

# 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Saint Brigid Parish September 23 & 24, 2017

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

10:00 AM For the victims of recent Hurricanes

### Monday

7:30 AM For Ursula D'Aguanno – by Merrie  
DeGuillo

### Thursday

7:30 A For Inez Santilli – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – by  
her Family

### Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Rose D'Amato -1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary –  
by her daughter, Marion Cole

### Next Sunday

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

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

## Parish Stewardship

### Weekend of September 16 & 17, 2017

Budget Collection	\$2,331.00
September Monthly to Date	\$952.00
Priest Retirement Fund Collection	\$558.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	113

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 be having a *special second collection* 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 every Tuesday. Grades 1 through 5 meet from 3:30-5:15 PM and Grades 6 through 9 meet from 6:30-7:30 PM.

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 18<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM & **19<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## Flu Clinic

Once again, Saint Brigid Church is sponsoring a flu clinic on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 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.

## 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.

## Meeting This Week

Wed. 9/27/17, **K of C**, 7:30 pm, church hall

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

This weekend we celebrate our 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our parish. As noted in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book (books are still available – ask me for one) we have had our highs and lows throughout the years. This year feels a bit like we are beginning to head to another low. As is obvious to all who attend weekend mass, there are fewer and fewer people attending mass and our parish community is getting older and older. As one way of celebrating this anniversary, let's all try to do our little piece of evangelization by encouraging people we know to come and join us as we celebrate the “source and summit” of our faith each weekend.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about many maintenance and building repair issues that were pointed out by our Insurance Company. I sought out three companies to give us estimates. Only one company followed through with an actual estimate for the major repairs. It was reviewed by the Trustees and myself and we fine tuned it a bit. Last Monday evening the Finance Council approved the final version of the estimate.

The contract was awarded to Cornerstone Restoration, Inc. of Barrington, RI. They will remove the loose stucco from the church chimney and repair it as needed and repaint the stucco. They will also demolish the rectory chimney down to the roof line and either rebuild the chimney with new bricks or side-vent the furnace and seal the roof. As you know, whenever this type of project takes place on old buildings, there are always unseen issues that crop up. Let's hope none or not too many issues are found. Work is scheduled to begin in about three weeks.

Some of the other listed minor repairs were done by Frank DiIorio Property Maintenance Services, a parishioner, who charged us minimal cost to complete.

The Trustees and Finance Council decided to postpone the repairs to the front and side church steps until the spring.

Initially, I thought we may need to have a major fund drive to help pay for these repairs. However, we do have the money in our savings to cover them

and then replace the money with the profits of the Annual Bazaar.

As I mentioned last weekend at masses, our parish email was hacked, along with three other parishes in the diocese. A letter was sent out in my name asking for money to be sent to help cover a little boy's surgery. The letter was a hoax and was not sent out by me.

As you will read below, our Annual 20-Week Club begins to accept memberships next weekend. Please consider joining and asking relatives and friends to join. This is our major fund-raising event of the year and I hope it is even more successful than past years.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> with the last drawing on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please consider taking out a membership and selling some to your relatives and friends. This is the main fundraiser for Saint Brigid Parish.

The membership luncheon will once again be held at the Alpine Country Club on April 22, 2018. All members who are paid in full will receive a dinner for an additional cost of \$10. Guest tickets will remain at \$35. Children's dinner will be available for \$15.

The menu includes: Family style salad & macaroni; chicken Francese; mashed potatoes; green beans; rolls & butter; coffee or tea and desert. Special needs luncheons will be announced at a later date.

### **20-Week Club Grand Raffles**

The Grand Raffle on April 22<sup>nd</sup> will include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize           \$1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize           \$500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize           \$150
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize           \$150
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize           \$100
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize           \$100
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize           \$60
- 8<sup>th</sup> Prize           \$60