rectory buildings, our land, our garage, and our shack. There is no other information that I have been given.

I know these days are difficult for all of us as will be the days ahead. However, we will grieve together as a community of faith in the coming months and support each other as we move forward.



## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> through the weekend of April 15<sup>th</sup>.