

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21 & 22, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Next Saturday

5:00 PM **For Nicholas D'Aguanno – Birthday Remembrance - by his mother, Ursula**

Next Sunday

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

10:00 AM **For Jeannette Placella and Father John O'Neill by Michael Placella**

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of October 14 & 15, 2017

Budget Collection	\$1,901.00
October Monthly to Date	\$914.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	88

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

This 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 this 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.

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.

Nearby Bazaars

St. Bartholomew Church, November 4th, 9 am – 7 pm. November 5th, 9 am – 2 pm For info: 401-944-4466

St. Joseph Church, Scituate, November 4th, 9 am – 6:30 pm, November 5th, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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

In today's second reading, we begin a series of readings from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. This is the earliest of Saint Paul's writings. It was addressed to a community eagerly awaiting the triumphant return of the risen Christ at the end of time. But, the community's faith was wavering in the meantime. Saint Paul speaks of their "endurance", especially in light of their harassment at the hands of the Jewish people. He goes on to exhort them to adhere to the teachings of Jesus in the gospel.

Two thousand years later, we, too, need to be exhorted to adhere to the teachings of Jesus in the gospel. We, too, are often harassed by people in our society who think we are a "little crazy" because we do what we do because of our faith. We need to try to hang on as well, strengthened by the Eucharist, which offers us a participation in the life of Jesus and strengthens us as we live out the teachings of Jesus.

However, as many of you have mentioned to me, less and less people are coming to celebrate the Eucharist and be strengthened in their life of faith. Our attendance at weekend Mass continues to shrink each week. Our average attendance is around 120 or less. I will be monitoring the numbers for the next few weeks. If attendance continues to go down, we will soon need to return to two masses each weekend: 5:00 PM on Saturdays and 9:00 AM on Sundays. I know that I am "preaching to the choir," but I feel I need to be honest with you.

The re-construction of our chimneys began this past Monday. The rectory chimney was knocked down and rebuilt from the roof-line up. Next will be the rebuilding of the church chimney, which will entail more work. I am planning to use the money from the Annual Bazaar to pay for these repairs.

And, just a reminder that next week we begin our Annual Collection. Please try to be as supportive as possible.



St. Raphael Academy Open House

Families looking for a college-preparatory Catholic high school experience for their child are invited to attend Saint Raphael Academy's Open House on Sunday, November 5, from 12PM – 3PM. Stop by, tour the college-style campus and meet the caring community. Visit www.saintrays.org for more information.

Haunted Labyrinth 2017

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