

Solemnity of Pentecost

May 19 & 20, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For George Brady by Peggi & Peter
LaTorre – 8th Anniversary

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Jean Cedor in Thanksgiving for her
many years of ministry here at Saint
Brigid's

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 Carusi.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of May 12 & 13, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,615.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$2,335.00
May Monthly to Date	\$447.00
Ascension	\$204.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	81

Catholic Charity Appeal

As of May 4th, we have raised \$7,526.00, from 72 households in the parish. This represents 55.75% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 17.14% of our households. Please try to make your pledge or donation as soon as possible to help us reach our goal.

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.

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

Best wishes for Marlene and Richard Gallo who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary today.

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.

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.

Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Father Bob's Ramblings

Whenever we are awakened by a loud crack of thunder and a very bright burst of lightening, we may initially be frightened. As we all know, a thunderstorm is followed by a dramatic change in the weather and atmosphere. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, and as the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us, that day began with a loud crack of thunder and wind and fire that were visible signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Just as a thunderstorm changes the atmosphere, so too did this thunderstorm change the lives of the disciples forever. From that point on they understood what Jesus meant when he told them that he would send his Spirit to live in them and guide them as they went about preaching the Good News to people everywhere.

We all received that same Spirit of Jesus on the day of our baptism and it was reconfirmed on the day of our confirmation. Although the Spirit may not have come down on us in such a dramatic way, it is still that same Spirit of Jesus that comes to us and changes our lives dramatically. The Spirit gives us the boldness we need to continue to preach the Good News of Jesus to all people we encounter day in and day out. It is too bad that we take the gift of the Spirit for granted and forget the great power that it is in our lives.

That Holy Spirit is with us in good times and difficult ones. The Spirit is with us and helping us through these days as we grieve the loss of our parish community as we knew it. But that same Spirit helps us to renew our lives as we step into an unknown future. That unknown is part of my life these days as I prepare to enter the unknown of my retirement. The unknown for each of you is to step into the unknown of a new parish community and try to bring a little piece of what we have had here to some place new.

This week I met with Fr. Carusi, the pastor of Saint Rocco's. I can assure you that he is beginning to formulate different ways of integrating our parish into Saint Rocco's. It's the beginning of a new journey for both parishes and we need to trust that the Holy Spirit is joining the effort.



Clothes and Shoe Bin

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society has placed a clothes and shoe bin behind the church – on the right of the garage. The items that are collected will be donated to the poor and homeless people of our State. If you are doing some spring cleaning of your closets, they will be happy to make good use of your old clothes and shoes.

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.

Meeting This Week

Wed., May 23rd, K of C, church hall, 7:30 pm