

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## May 27 & 28, 2017

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

5:00 PM For George Brady – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary –  
by Peggi and Peter LaTorre

#### Sunday

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid

10:00 AM For all departed veterans of the parish

#### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For William Cunha by Donna and  
Peter Perry

#### Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Edward “Ted” DeGuillo – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary by Merry and Family

### Parish Stewardship

Weekend of May 20 & 21, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,107.00
May Monthly to Date	\$1,094.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$3,355.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	103

### Change in Mass Schedule

Once again, this year we will be changing our Mass schedule for the summer. Masses beginning June 3 & 4 will be Saturdays at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM. Weekday masses will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 7:30 AM. There will be no morning masses on Thursdays until September.

### 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

#### “Faith and Good Works”

Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal as of May 12<sup>th</sup> are **\$8,969.00** or 66.44% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. It also represents donations from only 86 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.

### Second Banns of Marriage

Allison Maynard and Joseph Ussery

### CABARET FUN {D} RAISER

Tickets for our *Fun[d] Raiser* continue to be on sale this weekend. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. This event is scheduled for FRIDAY, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 PM at the Santa Maria DiPrata Hall, (across from Shore's Market) 31 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston. 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*.

### 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!

### St. Joseph's Church

#### Annual Strawberry Festival

St. Joseph Church, 144 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate is having their Annual Strawberry Festival, featuring a Ham/Barbecued Chicken dinner with Strawberry Shortcake for dessert. It will be on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church hall. Please call 401-647-2255 to reserve tickets. Tickets are limited, so call ASAP. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for Children under 12.

### 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.

### Old Eyeglass Collection

The Social Ministries Committee is once again sponsoring an **eyeglass collection** to benefit the Lion's Club. A bin to collect your old eyeglasses will be in the foyer of the church throughout the month of June.

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

This weekend we celebrate the seventh and last Sunday of Easter. Although we celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, the liturgy in a way is like the "between-ness" of our Christian lives: though we believe in Christ's resurrection, we are still awaiting the fullness of its power in the world. And so, with those gathered in the upper room in the first reading, we wait and pray.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel poignantly describes our condition as being "in the world"; for Saint John, "the world" often refers to those who oppose Jesus and his message. If we belong to Jesus, those same forces will oppose us as well. As if to offer encouragement, the second reading counsels us: "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you."

As we await the celebration of Pentecost, this coming week is usually seen as a novena to the Holy Spirit, asking the Spirit to re-ignite His power within us. We may try to pray the prayer "Come Holy Spirit" every day this week.

We also celebrate Memorial Day weekend, a three-day holiday. People might travel 50 miles (or more) to visit family & friends. There will be barbecues and maybe, you'll spend a few moments to reflect on what Memorial Day is really about: remembering those who gave their lives in service.

But the national holiday, celebrated since 1868, is more than just a long weekend to kick off the summer. After World War I, all American soldiers were honored. Up until this point, Memorial Day only officially celebrated those soldiers who died in the Civil War. Since then Memorial Day honors all soldiers who served and died for the United States. More recently, Memorial Day remembers all who have gone before us. It is like a national "All Souls Day."

Since we are a country still at war, we continue to have many of our soldiers die in order to bring freedom to tyrannically governed nations. Let us take a moment or two of silence and prayer to remember our veterans who gave their lives for freedom, and then enjoy the holiday it brings.

I will be in Myrtle Beach, taking some vacation time, from May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>. I thank Father Ngozi for covering for me while I am away. I'll see you all again on June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Welcome Back, Fr. Ngozi**

We welcome back Fr. Ngozi Onyelu, a priest originally from Nigeria, who was previously with us for the *Triduum* celebrations and Easter. Fr. Ngozi is a parish priest in the Diocese of Edmonton, New Brunswick, Canada. To mark his 30 years of priesthood he is involved in a program of Clinical Pastoral Education, a program that I taught in for 25 years before coming to St. Brigid's. His connection to me is that he is now studying under one of my former students in Canada. Let's welcome him back with our typical, warm St. Brigid's welcome.

## **Mass of Anointing**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be sponsoring our quarterly Mass of Anointing on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Prayer shawls, made by the ministry, will be available for anyone who may need one for themselves or for someone they know who is ill. Those who are elderly, preparing for surgery, suffering from a chronic illness or experiencing spiritual or emotional pain are welcome to come and join us in our healing prayers that contribute to our well-being.

## **A Great Gospel Concert**

Join us for The Great Gospel musical concert on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 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 are \$12 and are available in the foyer of the church. Checks need to be made out to **URI** and **NOT** to St. Brigid 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 goes to the parish.