

15th Weekend in Ordinary Time

July 15 & 16, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Jeffrey Michalenka by Donna & Peter Perry

Sunday

9:00 AM For Clara Pietros by her son, Steven

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Eugene & Helen Albanese by Donna & Peter Perry

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Eleanor Placella & Catherine Gardella by Michael Placella

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of July 1 & 2, 2017

Budget Collection	\$3,060.00
July Monthly to Date	\$704.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	128

Weekend of July 8 & 9, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,122.00
July Monthly to Date	\$938.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	99

Thank you to those of you who make up your weekly offertory donations when you are not able to attend Mass on a previous weekend.

Youth Ministry Collection

There will be a *special second collection* this weekend for the Diocesan Youth Ministry. The money from this collection helps support the "Rejoice in Hope Center" where our religious education students attend yearly retreat days.

Prayer Line Ministry

Just a reminder that our Parish Prayer Line Ministry is a group of parishioners who each day pray for the intentions of our parishioners. If you wish to join the ministry or if you have intentions to be prayed for, please call Sandy Cerrito at 944-0437.

Awareness and Caution

Please be aware that many of our parishioners find it difficult to climb and descend the church steps. Upon leaving mass on weekends, please do not crowd around the side handrails so that those who need them may reach them with as little difficulty as possible.

Free Shredding Day – July 18

There will be a free paper-shredding day here at St. Brigid's on **Tuesday, July 18th**. Iron Mountain, the company we are working with, will not release the exact time until early that morning. However, the garage will be open from 7:00 AM to receive your boxes. Just drop them off and they will be taken care of. Boxes can also be dropped off at the rectory garage by calling the rectory Sunday or Monday if you cannot bring them on Tuesday.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the 11th annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Providence Diocese who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over 50 years anniversaries. It will be held on Sunday, **October 15, 2017 @ 1:00 pm** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence, including mass, renewal of vows, personalized certificate & family reception; Bishop Tobin will be the main celebrant. Please see Father Bob for a registration form, fill it out, and return to Father Bob. They must be mailed from Father Bob to the Diocese by **September 8, 2017**.

Saint Philip School

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Father Bob's Ramblings

This past late spring and early summer days were marked by an awful lot of rain, dampness, and grey skies. How many times did we complain about how sick and tired we were of all the rain? Well, it seems like the Prophet Isaiah brings us back a bit to the memory of those days in our first reading today.

Like a master teacher, Isaiah takes something known and familiar (rain) to explain something unknown, and more than that, something mysterious (God's word). The people to whom he was initially writing lived a risky life in a place where the water table was very thin. This meant that one drought could bring death by famine and dehydration. They knew well the power of rain to turn parched ground into fertile and fruitful land. They understood their dependence on this gift from the sky for the seed and the bread that sustained them.

"So shall my word be," says the Lord through the Prophet. The message is clear: God's Word in the scriptures communicates a creative power. And God's Word does God's will, just as surely rain brings the desert to life.

Although we don't live in a desert land, all the rain we had this spring has brought about new life all around us. Just look at how green the foliage is, how colorful our gardens are with beautiful flowers, and how lucky we are to have our reservoirs filled with fresh water. Psalm 65, our Responsorial Psalm today, breaks open Isaiah's words in wonderful detail.

While we enjoy a more leisure pace during these summer days, instead of complaining about the rainy days that may spoil some of our plans, we may try to take some time and look around at the beauty of God's creation. Why not take a copy of Psalm 65 along with us and pray it. It could be a reminder to us of how lucky we are not to live on a hot, dusty desert plain.



Tomorrow

When I've conquered my worries about **tomorrow**, I'll be more content and peaceful. I'll live each day more fully, enjoying each blessing, and will be able to deal more effectively with the challenges of that day. Greater strength and clarity of mind will be mine when I'm no longer distracted with concerns about "what's next."

Jesus said, "**Don't worry about tomorrow**," and that is what I desire to do. Yet sometimes I still cling to stresses and cares. Tomorrow quite rapidly turns into today, then yesterday. As I look back, I see how foolish I've been for my senseless concerns over situations that never developed. It is also true that some days I dreaded were even worse than I had imagined. But the Lord helped me deal with whatever happened. Even though it was terribly hard, His grace and mercy brought me through.

As I consider the lilies of the field and the sparrows that are cared for by the Father, I vow that I will no longer doubt His provisions. When I read in Scripture that if I seek Him first He takes care of my needs, I say "**No more worrying for me.**" I determine to "**Take one day at a time.**" But, sometimes — before I'm even aware of it -- my head is churning with "What if..." and "How will I deal with...."

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your infinite patience with me as I struggle to **know** that I can trust you with tomorrow. Yes, I still worry about tomorrow, but not as much as I did yesterday. As you heal my tendency to be vulnerable in this area, I'm making some strides toward greater peace. **My desire is to walk each day with greater trust and serenity. Your desire is to show me the way. Amen.**

Joanne Grant