

December 6, 2020

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday, December 5, Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM Steve Russell, for healing
by Susan Araujo
4:00 PM †Eugene Bruen
by Judy Bruen

Sunday, December 6, the 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM †Suzanne McAuley,
25th anniversary by her family
11:00 AM †Arthur & Eleanor Moe
by their family

Monday, December 7, Memorial of St. Ambrose

- 7:00 AM †Sherin Conceicao
by Hyacinth Natrajani & family

Tuesday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 AM †Larry Farris
by his family
12:10 AM †Salvatore Guarna & Rose Pagano
by their family
7:30 PM †Eileen Friedel & deceased
members of the Friedel & Kasten
families by the McLoughlin family

Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM †Myrtle Rebeiro
by Hyacinth Natrajani & family

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM †Our Parishioners

Friday, December 11, Advent Weekday

- 8:00 AM †Joan Regina McGirr
by her Family

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

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

Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mass schedule: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:30 PM



The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception affirms that in the first instant of her conception, Our Lady was preserved from original sin through the grace of God and the merits of Jesus Christ. As Mary was to bear the sinless Christ, it was fitting that she would be preserved by Him from sin. Mary's Immaculate Conception was formally defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854 in the Apostolic Constitution "Ineffabilis Deus."

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

St. Bridget 2020 Parish Raffle



Ticket sales are now in progress. Thanks to our generous parishioners we have 26 amazing prizes this year! Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held next Sunday, December 13, following the 11 AM Mass.

Please your completed returns as soon as possible. All tickets stub must be returned by Saturday, December 12. Good Luck to all who purchased tickets!

~ Financial Support of Our Parish~

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

November 29, 2020

Amount received:	2020	same week in 2019
Weekly	\$1,517.00	\$3,157.00
Shrine Support	\$ 327.00	\$1,009.00
Online Giving	\$1,689.84	\$ 968.45
Poor box	\$ 110.00	\$ 164.00
Candles	\$ 158.00	\$ 211.00

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



Christmas Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:00 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

Friday, December 25:

Christmas Day Masses - 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 will be a special link for Christmas Mass Sign-up on our website. It will be active from Sunday, December 6, 202 at 3:00PM. Phone reservations will be taken starting Monday, December 7 at 10 AM. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection next

weekend: Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister.

Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Advent Reflection: Waiting for the Light

Presented by the Holy Family Retreat Team

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The busyness of the Advent season might look different for us during these difficult days. Advent has always been a time of waiting: waiting for the infant Jesus to arrive on December 25, but also waiting for Christ to come into our hearts and make us new again. During these recent dark days, many of us are searching and seeking the light of Christ to shine in our hearts, our homes, and our world. Join the Holy Family Retreat Team as we reflect on the beauty and grace of waiting.

This program will be offered online via the Zoom platform. Information on how to access the program will be provided to participants in their registration confirmation email. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org for more info and to register.

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

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.