

December 13, 2020

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Sat., December 12, Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †Deceased members of the Grande Family by their family
4:00PM †Karen DeBartolo by her husband

Sunday, December 13, the 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM A Special Intention
11:00 AM †Dominick Fabrizio by Donna Lee & LouAnn

Monday, Dec. 14, Memorial of St. John of the Cross

7:00 AM †Loretto Coombes by M. Breda Ryan

Tuesday, December 15, Advent Weekday

8:00 AM †Sr. Jeanne Noronha by Hyacinth Natrajani & family

Wednesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Carmen Eunice Hooper by Elsa Malsonado

Thursday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Sheila Blank by her family

Friday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

8:00 AM †Sr. Agnelo Mathews by Hyacinth Natrajani & family

Saturday, December 19, Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †Ben Fernandez by Hyacinth Natrajani & family
4:00 PM †Loreto & Marianna Antonelli by Nino Antonelli & family

Sunday, December 20, the 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM †Antoinetta Mastroianna by Joe & Lorretta Hanley
11:00 AM †Juan Serpe by his family

Please pray for the departed souls of our loved ones, grant them perpetual rest and comfort in the arms of our Lord.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

any Saturday between 3:00-3:30 PM. Confessions are heard in the young family room to allow proper distancing and masks are required, but reservations are not necessary, just come and find peace and forgiveness

Just a reminder... Donations declared for the tax year 2020 must be received by the parish office before December 31st. Any donations received after that date will be applied to the 2021 taxes. Tax statements will be mailed out to all donors after January 15, 2021.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:00 PM
(This Mass is fully booked)
Christmas Vigil Mass 6:00 PM
(Almost full)

Friday, December 25:

Christmas Day Masses - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

New Years: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 2020- Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Friday, January 1, 2021 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Reservations will be required for all Masses! **Once a Mass is full we will not be able to accept walk-ins.**

There is a special link for Christmas Mass Sign-up on our website. Phone reservations will be taken starting Monday- Thursday, 9AM-2:30 PM

Please contact the parish office with any questions or if your plans change, we do have a waiting list for some Masses.

Annual Giving Tree Project: Times may have changed, but Christmas will always be the same. The time of year when we share our love with family and friends...and most important share what we can with those in less fortunate. Because of Covid, this year we can not have our usual giving tree campaign, but we do have a way to help. We will be collecting small gift cards (\$15-\$50) to donate to two of the agencies we help each year, St. Joseph Parenting Center, and Malta House. Please indicate the amount on each card. The agencies will distribute the cards to needy families. Cards may be left in secure box at the rear of the church. Donations must be made before December 15 to ensure delivery to the families. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions contact Tina Nardi 203-969-4089

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

"All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own we have given you." 1 Chronicles 29:14

December 6, 2020

Amount received:	2020	same week in 2019
Weekly	\$2,444.00	\$3,436.00
100% fund	\$ 600.00	\$1,725.00
Online Giving	\$2,629.24	\$ 1,798.40
Poor box	\$ 110.00	\$ 266.00
Candles	\$ 112.00	\$ 246.00

Thank-you for your support. Your gifts help us to reach the weekly budgeted amount necessary to run our Parish.



100% Pledge Drive - This week we mailed everyone our annual pledge request for Saint Bridget's 100% Fund. This fund has been a long standing tradition in our parish and is intended to bridge the gap between your weekly offerings and our constantly increasing financial obligations. Your pledge will enable us to plan for the year ahead and continue to meet the needs of our people and facility. We are most grateful for your continuing support.

We will not be able to conduct the "in-pew" pledge drive this year due to covid restrictions. We encourage everyone to pledge by answering the letters mailed this week or online at our online giving website.

We do all we can to keep costs down but but the harsh reality is that current operating costs exceed the donations we receive each week. The name says it all, we need 100% of our parishioners participating and supporting the good works of our beloved parish.

To any and all new people here with us today ... Welcome. Advent is a time of joyful anticipation. We believe that every person who comes here is sent by God. First and foremost we want to express Christ's love for you and share the Father's joy in having you here today. You may be here for the first time today, or perhaps you've been attending Mass here but never registered. We would like to officially welcome you and your family as members of our parish family. Welcome packets are available in the sacristy after Mass or on our website: www.stbridgetofireland.com. Joining a parish is a perfect gift, no waiting in line, one size fits all and no expiration date!



The past few months have been challenging for us all, but we are committed to supporting our community as we navigate through this pandemic together.

Many families, as a result of the pandemic, have been impacted financially, making it difficult to provide basic necessities. Clothing items, though of concern for their children, despite a modified school schedule, is not considered by many to be a "basic" necessity. While many things are changing, CTKF's mission to provide new and gently used clothing to those in need has not.

If you have new or gently used clothing to donate please call the store at 203-595-5664 and leave a message with your phone number. A Volunteer will reach out to you to coordinate a no-contact pick up or drop off. You can find out more information and additional ways to help on their website: <https://clothestokids-fairfieldcounty.org/>

St. Bridget's Covid Safe Measures: If you have been reluctant to return to Mass and concerned about our precautions, please be assured we are doing everything possible to provide a safe environment. Everyone is cooperating with the restrictions and working together. We are following all recommended procedures, our masks are on and we sanitize following every Mass. With social distancing we are able to accommodate 80 attendees per Mass so there is plenty of room for you! Reservations are required (follow the link on our website) but we can accept walk-ins when space is available. So far there has always been space!

A note to those who have been attending Mass and Faith Formation classes: Please notify the parish office if you have been exposed to or contracted Covid. We all must follow quarantine regulations but also notify places and people that may have been exposed. This is a very important part of protecting our each other. We have not had any problems so far and hope to keep it that way. Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions or concerns.

Safe Environment Update: The Diocese of Bridgeport remains fully committed to upholding the highest standards set forth in the U.S.C.C.B. Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and as Catholics, we must continue to do all that is possible to ensure the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults in our community.

Recently the DOB issued a revised Safe Environment handbook. There is a link on our website to review the revised document. The renewal of criminal background checks and Safe Environment training related to the policies contained within the revised 2020 Safe Environment Handbook, will continue for all members of the clergy, lay employees, tenants, vendors, independent contractors, volunteers every five or ten years based on their ministry.

We encourage everyone to log in on to the Virtus website for updates and to be sure your account is current. Please contact the parish office if you have questions or need assistance

Current family information: Please notify the parish office (call 203 324-2910 or email: parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com) of any changes in your personal information such as change of address, phone number, email address, marital status or a new addition to your family.

We are utilizing our Email system to stay in touch throughout the year and during emergencies, so please send us your email to be included in all parish notifications.