

Solemnity of Pentecost June 3 & 4, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

9:00 AM For Edward "Ted" DeGullio – 4th Anniversary by Merry and Family

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Anthony LaTorre – 22nd Anniversary – by Peggí and Peter LaTorre

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Jay and Dolores Iannuccilli by Michael Placella

Third Banns of Marriage

Allison Maynard and Joseph Ussery

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of May 27 & 28, 2017

Budget Collection	\$1,943.00
May Monthly to Date	\$1,221.00
Fuel Collection to date	\$3,561.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	110

Change in Mass Schedule

Once again, this year we are changing our Mass schedule for the summer. Masses beginning this weekend 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 19th are **\$9,039.00** or 66.96% toward our \$13,500.00 goal. It also represents donations from only 88 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.

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.

Catholic Communications Collection

A special collection is being taken up next weekend to help fund the national Catholic Communications program which helps make Catholic programming available through radio, TV, and internet media. Please place your special envelopes in the one basket as it comes around

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 23rd @ 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!

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.

Father Bob's Ramblings

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the day when the Easter Season comes to its conclusion.

In the Jewish tradition, Pentecost was a harvest-feast, celebrated 50 days after Passover. The name *Pentecost* meant fiftieth in Greek. At this feast, bread made from the newly harvested grain would be offered to God. Later, this feast also became associated with the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. This view of the feast is the one St. Luke had in mind as he described the Pentecost event in the Act of the Apostles.

For us, Pentecost is the great celebration of the Holy Spirit. The contrast between the giving of the law and the giving of the Holy Spirit could hardly be greater. At Sinai, Moses alone went up to receive the word of God carved on the tablets of stone. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes down to the people and rests on each of them in the form of wind and fire.

In our time, Pentecost is celebrated to remind us that each one of us has received the gift of God's Holy Spirit. It is this Spirit that enlightens us to understand the Word of God in the Scriptures. It is this Spirit that encourages us to live out our faith. It is this Spirit that supports us in the ups and downs of life.

As we gather to celebrate this great gift of God's Spirit, let us thank the Lord for all the great and marvelous ways that the Spirit is alive within us.



A 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 Levutes, Brookdale Chorus, Diondra Stubbs, Johnston High School Class of 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.

Note for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Please try to inform Fran Wilkie via e-mail (fran@wilkem.com) or by phone (401-474-6128) if you are unavailable on a particular weekend or day by the 15th of the month before. This will help her put the schedule together. Also, if you would like to be scheduled for a particular mass, she can do this as well.

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. Let's welcome him back with our typical, warm St. Brigid's welcome. I thank him for covering for me while I am away.

Mass of Anointing

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be sponsoring our quarterly Mass of Anointing on Saturday, June 10th 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.