

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Rose D'Amato -1st Anniversary -
by her daughter, Marion Cole

Sunday

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

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Esther Piccirilli - 4th Anniversary
by her daughter, Eileen Magnani

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Joseph Tessier, Jr. - 9th
Anniversary by his mother, Rosanne

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of September 23 & 24, 2017

Budget Collection	\$1,789.00
September Monthly to Date	\$1,109.00
Hurricane Relief Collection	\$510.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	100

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 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 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.

Sharing Our Warmth with the Homeless

Throughout October & November, we will once again be collecting new gloves, new mittens, new hats and new scarves. Please place all items in the collection baskets near the tabernacle in the sanctuary. Call Sandy Cerrito @ 944-0437 for more information on how to make this a Parish success once again this year.

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.

Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the animals will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the rectory side yard. In case of rain, it will take place in the Church Hall.

Rosary Rally

A public Rosary Rally will take place on October 14th at 12 noon in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun. Join in the "National Rosary" - at St Brigid Church, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, corner of Plainfield & Pocasset Sts. For information call - Ursula Zarrella - 942- 6618

Italian Festival - 2017

Our annual Italian Festival was a success once again, netting a profit of \$1,661. Thanks to Millie Santilli and the members of the Social Ministry Committee, the bakers and all who had a hand in setting up, selling tickets and helping in any way. Could only happen with everyone's joining together.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Attached to this weekend's Bulletin is a copy of the Parish's Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. The report was reviewed and approved by our Parish Auditors, Paul Filippone and Michael Pagliaro; our Parish Trustees, Ed Eramian and Carol Marrocco; and our Financial Council members, Robert Civetti, Frank DiRaimo, Frank Manni, Robert Montagano, and Paul Pecchia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them for their time and energy throughout the year in reviewing our finances and advising me about our financial matters.

Although our fiscal health is a little better than last year, our parish is still struggling to maintain our financial stability. Our weekly offertory collection is down \$2,000 from last year and our monthly collection is down by \$1,000. The regular income from these collections is what we need to rely on to support ourselves. Summertime continues to be a time when our cash flow does not meet our incoming bills. As I have so often said, our parish fundraisers are meant to be supplemental money that should be put aside for special needs. This year's parish functions were \$4,000 better than last year's, allowing us to build up our savings to \$13,000, still not enough of a backup.

Luckily, our expenses could be reduced by \$10,000. This is due to a bare-bones budget created by the members of the Finance Council. Many of our budgeted items and dictated by the diocese and therefore cannot be lowered. We need to realize that unlike other parishes, we do not have a parish secretary or bookkeeper nor a custodian. If it were not for my taking on these responsibilities and the time of a very few volunteers, we would need to be paying people professional salaries for these positions.

Of the 385 active households only 132 financially support the parish. I wish to thank all who are actively supporting the parish on a regular basis. You are carrying the financial burden for the rest. I am asking those who are not regularly supporting the parish to please try to do so and if any of you can increase your weekly offertory, please consider doing so. The future of our parish is in your hands.

Thank You

Thanks to the Scalabrini Council of the Knights of Columbus for covering the cost of a new refrigerator for our hall at the cost of \$700. The old one "died" last week, right before the Italian Festival. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Haunted Labyrinth 2017

Once again at the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center on Dyer Ave. in Cranston on October 6-8, 13 – 15, 20 – 22, and 27 - 31. Open 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Admission is \$12. For more information, call 401-943-8686 or www.hauntedlabyrinth.com. An admission discount of \$1 is given if you bring this ad.

2018 20-Week Club

Memberships go on sale this weekend. 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. 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 later.

20-Week Club Grand Raffles

The Grand Raffle on April 22nd will include:

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