

Body & Blood of Christ

June 2 & 3, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Ann Marie Votta – by her family

Sunday

9:00 AM For Father James Kelleher and Michael, Louise and Ben Placella – by Michael Placella, Jr.

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Anthony LaTorre – 23rd Anniversary – by Peggi and Peter LaTorre

Next Sunday

9:00 AM For Louis Paolino by son, Robert

Future Mass Intentions

No mass intentions will be accepted for after July 1st and all unpaid intentions already booked will be at the discretion of the Pastor, Fr. Angelo Carusi.

Mass Schedule for St. Rocco's

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM

Saturday's and Legal Holiday's: 8:00 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday's 8:00 AM (Bilingual English/Italian).

10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Saturday Confessions 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Tuesday Devotions: 7:00 PM Novena Service (Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Litany of the Blessed Mother, Novena Prayers in Honor of St. Rocco, St. Anthony, St. Jude and Vocations, and Benediction)

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of May 26 & 27, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,478.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$2,335.00
May Monthly to Date	\$592.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	73

Religious Education News

Our Religious Education Program will move to Saint Rocco's Parish July 1st. Parents should have already received a registration form from Sr. Mary Antoinette, FMH, the Director of the Program. She can be reached at 401-944-6040 if you have any questions regarding the program. I urge all parents to register your children as soon as you receive the registration form so Sister Mary can begin planning next year's programs.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

We are in the process of taking registrations for those who would like to take part in the Adults Religious Education Program (RCIA)

This program is for:

- Any adult wishing to deepen his/her knowledge of the Catholic Faith
- For those who have been baptized, received First Holy Communion and were confirmed and then drifted away from the Church
- Finally, for those who did not receive the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation or any of these.

Anyone wishing to register for this program may come to register at any of the above dates or call Sr. Mary Antoinette at 401-944-6040 for an appointment. RCIA Classes are held on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Keep the Date

Please keep the date of Sunday, July 1st to celebrate our parish at the 9:00 AM Mass along with an open-house from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Sprague Mansion. More information to come.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

As part of our saying good-bye to our present Parish Community, pictures from the last 15 years will be on tables in the church hall. Please stop down before or after masses beginning next weekend to spend time remembering some of our wonderful events. The pictures are a gift from Bettie and John Smith. Feel free to take any pictures you may want as keepsakes from our years together.

Father Bob's Ramblings

This weekend we celebrate a feast honoring the Body and Blood of Christ. Although we honor the Eucharist on Holy Thursday each year, today's feast allows us to reflect on a different aspect of Jesus' great gift to us.

Today's liturgy reminds us of the magnitude of this gift. Both our First Reading and the Gospel speak to us how the Eucharist finds its roots deep in Jesus' own Jewish heritage and its power to draw us into life with Christ. Our celebration helps us to focus beyond the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine and see how we, too, are rooted in the Jewish faith. Our sharing in Christ's most holy Body and Blood joins us to Christ's sacrifice on the cross and makes us members of God's family, a theme proclaimed in the Second Reading. As we celebrate this day and as we receive Communion today, may we thank God for the **amazing way Jesus left us His presence in our lives.**

It is that presence that strengthens us as we feel challenges about our faith. As the days of our merger with Saint Rocco's get closer, we need to remember that it is the Lord in the Eucharist that is first and foremost in our lives. Although we feel comfortable in worshipping in this, our parish church, it is the same Jesus we worship no matter what church building we may attend. I pray that everyone truly embraces that fact and not turn away as we move into a new reality.

I want to thank Fr. Timothy Reilly for celebrating our masses this weekend while I am away. I will be back and see you next weekend.

Prayer Shawls Available

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a number of blessed Prayer Shawls available for anyone who is sick, home bound, or preparing for surgery. Please see Ursula Zarella @ 5 PM Mass or Theresa Choquette @ 9 AM Mass or ask Fr. Bob.

Catholic Communication Campaign

The 2nd collection on the weekend of June 9th and 10th will be to help support the communications ministry of the Catholic Church. There is an envelope in your budget packet.

Summer Soap & Toiletries Collection

It's that time of year again for our Annual Summer Soap & Toiletries Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Bars of soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste and other toiletries can be left in the basket in the foyer of the church every weekend through June. Any questions, please call Sandy @ 944-0437.

Eye Glass Collection

As has been our custom each June through the years, we are once again collecting any old glasses you may have and want to discard. They will be given to the local Lions' Club to be refitted for use by poor and needy people. Please place them in the basket in the foyer of the church.

Clothes and Shoe Bin

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society has placed a clothes and shoe bin behind the church – on the right of the garage. The items that are collected will be donated to the poor and homeless people of our State. If you are doing some spring cleaning of your closets, they will be happy to make good use of your old clothes and shoes.

Mass of Anointing

The quarterly mass of anointing sponsored by the parish nurses will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. All who are ill in body, mind or spirit are welcome as well as anyone else who like to attend.

St. Rocco's Women's Guild News

Women's Guild Annual Mass & Breakfast

Sunday, June 3rd 8:00 AM Mass followed by breakfast at the Santa Maria di Prata Hall. Walnut Grove Ave. Cranston - \$25.00 per person Tickets are available at the Rectory: 942-5203. For more information please contact Barbara Blanchard at 647-3359.

Catholic Charity Appeal

As of May 11th, we have raised **\$8,468.00**, from 77 households in the parish. This represents 62.73% of our goal of \$13,500 and the participation of 18.44% of our households.