

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14 & 15, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Margaret Maiorisi by her daughter-in-law, Anne Marie

Next Sunday

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

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 April 7 & 8, 2018

Budget Collection	\$2,558.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$1,877.00
April Monthly to Date	\$ 305.00
Easter Catholic Charity Collection	\$ 722.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	113

Catholic Charity Appeal

. As of March 23rd, 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

Our Religious Education Program has end for good. 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.

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.

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.



Father Bob's Ramblings

This weekend's Gospel Reading is once again another Resurrection story. It is about the disciples who were walking away from Jerusalem feeling depressed and let down because the Jesus they had followed for three years and the Messiah they had hoped he would be was laying dead in a tomb. A stranger starts walking with them and listens to their story, and somehow their hearts become less weary and they begin to even feel hopeful. They run back to Jerusalem, and there Jesus comes back into the upper room and once again offers them the gift of "inner peace." Later, he eats with them and their minds were opened, and they began to understand all that he had taught them about the scripture teachings about the Messiah.

So often we, too, get so carried away with ourselves, with our troubles and all our problems that we don't allow ourselves to see how Jesus walks with us on our journey of life. He comes to us in so many different ways, but, for whatever reason, we fail to recognize him, until all of a sudden, something hits us between the eyes and we realize he is at our side.

For those of us who attended the April 4th open parish meeting with diocesan officials, it was initially a bit hard to recognize Jesus' presence there. However, as hard as it may have been, Jesus was there. He was there encouraging and giving strength to those who got up to speak and ask questions, he was present in the feeling of community we shared, and I believe he was also present with us in our disappointments and hurts, just as he was with the disciples so long ago.

For those who could not attend the meeting, there was not much new information given to us from the diocese. What I do know is that effective July 1, 2018, there will no longer be a Saint Brigid Parish. The parish will become part of Saint Rocco Parish. There will, however, be a Saint Brigid church building which will be open for one mass each weekend and for funerals and weddings upon request. The time for the weekly mass has yet to be determined. Fr. Carousi, the pastor, will make that decision in the near future. As far as I know, it will not be the same priest every week. Fr. Carousi hopes to be the celebrant here from time to time.

I also know that budget envelopes will be Saint Rocco's budget envelopes. Since Saint Brigid Parish

will be part of Saint Rocco's, all the income, as well as all our present savings and debts, will be that of Saint Rocco's.

The Religious Education Program will also be at Saint Rocco's. I presume that Sr. Mary Antoinette, the Director of Religious Education, will have some kind of registration in order for families to sign up for next year's program. For those of you who choose not to become members of Saint Rocco Parish, please be sure to register your family at the parish of your choice and register your children in their religious education programs.

Some of you have asked when our last parish mass will be taking place. That will be the weekend of June 30th / July 1st.

I realize it is a difficult time for most of us, however, we need to remember that the Risen Jesus walks with us and supports us through the love and care we have for each other.

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 guest (\$35.), children, 12 and under (\$10.) on your form. 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.

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.