

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16 & 17, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For George Brady by Peter and Peggi LaTorre – Birthday Remembrance

Sunday

8:00 AM For Douglas D'Aguanno by his mother, Ursula

10:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's

Monday

7:30 AM For Virginia Vendetti by her Family

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Nicholas Marro by his daughter Ann Marie – Birthday Remembrance

Next Sunday

8:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Brigid's

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of September 9 & 10, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,951.00
September Monthly to Date	\$781.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	110

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 Second Collections

This weekend we will join all the parishes in our diocese by taking up a *special second collection* for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. This Fund helps support the senior priests in our diocese with their health care and living stipend. Please be as generous as you can.

We will be having a *special second collection* on the weekend of September 23/24 to offer our aid to these entire hurricane and flood victims. Our offerings will go through the offices of the National Catholic Charities.

Religious Education News

Religious Education classes began 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.

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.

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. The Festival is now 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.

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.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Now that school has begun and our "new year" of activities has started up as well, I'd like to point out two of our annual parish activities that serve to be the two biggest fundraisers of the year.

The first is our Annual **20-Week Club**. As you know, for over eight years we had a 30-Week Club. The committee last year voted to change membership dues from 30 weeks to 20. The Club membership will be \$3 per week for 20 weeks. Memberships will go on sale the weekend of September 30th / October 1st.

Membership includes drawings for a total of \$3,320 and a complete meal. This year the venue for our luncheon will be Ralph's Kitchen at the VFW hall on Plainfield Pike on Sunday, April 22nd. Also, because of the great increase in the cost of food, there needs to be an extra charge of \$10 again for those attending the dinner. Guest tickets will remain at \$35.

The 20-Week Club has usually netted a profit of around \$10 – 11,000 each year for the parish. I urge you to try to please join the Club and ask family members and friends to join to help support our parish.

Our second major fund raiser is our Annual Parish Bazaar. This year it will take place on November 18th & 19th. Outsiders and vendors, who say it is one of the best Bazaars in the area, always wonderfully receive the Bazaar. Unfortunately, however, most parishioners do not support it. I urge you to please try to come and show your support (as well as your financial one) this year. The Bazaar usually nets a profit of close to \$7,000 or more. This year's profit will go towards repairing the church and rectory chimneys.

Finally, this weekend we join with the rest of the Diocese for the Annual Priests Retirement collection. This collection goes into a special fund to help pay the salaries and health insurance of the retired priests of the diocese. Please try to be as generous as you can.

2018 20-Week Club

Memberships go on sale the weekend of September 30/October 1. Prices are \$3.00 per week or \$60.00 for 20 weeks. This year's club is the same ticket price and same number of winners as last year. Two winners will be chosen every other week for 30 weeks. Weekly raffles begin on November 12th with the last drawing on March 25th. A luncheon will be held at a time and place to be announced. Paid-in-full members will receive dinner for an additional cost of \$10.00 and additional guest tickets are \$35.00.

Please consider taking out a membership and selling some to your relatives and friends. This is the main fundraiser for Saint Brigid Parish.

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Farm Market for Seniors

\$15.00 worth of food vouchers toward Farmers' Market fresh farm produce are available for seniors in the foyer of the church. Please see Fr. Bob to receive one.

Bakers Needed

Bakers are needed for our Annual Italian Festival. A signup sheet is on the table in the foyer of the church. One of the most noteworthy aspects of this Festival is the remarkable pastry table. Please help us once again to offer these fine deserts.

Pastry deliveries can be made on Saturday, September 23rd, prior and after the 5:00 mass as well as Sunday, September 24th, prior and after the 8:00 and 10:00 mass.

The Social Ministry would like to thank the bakers for their time and generosity that are enjoyed by all.