

5th Week of Lent

April 1 & 2, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

10:00 AM

For Ann and Frank Formicola by
Michael Placella

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Judith Gormley by Alessandra &
Ronald Cece

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM

For Maria and Alberico Broccoli by
Donna and Peter

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of March 25 & 26, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,443.00
March Monthly to Date	\$1,111.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$2,235.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	134

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 17th are **\$3,795.00** or 28.11% toward our
\$13,500.00 goal. Only \$9,705.00 left to reach our
goal. This represents donations from 37 of 518
households, with an average amount of \$102.57.

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 can be found in your pew.
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.

Cabaret Tickets

Tickets will go on sale the weekend of May 13-14.
Please be sure to purchase tickets early as we are
limited to 150 capacity and interest for this
entertaining event is high! Tickets are \$30.00 per
person.

Those who attend **MUST** bring their paid ticket for
admission to the event. Checks are to be made out
to St. Brigid's Church. No tickets will be sold at the
door! Due to the wine fountain and cash bar, this
event is limited to 21 years and older.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Our Gospel readings of the initiation passages from St. John's Gospel come to a climax this week with the last and greatest of Jesus' signs: the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The Messiah already revealed himself as "living water" (the story of the Woman at the Well) and "the Light of the World" (the story about the Man Born Blind), now he triumphs as the "God of life," God's victory over sin and death. The preface for today's mass puts it well: "As true man, he wept for Lazarus his friend, and as eternal God, he raised him from the tomb." This Gospel story also includes another of Jesus' "I AM" statements that declare his identity as God, using the name God gave when he spoke to Moses. We will be hearing a number of these "I AM" statements as we move into Holy Week.

The first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel connects Jesus to the prophetic promise: "I will open your graves and have you rise from them. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD." This promise of restoration prefigures the promise of Christ to "raise you up on the Last Day."

Though astounded by life and the events that life seems to bring us, we are never far from the cross during this Lenten season. The liturgy today asks us to be attentive to Jesus' saving death, so that we might be inspired to live following his footsteps, preparing us to move into the celebration of the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter.



Lazarus, come out!

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 are on sale in the foyer of the church each weekend 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

Knights of Columbus Raffle

The RI State Council of the K of C is holding a raffle to benefit the Parish. All sales will be 100% profit for St. Brigid's. Tickets are \$1 per ticket and \$5 for a book of six. Tickets will be sold alongside the 20-Week Club Raffle. Buy them here or take some home and sell to family and friends.

- ***1st Prize - \$1,000.00***
- ***2nd Prize - \$500.00***
- ***3rd Prize - \$250.00***

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