

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14 & 15, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

10:00 AM For Jennie and Benny Albanese by Donna and Peter Perry

Next Saturday

5:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving – 50th Wedding Anniversary of Linda & Frank Schiavulli

Next Sunday

8:00 AM For Lori-Ann Broccoli-Jacques – Birthday Remembrance by her father, Ben

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

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of October 7 & 8, 2017

Budget Collection	\$1,850.00
October Monthly to Date	\$759.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	92

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 Collection

Next weekend we join all Americana Catholics in celebrating World Mission Day. On that weekend we remember all missionaries who give their lives to bring the Gospel of Jesus to people in all countries in our world. Please plan to be as generous as you can to this very important ministry.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The monthly Blood Pressure Clinic will take place next weekend after all masses in the sacristy.

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.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors need to attend the 5:00 PM Mass next weekend to celebrate the "Rite of Enrollment."

Donations of water and nutritious light snacks for the children are always very 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.

Please help the Bazaar Committee by taking a leaf from the "Bazaar Tree" in the foyer of the church and return the item you purchase by November 11th. The items will be used to make up the raffle baskets.

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.



Father Bob's Ramblings

Two weeks ago, I shared with you the Annual Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017. As I mentioned at that time, our fiscal health is a little better than last year. However, 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 in order to meet our budgeted expenses.

One collection every year that helps us reduce our deficit is our ***Annual Collection***. There is an envelope in your budget packet that dates this collection for October 29th. However, you may donate to this collection any time until the end of the year, depending on your own cash flow.

I cannot emphasize enough how important this collection is for the parish. It is a once-a-year opportunity for you to make a substantial donation to help the parish. Last year our collection brought in \$11,760. We need to at least match that amount, but we really need to go over that amount.

As I also mentioned in the report, out of 385 active households only 132 financially support the parish. Here is an opportunity for those of you who do not support the parish on a regular basis to make your donation, and not only make it to the Annual Collection, but to also include your financial support for the weeks you did not contribute. Everyone needs to remember that the ministry of the parish is always here when you need it (for example funerals and baptisms and the celebration of other sacraments), but there is a need to be financially supportive of the parish on a regular basis.

I've been chastised by some of you in the past for saying this, but I will say it again. Donating to the parish only when you come to Mass is not supposed to be like paying for a ticket to a movie, sporting event or other kind of entertainment. Each parishioner has a baptismal responsibility to be supportive on a regular basis throughout the year. Fund-raisers are important ways of making money for the parish, but that money should be set aside for emergency or on-going repairs. It should not be, as is now the case, to support the budgeted expenses of the parish throughout the year.

So, I'm asking every household to prayerfully consider what is a responsible donation to this most important collection the fall.

I am away in Vermont this weekend celebrating a wedding. I am thankful for Fr. Anthony Iwuc's ministry while I am away.

Thank You

The Parish wishes to thank the families of Anna Caracciolo and Katherine Flynn for making St. Brigid's the recipient of memorial donations at the time of their death.

Haunted Labyrinth 2017

Once again at the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center on Dyer Ave. in Cranston on October 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 are now on sale. 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.

After an initial dues payment, further payments may be made by using the ***20-Week Club Payment Envelope*** that can be found at the Membership sign-up desk in the foyer of the church. Simply fill in the information and drop the envelope in the collection basket.

20-Week Club Major 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