

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7 & 8 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM Harriet & Edward Derry by their daughter, Maureen Riccitelli

Sunday

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Anthony LaTorre by Peggi & Peter LaTorre

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Ann & Frank Formicola by Michael Placella

Future Mass Intentions

No mass intentions will be accepted for after July 1st and all unpaid intentions already booked will be at the discretion of the Pastor, Fr. Angelo Carousi.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of March 31 & April 1, 2018

Budget Collection	\$2,592.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,847.00
March Monthly to Date	\$1,496.00
Rice Bowl Collection	\$ 495.00
Easter Catholic Charity Collection	\$ 667.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	86

Catholic Charity Appeal

. As of March 9th, we have raised **\$6,096.00**, from 56 households in the parish. This represents 45.16% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 13.25% 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.

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.

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.

This will be *the last week* for our Religious Education Program. All children need to be enrolled into the program at whatever parish you join. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Cedor @ 401-946-3399 and leave a message for her. She will get back to you as quickly as she can.

First Communion Candidates need to attend a retreat afternoon on April 24th from 3:30 – 5:15 PM in the church hall. Rehearsal for First Communion will take place during the retreat.

First Communion will be celebrated on April 29th at a special 12:00 noon mass.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors need to attend a rehearsal on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30 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. All are welcome.

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.



Father Bob's Ramblings

As we gather this weekend, we continue to celebrate Easter. Even though the Easter cards are put away in the card shops and the Easter baskets and candy are all but gone, we still celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. As a matter of fact, because Easter is so important, we will celebrate this great feast of feasts for 50 days! For more than twenty centuries, we still boldly announce to the world: Christ lives!

Liturgically, the "eight days" of Easter begin at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and continue through today. Every day is seen as another Easter, to rejoice in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. That is why all our prayers during this weekend's masses refer to today being Easter.

Saint Augustine refers to these eight days of Easter as "days of mercy and pardon," calling this Second Sunday of Easter as "the summary of the days of mercy." After his resurrection, Jesus took great care to show his apostles the wounds of his passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the mercy poured out on humanity.

Since the year 2000, the Church has designated the final day of the Octave of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy to celebrate the fact that Jesus still calls us to immerse ourselves in his mercy and love.

That loving mercy of Jesus is with us as we mourn the coming loss of our Parish Community. As we celebrated our Easter joy this past weekend, it was not hard to see the pain we all shared with one another. It is Jesus's merciful love that will help us make it through the next couple of months. As I receive more news about how this will all be worked out, I will, as always, share it with you.

I also want to thank all of you who have shown me care, support and love over the past two weeks since I had to share the news of our closing with you. It has meant an awful lot to me and has helped me get through my own pain.

I would like to thank all who shared in making our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful and prayerful; especially our choir, under the direction of Rouzan Gevorkian, who met every week to rehearse the music, our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers and our Servers. Thanks for all your hard work.

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.

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.

20-Week Club Winners

- **Week of March 25th – Rose DeLuca #285**