

December 27, 2020

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Sat., December 26, Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 AM †Mary Finnerty
by John & Janet Roemer
4:00PM †Esterina & Raffaele Pes
by Maria Farris

Sunday, December 27, the Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 AM †Denna Sullivan Jambrowski
by Cheryl Conte
11:00 AM †Michael DeBartolomeo
by Vivian & Frank Lucherini

Monday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Innocents

7:00 AM Sara Maldonado, *Happy Birthday*
by Elsa Maldonado

Tuesday, December 29, Fifth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM †Basil Fernandez
by Hyacinth Natrajani & family

Wednesday, December 30, Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM †Laura Lula
by friends at St Bridget Parish.

Thursday, December 31, Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 PM Our Parishioners
6:00 PM Our Parishioners

Friday, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM Our Parishioners
11:00AM Our Parishioners

Saturday, January 2, Vigil of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM †Reverend Joseph J. Malloy
by his family
4:00 PM †Sheila Blank
by St. Bridget Ladies Guild

Sunday, January 3, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM †Sheila Blank
by the Fearn family
11:00 AM †Jay Benson Joseph Melasa
by Carlito Alvizo Anjanette Melasa

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

Parish Office Holiday Hours: Please note the parish office will be closed from Wednesday, December 23, 2020 - Monday, January 4, 2021. As always the phones and email will be monitored for any emergency situations. Thank you for your co-operation.



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

Nocturnal Adoration: Friday, January 8, 2021 and continuing monthly on every subsequent First Friday, St. Bridget of Ireland will have Nocturnal Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament during the hours of 8 to 9PM; 9 to 10PM; 10 to 11PM; and 11 to 12 Midnight.

We are urgently need of volunteers to be present in church from 10-11 and 11-12. The folks who covered those hours for the past few years are no longer available. We must have someone present whenever the Eucharist is exposed. It would be a tremendous loss to the parish to eliminate this very special devotion.

We invite and welcome all parishioners and Catholics in the Stamford area to participate. For further information or to volunteer please contact Michael Molgano (mike_molgano@att.net) or the parish office at parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com.

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!

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.

On this Feast of the Holy Family we share Pope Francis' prayer for families:



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

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.

Online Giving: St. Bridget of Ireland Parish provides "Online Giving" a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy, just visit our website, www.stbridgetofireland.com, and click our Online Giving button. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!

The online giving program accepts Master Charge, Visa, American Express, Discover or Checking account debits and you can choose the dates and funds for your contributions or gifts. Once you set-up your user account you will be able to easily make adjustments and track your donations and even print out annual report for your income taxes.

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

2021 100% Pledge Drive - Recently we mailed everyone the 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 are not able to conduct the "in-pew" pledge drive this year due to covid restrictions. Please take the time to today to make your pledge. The pledge form is on the back of the letter which you received. Also notify the parish if you did not receive letter.

Pledge amounts may be spread over twelve months. They can be made in the pink envelope included in your monthly packet and dropped in the collection box in the rear of the church or mailed to the rectory. Another option is electronic donation via credit card or checking account (visit our website or call the office for additional information).

Payments begin in January, but those received by December 31 are deductible on your 2020 tax return. We do all we can to keep costs down 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.



How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place January 21 - 29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

Need more information? Please visit our website: www.stbridgetofireland.com.