

# Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 25 & 26, 2017

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

**5:00 PM** For Marie Montecalvo by the 20-Week Club Committee

### Sunday

**8:00 AM** For Alma Rippa by the Parishioners of Saint Brigid's

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

### Saturday

**11:00** Mass of Anointing of the Sick

### Next Saturday

**5:00 PM** For Stephen Spaziano by his Wife and Daughters

### Next Sunday

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

**10:00 AM** For Edward (Ted) DeGuilio by his wife, Merrie – Birthday Remembrance

## **Parish Stewardship**

The **Parish Stewardship** report for the Weekend of November 18 & 19 will be published in next weekend's Bulletin due to an early date this Bulletin was due at the printer's.

## **Annual Parish Bazaar**

Thank you to all who gave of their time and talent to make our Annual Bazaar and Cake Sale so successful. Thanks especially all who came by to support our efforts.

Winners and a financial report from the Bazaar will be published in next weekend's Bulletin.

## **Calling New Altar Servers**

Any girl or boy currently in grade 4 and up who wishes to be an altar server in our parish is asked to give their name to Fr. Bob. A Registration Form needs to be completed with permission from parents. Training will take place in the near future.

## **Religious Education News**

Religious Education classes every Tuesday. Grades 1 through 5 meet from 3:30-5:15 PM and Grades 6 through 9 meets from 6:30-7:30 PM.

**Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors** need to attend the 5:00 PM Mass next weekend, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the "Rite of Blessing of Sponsors."

## **Mass of Anointing**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is sponsoring our quarterly Mass of Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 AM. Anyone who is ill in Body, Mind or Spirit may receive this sacrament. All are welcome to participate. Prayer Shawls will be available for anyone who may wish to receive one. Future Masses of Anointing will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for new members to help make shawls for the sick and sick at heart. Recently, we lost some very prolific members to death, illness and a nursing home. The last healing mass attracted 70 people needing shawls and thankfully we had enough. However, our inventory is greatly diminished. If you have any talent for knitting or crocheting, we pray you consider joining us in this very important ministry.

## **2018 20-Week Club**

Memberships continue to be on sale. Prices are \$3.00 per week or \$60.00 for 20 weeks. Two winners will be chosen every other week for 30 weeks. Our weekly raffles began on November 19<sup>th</sup> with the drawing of three winners and the last drawing will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning the *1<sup>st</sup> weekend in December*, 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.

*First Week's Winners* will be published in next weekend's Bulletin.

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

Every day we do many things to help make us feel secure. We fasten the seat belts in our cars. We set alarms to prevent theft in our homes and businesses. We help watch our neighbors' homes. We take care of our health.

But, as we all know, there are few guarantees. Tragedy can come upon us no matter what precautions we take. We have seen this over and over in the storm disasters of the past few weeks, or the mass shooting sprees in theaters, supermarkets, schools and workplaces. The things of this world can provide supports for safety, but none of them can make us totally secure. Security ultimately comes from God alone. The power of God is stronger than any theft, accident or injury. It rules over illness and death. The power that created us will re-create us in love.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and it celebrates the unique mystery of Jesus' kingship, with his throne being the Cross. Throughout the Scriptures, Jesus had a favorite image for himself. He called himself the *Son of Man*, an expression he took from the Old Testament Book of Daniel. In that Book the prophet envisioned one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. He receives dominion, glory and kingship. All the nations served him and his rule extended over all the lands and times.

In borrowing that image, Jesus gave us a message of hope. He himself would lose security by suffering torment and death on the Cross. But he himself would reign over all. And so, the church year ends with a vision of hope for each one of us who seeks security. The coming of the *Son of Man* into our lives is the only real security we can count on.

## **The Word Among Us Prayer Book for Advent**

This Prayer Book for Advent is available *free* in the foyer of the church. It is meant to encourage taking five minutes a day for prayer and reflection during the Advent Season. Please pick one up for your family and anyone you feel would like to have one and continue a past Advent tradition or start a new one.

## **Parish Calendars**

A Catholic Inspirational Calendar for 2018 is available in the foyer of the church for each family. Please pick one up and hang it in your home. Also, feel free to take one for anyone you feel would like or need one.

## **Care Notes**

*Care Notes*, which are pamphlets to help people experiencing grief, illness or difficult times during the Christmas season, are available *free* in the foyer of the church. Pick one up for yourself or for someone you know who could use the support during these days.

## **Giving Tree Ministry**

Our Annual Giving Tree Ministry begins this weekend and will continue through December 16/17. This year's donations will once again be given to the children at the William D'Abate School, 60 Kossuth Street, Providence, RI. They have 406 poor and disabled children in grades K through 5.

## **Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

- Saturday - 5:00 PM
- Sunday - 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve

- Sunday - 4:00 PM

Christmas Day

- Monday - 9:00 AM

December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

- Saturday - 5:00 PM
- Sunday - 9:00 AM

New Year's Eve

- Sunday - 4:00 PM

New Year's Day

- Monday - 9:00 AM