

February 21, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday, February 20, Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM †Edwin Logan, 1st Anniversary
by his family

4:00PM †Norma Johnston
by her family

Sunday, February 21, the the 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM †Lawrence Schmidt Jr.
by his family

11:00 AM †Bruce Wardell
by Lew & Rosemarie Turano

Monday, February 22, Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:00 AM †Deceased members of the
Bublawarek family
by Rosemarie & Claude Victor

Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM †Eleanor & George Vaisnins
by Dennis Julian

Wednesday, Feb. 24, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM †Eleanor Caterson
by the Blank Family

Thursday, Feb. 25, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Henry & Angie Amann
(*living*) for support
by Noelle & Tom Amann

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM †Harry Kancyr Sr.
by his family

Sat., Feb. 27 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM †Mary Flynn
by the Blank family

4:00 PM †Karen DeBartolo
by her husband

Sunday, February 28, the 2nd Sunday of Lent

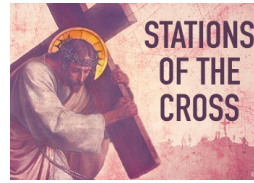
8:30 AM †Frank Lucherini
by Margaret & Al Uva

11:00 AM †Jane Gianniattasio
by her nieces Donna Lee Fabrizio
and LouAnn Finch

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



Praying together as a parish in these challenging times. Unfortunately we will not be able to gather in the church for Stations of the Cross this year. We are not permitted to distribute and use

printed books as part of our Covid restrictions. The booklets are crucial to sharing the beautiful meditations that are key to experiencing the Stations of the Cross.

We have found a way to pray together by using the information emailed to everyone this past week. We encourage everyone to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7PM. We sent a YouTube video of "Mary's Way of the Cross" We also included the pages of the matching booklet of reflections, you could print it out to follow along or read directly from your computer while watching the video.

Please notify the parish office (call 203 324-2910 or email: parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com) if you are not receiving our "Flocknote" emails. Flocknotes have become a wonderful way to communicate with everyone!

Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!

It's not what you give up, it's who you become! Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book: *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit*.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart. So this year, don't just sign up for BEST LENT EVER, have your best lent ever! Sign up at: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

February 14, 2021

Amount received:	2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$2,144.00	\$2,677.00
Monthly	\$ 567.00	\$1,494.00
Online Giving	\$1,413.74	\$1,347.99
Poor box	\$ 81.00	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 146.00	\$ 189.00

Please continue to support your parish especially during this difficult time. Donations may be mailed to the office, placed in the designated box in the church or given online.

Lenten Guidelines

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence, the consumption of meat is not allowed. Parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Catholic School Parish Certification Forms-

Families attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport receive a discounted tuition rate by verifying that they are registered, participating and supporting members of a parish in the Diocese. We certainly support your choice of Catholic Education for your children, but it is also important to support that education in the Faith by fully practicing that Faith as members of a Parish family.

Each year the parish must verify this information. The main way we are able to verify your support is by your use of weekly donation envelopes or online giving to the parish. Please be aware we will be checking this information and will not be able to sign forms unless we can verify the facts regarding continued, active support of the parish.

Please contact the parish office if you are not receiving envelopes, have any questions or need more information. (203) 324-2910 or Parish.Office@stbridgetofireland.com

No one grieves alone. Grief changes you and this affects most everyone you relate with and everything you do. How can you feel secure in the way you are coping? By discovering the essential steps you must take to think and act in your best interests.

We are pleased to offer the NEW DAY Bereavement Support Program to adults bearing the loss of their loved ones beginning MARCH 10 - MAY 5. Our group meets for nine-successive weeks on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Annex of St. Thomas More Church located at 374 Middlesex Road in Darien. Our group will be closed to new participants after March 17. All health precautions are used...sanitizing, masks and social distancing. This non-denominational program is given by a trained facilitator with over 30 years' experience.

No one grieves alone because grief affects almost everyone you relate with. Sharing experiences in a confidential setting is how one goes forward. Each week we examine a new area of how grief changes us and how we can find the way to a renewed life.

There is no charge, but registration is required. Because of health restrictions, we need to keep the group small. Please call the parish office at 203 - 655 - 3303 or Lillian Toll at 203 - 966 - 9367. Please call.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me." – Saint Mother Teresa

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