

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## April 28 & 29, 2018

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

5:00 PM For Fr. Bill Scanlon – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Sunday

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

#### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Michael Kultz – By his Family -  
Birthday Remembrance

#### Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Richard Cedor by his wife, Jean

### Future Mass Intentions

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

### Parish Stewardship

#### Weekend of April 21 & 22, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,818.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$2,267.00
April Monthly to Date	\$350.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	92

### Catholic Charity Appeal

As of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 ended 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.

### 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.

### Congratulations

Saint Brigid Parishioners congratulate the following boys and girls who celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend. They are: Isabella Caparrelli, Joseph Ciarlo, Victoria Correia, Joziah Mazzulla, Joseph Nunez, Daniela Pires.

### Mother of Hope Day Camp

Mother of Hope, a Diocesan day camp, continues to provide children with a safe and wholesome outdoor experience at their beautiful setting in Chepachet, RI. An Open House and Family Day will be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 PM for any interested families. Early registrations are now being accepted on-line at [WWW.Motherofhopecamp.com](http://WWW.Motherofhopecamp.com). Flyers are available in the foyer of the church.

### Meeting This Week

Wednesday., Apr. 25, 7:30 pm, **K of C**, church hall



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

Just when we think we can sing no more Alleluia's and when even Easter joy seems exhausting, the liturgy demands once again: "Sing! Sing a new song to the Lord." But how are we to find endless joy and strength to praise God unceasingly?

The second and Gospel readings offer keys: we find strength and joy because we are joined to Christ. The Gospel reading draws on the image of the vine: Christ the vine is the source of our life and of the good fruit we bear. The second reading points to the Holy Spirit as the binding force that joins us to the divine mystery. These images of connection and knowledge point to the Church, the people grafted onto Christ the vine and enlivened by the Spirit.

This week our Parish Community celebrated how some of our younger members were grafted even more closely to the Vine, which is Christ. Three young boys and three young girls receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday and on last Thursday evening ten young women and men celebrated their final step of initiation into the Christian Community in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I want to congratulate these young people on the celebration of these two important sacraments. Congratulations also to their teachers, Carol Marrocco, Jean Cedor and Steve Martin; their parents; and for the Confirmation recipients, their Sponsors. It is only because of the dedication and lively faith of these adults that the youngsters are able to reach this milestone on their faith journey. I pray that they continue to live out their faith, with the support of us adults, so that through the years ahead their faith in the Risen Lord Jesus will continue to grow.

This weekend also brings our Religious Education Program to a close. I want to thank all the teachers and aides, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Cedor, for the time and energy they spent in sharing their faith with our children throughout these past years.

Mrs. Cedor retires after more than thirty years here as our Director of Religious Education. I want to thank her for those many years of leadership she has brought to our Program. We have been very blessed to have her lead our Program. For many years she directed the Program at Saint Phillip's in Greenville

and would come here every Tuesday to ensure that our children had good religious training. In the past few years, she has had very serious illnesses as well as the illness and death of her husband, Richard. Both Jean and Richard contributed greatly to our Parish. So, thank you for your unselfish devotion to our children, their parents, and our parish.

As I have mentioned over the past weeks, our Religious Education Program will move to Saint Rocco's Parish July 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents will soon be receiving a registration form from Sr. Mary Antoinette, FMH, the Director of the Program. She can be reached at 401-944-6040 if you have any questions regarding the program. I urge all parents to register your children as soon as you receive the registration form so Sister Mary can begin planning next year's programs.

## **Keep the Date**

Please keep the date of Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate our parish at the 9:00 AM Mass along with an open-house from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Sprague Mansion. More information to come.

## **20-Week Club News**

The winners of the 20-Week Club Grand Prizes were as follows:

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| ➤ 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000 | Ann Kennedy #178      |
| ➤ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500   | Frank DiRaimo #024    |
| ➤ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$150   | Mary Raso #068        |
| ➤ 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$150   | Louis Calore #277     |
| ➤ 5 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$100   | Valerie Stone #307    |
| ➤ 6 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$100   | Santo Riccitelli #078 |
| ➤ 7 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$60    | Peter Perry #146      |
| ➤ 8 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$60    | James Mancuso #094    |

The winners of the Special William Abate School Raffle were as follows:

- \$500 Target Gift Card - Janice Caparco #718
- NE Patriots Framed Print - Constance Cournoyer #148
- \$150 Gift Card to Spirito's Restaurant – Donna Perry #262
- \$100 Stop & Shop Gift Card – Joseph Bernardoni #423
- #100 Stop & Shop Gift Card – Evan Perry #282