

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 23 & 24, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Stephen Riccitelli by his wife, Maureen

Sunday

9:00 AM For Eugene Piccirilli by his Family – 9th Anniversary

Monday

7:30 AM For Nicholas Girardi by Anthony Girardi and Family

Tuesday

7:30 AM For Rose Vinacco by Mark & Kayla-Rose Vinacco

Thursday

7:30 AM For Joseph Cerrito by his wife Sandy

Next Saturday

5:00 PM For Judy DiMitre by Fran, Maureen & John

Next Sunday

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Fr. Bob's 15 years of Ministry at Saint Brigid Parish

Future Mass Intentions

Any masses that have been requested for after July 1st will be celebrated on a Sunday at 10:00 AM closest to the requested date. Masses booked for Saturdays @ 5 pm have been moved to Sundays @ 10:00 am. For those of you for whom this is unacceptable, please call Elaine on Monday, June 25, 2018 and let her know, 401-944-2232. No weekday masses will be celebrated here after July 1.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of June 16 & 17, 2018

Budget Collection	\$1,441.00
Fuel Collection to Date	\$2,364.00
June Monthly to Date	\$ 580.00
# of Budget Envelopes Used	73



Parish Open House

Our parish open house to honor Fr. Bob's retirement on July 1st from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Sprague Mansion in Cranston is open to all, is free of charge, and will offer coffee, punch, water and light refreshments. There will be some seating both inside and outside in a tent. There are no tickets being sold or needed. Just come to spend time together and say good bye to Fr. Bob.

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)

Daily Mass Schedules

The following are daily mass schedules for some of our neighboring churches:

- Saint Rocco's - Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM
- Holy Cross – Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9:00 AM
- St. Mary's – Monday – Saturday @ 8:00 AM

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.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. It is not often that we celebrate this feast on a weekend. So, I think it is a good opportunity to reflect on John the Baptist and his life and ministry outside of the Advent Season.

Today's celebration is near the summer counterpart of Christmas, the Summer Solstice—the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. On the day after the solstice, however, the days begin to shorten, for as John prophesied, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). When the days are shortest, at the winter solstice, we celebrate Christmas, the birth of the Light of the World, to whom John pointed.

Although we observe John's birth, the liturgy points to the adult John's message. He is God's "sharp-edged sword" and "polished arrow" who reveals divine glory (first reading), who was sent "to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord." Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...."

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people ("all Judea") to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

John challenges each of us to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. As we move closer to our merger with Saint Rocco Parish, we need to remember John's message of always living our lives by pointing out the Christ by what we say and do. Although many of John's disciples found it hard to move from John to Jesus, I realize that many of you also find it hard to move from Saint Brigid's to Saint Rocco's. But if one keeps his or her eyes on Christ, John will help you find the way to Jesus no matter where you worship.

May we pray to Saint John this weekend, asking him to help us see the Way.

Next Sunday we will celebrate not only my retirement, but we also celebrate who we are and have been as a Parish Community. There will be a mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM, however our principal mass will be at 9:00 AM. I look forward to celebrating the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving to God (Mass) as I thank God for all of you and for my many blessings and years in ministry.



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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.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing & 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. The bin will remain here after we merge with St. Rocco's.