

February 7, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Sat., Feb. 6, Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †Salvatore Guarna
by his wife, Caterina Guarna
4:00PM †Thomas "Tommy" Molgano
by his family

Sunday, February 7, the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Sheila Blank
by her family
11:00 AM †James Murphy
by Karen Dolan

Monday, February 8, Weekday

7:00 AM †James Murphy
by Karen Dolan

Tuesday, February 9, Weekday

8:00 AM Ryan Thomas, (living) for support
by Tom & Noelle Amann

Wednesday, Feb. 10, memorial of St. Scholastica

7:00 AM St. Bridget Memorial Fund

Thursday, February 11, Weekday

7:00 AM †Marianne & Salvatore Guarna
by Caterina Guarna

Friday, February 12, Memorial of St. Agatha

8:00 AM Heidi Coppola & family,
(living) for support
by Tom & Noelle Amann

Sat., Feb. 13 Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM A special intention
4:00 PM †Christine Carlucci
by her family

Sunday, February 14, the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Michael Interlandi
& Ralph Grande
by their family
11:00 AM †Dominick & Juliet Fabrizio
by 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.



Many Thanks to all who have been helping sanitize the church between Masses. After each Mass we ask for volunteers to help sanitize and prepare the church for

the next Mass. We have never been disappointed! Numerous parishioners come forward and help wipe down the surfaces in the church. It may not seem like much to spend those few minutes helping, but it is vital to keeping our environment safe and ready to welcome all of our parishioners. Thank you!



Ash Wednesday Mass schedule:

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

7:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:30 PM.

Ashes are only distributed during Masses

Reservations are required (follow the link on our website). We can accept walk-ins if space is available but these are very popular Masses so we recommend you plan ahead by making reservations. You may also call the parish office to make reservations.

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>

Holy Family Retreat Center Special Program:

Ash Wednesday Reflection: Now Is the Acceptable Time! Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (ET) with Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

Lent is about a journey, the journey to the cross and ultimately to Resurrection and new life. Lent is about Jesus' walk to Jerusalem and our walk with him. The church, in its wisdom, gives us a time to make that journey and a particular date on which to begin, Ash Wednesday. We invite you to join Holy Family for this amazing walk of faith to begin our Lenten journey.

This online retreat will include a Service of Reconciliation and a Celebration of the Eucharist.

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. For more information contact the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 860.521.0440 or visit info@holyfamilyretreat.org

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

Stations of the Cross: Please join us for Stations of the Cross Friday, February 19th and each Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church. Share this beautiful and very powerful prayer tradition with your family and friends

Why pray the Stations of the Cross? Perhaps the biggest reason of all to commit to praying the Stations of the Cross this Lent is because of their contents and their relevance to our lives.

The fourteen Stations of the Cross take us on a journey with Christ from His Condemnation, through his entire walk to Calvary, all the way to His being laid in the tomb.

Whether we're suffering from loneliness, with feelings of desertion, with relapses into sin, with embarrassment, or with the inability to forgive those who have hurt us, there is probably at least one Station that will hit home and speak to our current situation.

Christ has suffered all, for us. No matter how much we might be hurting, He understands, because He has felt the same pain. And this special spiritual practice in honor of his sufferings can bring us closer to Him, help give us the strength to offer our sufferings to Him, and help us to carry our cross with His.

And the best part, the reason He wants us to unite our sufferings to His this Lent, is that He wants to bring us to a deep, meaningful Easter celebration, once these days of suffering are over. So resolve to make this Lent your most fruitful yet by taking advantage of aids the Church offers to help us unite our sufferings more fully to Christ's.

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. You must test negative before returning to church. 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. Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions or concerns.



World Day for Consecrated Life (February 6th and 7th) - In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life (e.g., brothers, sisters, monks and nuns). This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed, symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

This year, World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes over the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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

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