

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2 & 3, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's

Sunday

9:00 AM For Steve Gardella, Sr. and Steve Gardella, Jr. by Michael Placella

Thursday

7:30 AM For Alice Labriole - Birthday Remembrance - by daughter, Sandy

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Pasquale and Josephine Corsinetti - by their family

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's

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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

On the weekend of *September 10/11* our weekend Mass schedule returns to its regular hours. Masses will be celebrated on Saturdays at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 AM. Weekday masses will also resume to 7:30 AM, Mondays through Thursdays.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of August 26 & 27, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,022.00
August Monthly to Date	\$969.00
Mission Co-Op Collection	\$482.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	119

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.

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes begin on Tuesday, September 12th. Grades 1 through 5 will meet from 3:30-5:15 PM and Grades 6 through 9 will meet from 6:30-7:30 PM. If you have not yet registered, please call Mrs. Cedor @ 401-946-3399.

Donations of water and nutritious light snacks for the children would be much appreciated. Please drop them off in the church hall and place them on the table in front of Mrs. Cedor's office.

Help Wanted 2018 20-Week Club

The 20-Week Club committee is beginning to plan next year's club. However, the committee needs new members. The more committee members the less work for each person. It does *not* entail many meetings, but a willingness to collect dues after masses on weekends. If interested, please let Fr. Bob (944-2232) or Richard Boehm (641-3048) know.

2017 Italian Festival

SAVE THE DATE: Our Annual Italian Festival will be held on *Sunday, September 24th at 12:00 noon* in the church hall. We are now planning the Festival in the fall to coincide with our Parish Anniversary. Tickets are now on sale in the foyer of the church before and after all masses. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, children 6-10 are \$10.00, and children 5 and under are free. For more information, please call Millie @ 401-949-0617.

Mass of Anointing

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will sponsor our quarterly Mass of Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, September 9th at 11:00 AM. Anyone who is ill in Body, Mind, or Spirit may receive this sacrament. Prayer Shawls will be available for anyone who may need one or for a family member or friend. All are welcome to participate.

Annual Parish Bazaar

Save the date - our Annual Parish Bazaar will take place this year on **November 18th** from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM & **19th** from 8:30 - 11:30 AM.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Two events this month, I believe, certainly have caught our attention and the attention of most of the rest of the country and the world. The first event is the racial demonstration and murder in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12th. The second is that of the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey this past week. As Christian people, we are obligated to respond to each of these events.

Racism is one of the greatest sins we all share in as Americans. It began with the destruction of the Native American peoples and the slavery of Black People. And, it continues to this day, even though President Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery after the Civil War. We all carry the woundedness that comes from racism that lies buried in each of us. How often does it just come out in an off-handed remark or joke? How often has it raised its ugly head in fears we have about people who are different than we are? How often have we put people of color down or thought of them as being less than we are?

We all need to become more conscious of the racism that lies deep within us. The best way to begin healing that sin is to first recognize and admit that it is there. Then, we need to try to catch ourselves when it raises its ugly head in our jokes, our conversations, or fears. And then, we must speak out about it when we hear or witness it. Otherwise, if we say nothing, we become complacent to it.

The devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey must also make us stop and recognize how lucky we are to live where we do. I was talking with someone this week who pointed out that even our worst storms – snow, rain, flooding, or hurricanes – are nothing compared to what people in other parts of the country experience. Here too, our Christian responsibility is to respond. Initially, we can do that by prayer for those who have had their lives turned upside down and for the first responders. We can also reach out by sacrificially donating money, clothing, or even our time, if possible.

As with so many other events, we seem to forget about them once they are no longer the headlines. Nevertheless, racism and the effects of disasters continue long after the headlines move onto other

things. May we work at trying to rid ourselves of racism and never forget those whose lives will never be the same.

Thank You Message

The Rejoice in Hope Youth Center has sent the parishioners of Saint Brigid Church the following: “All those who benefit from the services of Diocesan Youth Ministry wish to thank you for your generous contributions during your recent parish collection. Your support enables the staff and volunteers to continue providing quality programming for youth. Retreats, athletics, leadership training events, social, and service opportunities will continue thanks to your donation. Thank you and God Bless You!”

Flu Clinic

Once again, Saint Brigid Church is sponsoring a flu clinic on Sunday, 10/1/2017 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Ages invited are age 3 and up. Please be sure to have your insurance information with you. For more information, please contact Delores DiOrio at 401-943-0132.

Choir News

The choir is looking for some new members. If anyone is interested in singing at our weekend Masses, or just for our Christmas and/or Easter celebrations, you are welcome to join the choir on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM in the church for our weekly rehearsals. Stop by after Mass, talk with Rouzan, our Music Minister, or one of the cantors, and get more information.

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**.