

# Easter Sunday April 15 & 16, 2017

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

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

### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Fr. William Scanlon - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

### Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Joseph Ricci & Michael Rossi by  
Michael Placella

## Parish Stewardship

Weekend of April 8 & 9, 2017

Budget Collection	\$3,313.00
April Monthly to Date	\$805.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$2,270.00
Rice Bowl Collection	\$591.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	138

## 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 April 6<sup>th</sup> are **\$6,240.00** or 46.22% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. It also represents donations from only 65 of our 518 households. For those who have not yet made your pledge or donation, envelopes are available from the ushers' tables or use the one you received in the mail.

## Religious Education News

Classes for this year's program end on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Thank you to all who donated snacks and juice to our program. They were very much appreciated.

### Special Dates

- **First Communion Candidates** need to attend a special ceremony next Sunday @ the 10:00 AM Mass, called "It's About Light."
- **First Communion Candidates** will have a retreat and their rehearsal next Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 5:00 PM in the church hall.
- **Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors** will have their rehearsal next Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Church, Hartford Avenue, Providence @ 7:00 PM.
- **Confirmation Celebration** is on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Church.
- **First Communion Celebration** is on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM Mass.

## 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.



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

For the past couple of months, the skies seem to be relentless in “showering” us with rain. So often we experience the life-giving aspects of water as we drink it, use it to nourish our gardens, clean ourselves and cool ourselves in times of heat. However, we know that some places have experienced more of the destructive powers of water during these past couple of weeks with flooding.

Water and fire, however, are two of the main symbols of the Resurrected new life we celebrate today. On Holy Saturday night, we bless the new fire and carry lighted candles through our church proclaiming, “Christ is Our Light!” We bless Holy Water, to celebrate our Baptism, and renew our baptismal promises as a reminder that it is through Baptism that we share in the life of the Resurrection.

For seven weeks, we are sprinkled with this life-giving Easter water to help us absorb the mystery. And, we sing out special Alleluias for the first time since Ash Wednesday to proclaim the wondrous glory of the Risen Lord.

The cultural symbols of Easter also revolve around new life: the Easter egg, decorated in so many traditional and not so traditional ways, is itself the essences of life. The bunny, too, is associated with prolific life and becomes the Easter Bunny. All the beautiful flowers of the season adorn our landscapes as well as our altar to bring us a tangible and visible presence of Life.

And, of course, our Gospel readings for these seven weeks revolve around the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus – these rich stories of Jesus’ interaction with his beloved apostles who witnessed his death but now see him alive once again. These encounters are deeply moving and reach to the depth of our faith in Christ our Savior.

We are truly blessed in the richness of our Catholic Liturgy these days as well as being blessed with the saving love of God. As our days and hearts are brightened by the longer days of spring (and hopefully some sunshine instead of rain) and the new life that blossoms all around us, may our souls be renewed as well with these treasures of our faith.

## **20-Week Club Special Raffle**

The 20-Week Club Committee announces the gifts for the Special Raffle:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$500 Best Buy Gift Card*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500.00*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$250.00*

## **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.

## **Directions to the Alpine Country Club**

From Saint Brigid’s Church, follow Plainfield Pike West to Pippin Orchard Road. Take a left and follow Pippin Orchard Road until you come to the Alpine on your right.