

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 13 & 14, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

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.

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Lucie Wilkie by her Family

Next Sunday

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid

10:00 AM

For Ernest Grande, Jr. and Sam Arcuri by their Family

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of May 6 & 7, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,747.00
May Monthly to Date	\$717.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$2,943.00
Collection for the Basilica Ceiling	\$206.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	113

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

“Faith and Good Works”

Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal as of April 28th are **\$7,510.00** or 55.63% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. It also represents donations from only 81 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.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The Parish Nurses will once again conduct a blood pressure clinic in the sacristy next weekend after all masses.

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.

CABARET FUN {D} RAISER

Tickets for our *Fun[d] Raiser* will go on sale this weekend. Please be sure to purchase tickets early as we are limited to a capacity of 150 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. There will be **NO TABLE SEATING**. However, there will be seating for everyone. 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.

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.



Father Bob's Ramblings

May traditionally is the month of the year when we honor Mary in a special way as the Mother of God. Through the years, this devotion has taken many twists and turns, especially since the Second Vatican Council. Many felt at that time that Mary had taken on a more important role in some peoples' spirituality than God; others felt that her role was deserved and rightful. Much of the traditional devotion to Mary fell by the wayside in the sixties and seventies. Today, however, Mary continues to enjoy an important place both in the history of salvation as well as in the hearts of many believers.

This year, 2017, marks the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Mary to the children of Fatima. On Sunday, May 13, 1917, three children, ages six, eight and nine, were in the fields with their sheep when they saw a flash of lightening and the image of "a lady dressed in white. She was more brilliant than the sun and radiated a light more clear and intense than a crystal glass filled with sparkling water when rays of burning sun shine through it." Our Lady told the children to pray the rosary every day to achieve peace in the world and promised to visit again the following month. Mary returned each month through October 1917, always referring to herself as the Immaculate Conception.

To commemorate this celebration, Bishop Tobin has asked us to dedicate this whole year to the Blessed Mother by trying to re-focus once again our attention on Mary and all she means to us as Catholics.

Historically I think many found Mary to be more approachable than God. After all Mary was an ordinary young girl, albeit very spiritual, and people looked up to her but felt comfortable relating with her. Hence, she took on the role of intercessor. Mary continues to be held forth as a model for all believers. Mary's 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.

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. And may we continue to honor her with our love and devotion.

It seems fitting then, that we also celebrate Mothers' Day in May as we honor our own mothers. Being a mother is certainly no easy task, nor is it one that often is thanked. As we celebrate Mothers' Day, may we take time to thank our mother and pray for them, whether they be alive or dead.

Free Shredding 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!

The Great Gospel Concert

Join us for The Great Gospel musical concert on Sunday, June 11th at 3pm here at St. Brigid's. It will feature The Tribe of Levites, Brookdale Chorus, Diondra Stubbs, Johnston High School Class of 2016 (13th Ranked Soprano in the State of Rhode Island by RiMEA IN 2016), the dynamic singing duo Dion & Kim, Boston, MA and Professor Dennis Montgomery III, Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA. Tickets \$12 and are available in the foyer of the church.

The proceeds are going to help 3-4 students in the engineering program at the University of Rhode Island to purchase books and a portion to the parish.

Personal Care Items Needed

Personal care items such as soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste, tissues and toilet paper, are needed for the clients of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Items may be left in the food bin in the foyer of the church.