

Second Sunday of Easter

April 22 & 23, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Fr. William Scanlon – 4th Anniversary

Sunday

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

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Esther Coupe by her niece, Ann Marie

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Rocco Colofrancesco by Nancy and John DelBonis

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of April 15 & 16, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,528.00
April Monthly to Date	\$915.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$2,278.00
Easter Charity Appeal Collection	\$1,108.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	116

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

"Faith and Good Works"

Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal as of April 7th are **\$6,920.00** or 51.26% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. It also represents donations from only 74 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.

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.

Religious Education News

Classes for this year's program ended 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.

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

Special Dates

- **First Communion Candidates** will have a retreat and their rehearsal next Tuesday, April 25th from 3:30 – 5:00 PM in the church hall.
- **Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors** will have their rehearsal Wednesday, April 26th at Holy Cross Church, Hartford Avenue, Providence @ 7:00 PM.
- **Confirmation Celebration** is on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Church.
- **First Communion Celebration** is on Sunday, April 30th 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.

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

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate the joyfulness of Easter Day. Even though Easter cards have been replaced by Mother's Day cards in the stores and most of the Easter candy and chocolate bunnies have been eaten, we continue to celebrate Easter until the feast of Pentecost on June 4th. Easter is such an important day for our faith that we celebrate it for 50 days. So, if you hear me pray that today is still Easter Day, I'm not making a mistake. It still **IS** Easter Day!

Each weekend during the Easter Season, we hear in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings give us a view into the inner life of the young church. The community's inner life is the basis for its public witness and an important factor in attracting converts. Those who joined the community, like us, had never seen the Risen Jesus in person, but they saw him in *persons*, in the lives of those who had already joined the community. And, that is still how the Faith continues to be spread: the witness we give of our belief in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus by the way we live our lives. THAT should make us stop and ask ourselves if our lives really tell others about what we believe.

We also hear how there are four characteristics that mark that first Christian Community and still reflect what characterizes us: the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and common prayer. To that list, we might also add "mutual forgiveness and understanding."

AS for the *SPRINKLING*... Each weekend when we gather to worship during Easter time, we begin by being sprinkled with the Easter Water rather than confessing our sins. This Rite is a reminder that the gift of our faith was given to us when we were *washed* in the waters of Baptism. I get smiles and smirks (and other things) as I remind us all that we were *washed* with water as I shower us each week.

Finally, I want to thank all who helped make our *Triduum* so prayerful and beautiful: our music director, Rouzan; our choir; our trumpeter; our servers; those who helped to clean and decorate the church, any anyone else who helped.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to David Marchetti, Jr. and Erick DeLao who were confirmed last Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

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**

St. Bart's Annual Dinner

St. Bartholomew Church will celebrate its Annual Parish Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 29th at 7:00 PM at the Crown Plaza, Warwick. Music will be provided by "Ambrosiani." A Silent Auction will also be held. Tickets are \$45 per person. For tickets and more information, please call 401-944-4466.

