

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12 & 13, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Joseph and Margaret Barone – by their Family - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday

9:00 AM For Lucy Wilkie – by her Family

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Joseph Neary – by Robin Winnigar – Birthday Remembrance

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Ben Haskins – by his wife, Doris

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 May 5 & 6, 2018

Budget Collection	\$2,408.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$2,312.00
May Monthly to Date	\$392.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	102

Catholic Charity Appeal

As of April 20th, we have raised **\$7,401.00**, from 70 households in the parish. This represents 54.82% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 16.88% of our households. Please try to make your pledge or donation as soon as possible to help us reach our goal.

Religious Education News

Our Religious Education Program will move to Saint Rocco's Parish July 1st. 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.

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 Parish congratulates Mr. & Mrs. John Gates for the celebration of their great-grandson, Cameron Kyle Gates last Sunday.

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 20th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM for any interested families. Early registrations are now being accepted on-line at WWW.Motherofhopecamp.com. Flyers are available in the foyer of the church.

Keep the Date

Please keep the date of Sunday, July 1st 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.

Check This Out

Please check out the green sheets in the pews. Feel free to take them home and bring your returns back by next weekend, May 20/21.

Summer Soap & Toiletries Collection

It's that time of year again for our Annual Summer Soap & Toiletries Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Bars of soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste and other toiletries can be left in the basket in the foyer of the church every weekend through June. Any questions, please call Sandy @ 944-0437.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Today we honor all our mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers as we celebrate Mother's Day. It is an opportunity to give thanks for a person in our lives that we so often take for granted. Mothers are usually always there for us when we need them, and even when we don't! Whether our mother is alive or with the Lord, let us take the time to thank her and God for them and the gift of life they gave to each of us. After the closing prayer of this weekend's Eucharistic Liturgy, all mothers, grandmothers and godmothers will be invited to kneel to receive a special blessing, honoring their important role of motherhood.

May traditionally is the month of the year when we also honor Mary in a special way as the Mother of God. Mary is upheld as a model for all believers. Her response to the Annunciation is the kind of personal response we all hope to make to God when He calls us in life. Although it was a difficult choice, Mary did say yes and carried through, throughout the course of her life. For this reason, Mary has a special attraction for many women in living out their Christian vocation. Mothers especially turn to Mary for support and guidance in raising and nurturing their children. Mary's own experience with Jesus as a child as well as an adult elicits devotion.

Each of us develops our own way of seeing Mary. Whether it is in praying the rosary or placing flowers at her statue or talking to her in our own words, Mary is an invaluable person and companion along our faith journey. May we continue to honor her with our love and devotion.

With last week's distribution of the Bishop's *Decree* of the merger of Saint Brigid and Saint Rocco Parishes certainly made that event all the more real. With seven weeks left for our Parish Community to be together, we want to cherish every weekend we have left to be with one another. Each of us may want to share some important remembrances we have of events in our parish life with others with whom we sit every weekend.

As I mentioned again last weekend, I still have not heard from Father Angelo Carousi, the pastor of St. Rocco's, as to what time he plans to schedule the weekly weekend mass beginning July 7/8. I will let you know as soon as I hear.

Thank You

The Parish wishes to thank the members of the 20-Week Club for all their hard work this past year in helping to make the Club so successful again this year. Committee members were: Richard Boehm, Chair, Joseph Cichon, Frank DiRaimo, Doris Haskins, Louisa Iannotti, and Sandy McCarthy. These folks worked all year in planning and implementing the Club. This year's profit was **\$6,003.00** and the profit from the Raffles and Silent Auction was **\$3,000.00**, which was earmarked for the William D'Abate School in Providence.

20-Week Club Winners

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

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

Blood Pressure Screenings

The Parish Nurses will conduct the monthly blood pressure screenings next weekend after both masses.

Happy Mother's Day