

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 6 & 7, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 AM For Marco & Jennie Marotto by their
Family

10:00 AM For Jeffrey Simone-Girard II by Donna
and Peter Perry

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Joseph Barone – Birthday
Remembrance – by his Family

Next Sunday

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid

10:00 AM For Fr. James J. Kelleher – 14th
Anniversary and Michael Placella, Sr.
by Michael Placella, Jr.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of April 29 & 29, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,930.00
April Monthly to Date	\$1,102.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$2,893.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	118

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

“Faith and Good Works”

Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal as of April 21st are **\$7,410.00** or 54.89% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. It also represents donations from only 80 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.

Meetings This Week

Wed., May 10th, 1:00 pm, **Prayer Shawl Ministry**,
Church Hall

Wed., May 10th, 7:30 pm, **K of C**, Church Hall

Religious Education News

As we come to the end of another school year, our parish community wishes to thank Mrs. Cedor, our Director of Religious Education and all our teachers and aides for their faithful service each week is helping to teach our Faith to our boys and girls. Their ministry is one of our most important ministries as we try to pass our Faith on to another generation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our second graders who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. They are: Giovanni Caparrelli, Jr., Javier Colon, Jr., Isabella DeVecchis, Zoe Fairbanks, and Fiona Fairbanks.

Congratulations to Raymond Beaumier and Gregory Manni who received their Confirmation with their 8th grade classmates from St. Mary’s School at ST. Mary’s Church.

Congratulations to Richard Boehm for receiving the WJAR *Jefferson Award* for his many years of fundraising for Special Olympics. You certainly deserve it, Rich!

Congratulations to Chief Kenneth Mancuso for being inducted in the *Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame*. You also certainly deserve it, Chief!

20-Week Club Winners

The winners of our 2017 20-Week Club are the following:

- \$1,000 - Lisa DiRaimo
- \$500 - Ann Colafrancesco
- \$150 - Robert LaFazia
- \$150 - Frank Schiavulli
- \$100 - Susan Beliveau
- \$100 - Ronnie Iannucilli
- \$60 - Michael Pagliaro
- \$60 - John Rega

Special Raffle Winners

- \$500 gift card to Best Buy - Richard Boehm
- Tom Brady Picture - Jean Spina

Congratulations to all winners and a thank you to all our Club Members.

Father Bob's Ramblings

The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday," because the Gospel for each year of the Lectionary comes from the tenth chapter of Saint John. In this chapter of the Gospel, Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus says that he knows his sheep and that they follow him because he "gives them eternal life, and they shall not perish."

Because of the fast-paced society in which we live, and the fact that we live in cities rather than the country, the images of the shepherd and of his knowing his sheep can be lost. The shepherd, in Jesus' time, would put his very life on the line for his sheep. Their well-being, their safety, and providing for their needs were the shepherd's chief responsibility. Elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus also says that a good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

"To know," in the biblical sense, is much deeper and more personal than in the sense with which we may use that phrase today. In the biblical sense, "to know" something or someone is to have an intimate, personal experience or relationship with the person or thing that is known. In the scriptures, to know someone is to be in relationship with that person.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says that he knows his sheep. It is in this deeply profound, relational way that he speaks of us – the sheep for whom he has laid down his life. On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate the great love God has shown us in the resurrection of Jesus. It is in this love that we, the members of Christ's Body, find our hope and our strength.

Here at St. Brigid's, each time we come into the church, we are reminded of the love shown to us through the Good Shepherd. Our beautifully restored stained glass window keeps that image before us. Why not take a few moments today to gaze at this image of Jesus and let it speak to our hearts about the many ways in which the great love God has been given to each one of us.

CABARET FUN {D} RAISER

Tickets for our *Fun[d] Raiser* 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. This event is scheduled for **FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017** at 6:30 PM at the Santa Maria DiPrata Hall, (across from Shore's Market) 31 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI. Join us at 6:30 pm when we will begin to mingle, sip wine and cocktails, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Ralph's Catering.

The *Frankie Valli Tribute* is presented by local entertainer Michael Panarello, Tribute Artist, who will entertain us with his famous interpretation of Frankie Vallie at approximately 7:45 pm. Michael has performed this tribute in Las Vegas and in many States. There will be open seating to enjoy the show. For those who prefer to sit during the appetizer portion of our fundraiser, there will be chairs scattered around for your comfort along with scattered tables for seniors and their guests.

For those selling tickets to family and friends for this entertaining and enjoyable evening (21 and older) please take as many tickets as you think you are able to sell and will be responsible to return the stubs and money to Louisa or Cindy who will be in the foyer of the Church for collecting returns and any unsold tickets.

Please tell all who are attending that they **MUST** bring their paid ticket for admission. No tickets will be sold at the door. The event is limited to (21 and older) due to the wine fountain and cash bar. Checks are to be made out to "St. Brigid's Church." Questions, please call Louisa at 401-942-0576.

Free Shred Day

There will be a free shred day here at St. Brigid's at a soon to be announced date. All paper needs to be boxed. Paper products include: invoices, contracts, tax returns, insurance documents, leases, computer printouts, sealed bids, statements, balance sheets, personal papers, newspaper, magazines, etc. Staples, paper clips, rubber bands, folders, etc do NOT need to be removed. Watch for the date!