

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 8 & 9, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Maria and Alberico Broccoli by Donna and Peter

Next Saturday

7:30 PM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's

Next Sunday

8:00 AM For Douglas and Nicholas D'Aguzzo by their mother, Ursula

10:00 AM For Katherine Marro by daughter, Ann Marie

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of April 1 & 2, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,411.00
April Monthly to Date	\$630.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$2,250.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	113

Special Second Collection

A *Special Second Collection* will be taken up at all masses this weekend. It is to support the Catholic Relief Services and Operation Rice Bowl.

Easter Collection

Donations in envelopes marked *Easter Offering* and the second collection on Easter Sunday all go to the Diocesan Charity Appeal (credited toward St. Brigid's goal). Donations in envelopes marked *April 16, 2017* stay in the parish funds.

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

"Faith and Good Works"

Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal as of March 24th are **\$4,215.00** or 31.22% toward our \$13,500.00 goal.

Religious Education News

Classes for this year's program end on Tuesday, April 11th. Registration forms have been sent out for next school year's religious education program. Please return them as soon as possible. Please call Mrs. Cedor @ 401-946-3399 if you have not yet received one. Thanks you to all who donated water and snacks for our program this year.

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.

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.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Confirmation Candidates will sponsor an **Easter Egg Hunt** for pre-school to grade 2 children on Saturday at 11:00 AM in the church yard rain or shine.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Today we begin the holiest week of our entire Christian year. It is a time to remember the essential aspects of our Christian faith, the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Most importantly, we celebrate these events during the *Triduum*, which means "three days." Throughout his ministry, Jesus predicted his passion by referring to the "third day." On Thursday, we enter that sacred time outside of time in which we spend three days with Christ, to serve, to suffer, to die and to rise.

For the early Christians, the celebration of the *Triduum* took place in the context of the Jewish Passover (which begins on Tuesday). Passover remembers the night when the angel of God destroyed the firstborn of the Egyptians, freeing the Hebrew people from their long slavery. The holiest days for the Jewish people became the holiest days for Christians, when we recall our history and ancestry from the Jewish people and celebrate its fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

In the liturgies of the *Triduum*, we remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Even though these liturgies are full of drama and powerful sense of history, liturgical remembering is not about the past, it is about the present. The Resurrection is not just remembered, as other great events of history are remembered; the Resurrection *happens*. In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict: "This is the joy of Easter. The Resurrection is not a thing of the past; the Resurrection has reached us and seized us. We grasp hold of it, we grasp hold of the risen Lord, and we know that he holds us firmly even when our hands grow weak."

All this is powerfully expressed in the rites and prayers of our liturgical celebrations on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It is a time for all of us, families, staff, youth and homebound members of our parish, to go on retreat. We can do this by keeping the spirit of these days as much as possible at home. We can try to lead a much quieter life on those days, spending some time in quiet prayer, changing our schedules and cutting out a lot of noise, and attending the beautiful liturgical celebrations. I invite everyone to enter into the spirit of this week whether or not you can join us at the liturgies, but I hope many of you can join us.

We also will be welcoming Fr. Ngozi Onyelu, a priest from Nigeria, who will be with us for our *Triduum* celebrations. Fr. Ngozi was born in Achi, a town in Igbo heartland of Nigeria. He was ordained for the Diocese of Idah. He served in parish ministry for 9 years, then went on to graduate studies in Britain, then went on to minister in the Diocese of Edmonton, New Brunswick, Canada. To mark his 30 years of priesthood he is involved in a program of Clinical Pastoral Education, a program that I taught in for 25 years before coming to St. Bridgid's. His connection to me is that he is now studying under one of my former students in Canada. Let's welcome him with our typical, warm St. Brigid welcome.

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***

Meetings this week

Wednesday, April 12, 2017:

Prayer Shawl Ministry – 1:00 pm, church hall
K of C – 7:30 pm, church hall