

# 17<sup>th</sup> Weekend in Ordinary Time

## July 29 & 30, 2017

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

5:00 PM For Judy Dimitri – Birthday  
Remembrance – by Fran, John &  
Maureen

#### Sunday

9:00 AM For Anne Marie Votta by her Family

#### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For The Parishioners of St. Brigid

#### Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Raymond Petrucci by Steven  
Andrews

### Scheduling Masses

The *2018 Mass Scheduler is in*. Anyone wishing to schedule memorial masses on a particular date is asked to call the rectory to assure that you are able to schedule on the dates that you prefer. There are also many open dates to schedule masses for the rest of 2017 on weekends and weekdays. Please call the rectory if you wish to schedule a mass in someone's memory.

### Parish Stewardship

#### Weekend of July 22 & 23, 2017

Budget Collection	\$1,553.00
July Monthly to Date	\$1,058.00
Youth Ministry Collection	\$307.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	87

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.

### Special Collection

Next weekend we will have a special collection for the ministry of the Holy Father, called the "Peter's Pence" Collection. Please use the envelopes in your budget package.

### Religious Education News

Mrs. Cedor is completing the Religious Education classes and outlines for next year. If you have not yet returned your 2017 - 2018 registrations forms, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive one in the mail, please see Fr. Bob, who will make sure your family receives one. In order to register your child the child's family *MUST be registered* with St. Brigid's Parish.

### 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.

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Providence Diocese who will be observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 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**.

### Catholic Charity Appeal

Our goal once again this year was **\$13,500**. Our final tally is **\$9,244.00** from **91** households, which is 68.47% of our goal. Thank you to all who contributed to our Appeal this year.

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

Every spring, a representative from Catholic Mutual, our Diocesan Insurance Agency, comes to examine our property and buildings. And, each year he always sends a list of needed repairs or areas where we need to monitor for possible repairs in the future. This year the report came back with some major issues that need to be addressed immediately.

The outside covering of stucco on the church chimney is falling off because of moisture entering between the chimney itself and the stucco. The chimney needs to be resealed and the stucco replaced and repainted.

The decorative cement buttress on the right side of the front entrance of the church has crumbled and needs replacing. However, the cause of this deterioration is a leak coming from the roof over the foyer of the church. This leak is also causing moisture to come between the interior walls and the stucco, causing the stucco to discolor and crumble. The roof needs re-sealing and the stucco needs replacing and repainting. The same is happening to the front corner of the church on the Pocasset Street side.

The next major and immediate issue is the chimney on the rectory roof. If you look at it, you can see through it! The chimney needs total replacement.

The exterior stairs in the front and side of the church need repairing and the two entire stairways need repainting.

Finally, the carpeting in the church is old and needs either replacing or stretching in order to smooth out uneven areas and reduce trip and fall potential.

As you may imagine, this was not good news. Although I was planning to have the stairs and the cement buttress fixed this summer, I truly was surprised by the news about the two chimneys. Certainly, these take priority in our "to-do" list.

I have contacted masonry contractors for bids on the work, asking them for detailed figures so we can determine exactly what we can and cannot afford to do. I will be meeting with our Trustees, Ed Eramian and Carol Marrocco on Monday to begin our

process of prioritizing the work, accepting bids, and discussing how we will pay for the repairs.

As always, I'll keep you informed.

## **2016 Italian Festival**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Annual Italian Festival will be held on *Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon* in the church hall. We are now planning the Festival in the fall to coincide with our Parish Anniversary. Tickets go on sale this weekend in the foyer of the church. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, children 6-10 are \$10.00, and children 5 and under are free.

## **Traveling During the Summer**

For nationwide Mass times and locations, phone 1-800-Mass Times (1-800-627-7846) or [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## **Saint Philip School**

Are you looking for a faith-filled educational experience for your child where his/her individual talents are fostered? At *Saint Philip School*, we educate the whole child - spiritually, morally, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically! Open enrollment continues for our Little Cardinals (3-year-old) through 8th grade classes. Visit our website at [www.stphilipschool.com](http://www.stphilipschool.com) to learn more about our special family. Call to schedule a tour and begin the admissions process today ~ (401)949-1130.

## **Summer Safety Tips**

**Save Your Skin:** Heat rash, which results when sweat ducts become blocked, usually appears as tiny bumps in folds of skin or where fabric chafes against the body. To prevent it, choose breathable cotton clothing, avoid heavy ointments and creams (they can block sweat ducts), and choose oil-free sunscreens.

**Picnic Safety:** To prevent food borne bacteria from paying a visit to your picnic, keep eats as cold as possible during transport - 40 degrees or colder. A full cooler stays colder longer than a partially filled one, so pack food straight from the fridge and pour ice to the brim.

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