

Celebration of Thanksgiving

June 30 & July 1, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM For Judy DiMitri by Fran, Maureen & John and for Mary LaTorre by Peggi & Peter LaTorre

Sunday

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

Next Sunday

10:00 AM Eleanor Placella and Catherine Gardella by Michael Placella

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, July 2, 2018 and let her know, 401-944-2232. No weekday masses will be celebrated here after July 1.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning next weekend Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Sundays. There will no longer be a 5:00 PM Mass on Saturdays nor will there be a 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays.

Parish Stewardship

Weekend of June 23 & 24, 2018

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| Budget Collection | \$1,168.37 |
| Fuel Collection to Date | \$2,364.00 |
| June Monthly to Date | \$ 580.00 |
| # of Budget Envelopes Used | 58 |

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. **Doors open @ 11:00 AM.**

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 – Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM; Saturday: 5:30 PM
- 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.

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 mass to spend time remembering some of our wonderful events. The pictures are a gift from Bettie and John Smith. They will continue to be on display through this weekend.

Father Bob's Ramblings

Last Saturday afternoon Cindy and Michael Pagliaro stopped by the rectory and presented me with two boxes, tied together with a pretty light green ribbon and big bow. As I opened the first, I thought it might be a shirt of some kind, since it was in a shirt box. To my surprise it was a Saint Brigid Calendar from July 1, 2018 to June 2019. Each day had a wonderful message from so many of you. It truly brought tears to my eyes. The second box, looking like a large recipe box, contained all the hand-written messages that you left in the basket in the foyer of the church.

As I read through each day of each month in the calendar, it brought back so many memories of each one of you; memories of good times, memories of personal messages I shared with individuals, and memories of laughter and tears. These memories I will carry with me into my retirement as I read them day-by-day throughout the coming year.

I am writing these last *Ramblings* with such mixed emotions. It stirs up feelings of the past stories I shared with you about the happenings in the parish, of hopes and dreams we had for our future throughout the years, of the hard times we experienced together and how, as a family, we supported each other.

Fifteen years ago, I walked into our church building and was struck by the picture of the Good Shepherd over the altar. I remember my first prayer from the last pew was asking the Good Shepherd if he would help me to become a good shepherd to the people of Saint Brigid's and I pledged that I would do my best to follow in his footsteps.

I remember a tiered, old church building as well as a tiered community, both needing much rebuilding; a dirty, old rectory that initially was uninhabitable because of the dirt and bugs; and asking myself, "What did I get myself into?" But, as we grew in trust of each other, together we first rebuilt our community into a family; then, we went to work together to rebuild our buildings; and through the years we became a strong, vibrant community of faith, caring for one another and caring for those less fortunate outside of our family.

I walk into my retirement feeling the support of your love and friendship and feeling extremely proud of

what we have accomplished together through the years. Our eyes have focused every week on that same Good Shepherd who has led us to where we are today. Saint Brigid of Kildare gave us an example of how to make Jesus' spiritual and corporal works of mercy come alive. I offer you a gift of a "prayer card" with their pictures as a remembrance of who we are as we all walk into our future (take as many as you want).

Many of you have asked what am I going to do in retirement? Right now, I have no concrete plans. I am placing it before the Lord in prayer and I know He will show me the way. I have some ideas, however: I want to take the summer off to relax, go to the beach, play with Honey, and do some small projects around my home. I look forward to helping out in parishes in Northern Rhode Island when I am available and my health allows, because I know how hard it is to get coverage when one wants to get away. I am thinking of becoming a hospice volunteer with the Solman Hospice in Milford, MA and maybe volunteer at the William D'Abate School in Providence. I also look forward to being able to go to Myrtle Beach more often.

Fr. Carusi has graciously welcomed me to come back to celebrate special occasions; baptisms, funerals, etc. I will only be able to do so if I am available and if my health allows.

As I close this last *Ramblings*, I want to say thank you, I love you, and will carry you always in my heart. But most especially, **"May we take the love of God with us wherever we go."**

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St. Vincent de Paul Clothing 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.