

January 17, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Sat., Jan.16 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Bernadette Curran, for support
by her family

4:00 PM †Joseph Bacco by his family

Sunday, January 17, the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Deceased members of the
Roemer Family
by their family

11:00 AM †Salvatore Guarna &
Frank Agostino
by their family

**Monday, January 18, Weekday, Martin Luther
King Day**

9:00 AM †Helen Connors
by Margaret Karlin

* Please note the later time due to Holiday*

Tuesday, January 19, Weekday

8:00 AM †Patrick Hayes
by Bridget Murray

Wednesday, January 20, Weekday

7:00 AM Our Parishioners

Thursday, January 21, Memorial of St. Agnes

7:00 AM †Hilda Joo
by her daughter Pamela Magan

**Friday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the protection
of unborn children**

8:00 AM †George Conant
by Joe & Anna Macklin

Sat., Jan. 23, Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †Sheila Blank
by Bernabette Curran & family

4:00PM †Madeline & William Warner
by Kathy and Mark Dolan

Sunday, Jan. 24, the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Sheila Blank
by Rainer & Connie Falkenstein

11:00 AM †Judy Gambino
by Vicky Hickey

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

Just a reminder... 2020 donation statements will be mailed to all parishioners who donated more than \$100 last year by January 31. We are utilizing a new parish data program this year, so the process is a bit more challenging. You need not call to request the statement unless you need it earlier.

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

The Stamford Catholic Youth Group St. John's • St. Bridget's • Sacred Heart • Holy Spirit - St. Gabriel/St. Cecilia's and St. Mary's/St. Benedict's All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome!

Games, prayer, food, friendship, service projects, special trips and honest conversation about our Catholic Faith! No cost – no sign-ups – just show up! Join us! All regular Middle School youth group meetings are from 7:00–8:30 pm at St. Gabriel's, 914 Newfield Ave, Stamford (behind Trinity High School) Next meetings January 22, and February 4, 2021.

All regular High School youth group meetings are from 7:00–9:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church, 403 Scofieldtown Rd. Stamford. Next meeting January 29 and February 12, 2021

For more information, please contact Fr. Joseph Gill: frjosephgill@gmail.com or 203-324-1553.

**New Members of St. Bridget's
Memorial Fund**

†Milan Krupa

enrolled by Kathleen & James Treanor

†Sofia Karidas

enrolled by the Molgano Family

Saint Bridget Memorial Fund is for those who wish to "memorialize" their loved ones (living or deceased) in perpetuity. Mass is offered at least once a month for all those enrolled. Memorial cards are available to acknowledge the enrollment. Please contact the parish office at 203 324-2910 or email Parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com to enroll your loved ones.

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

~ Financial Support of Our Parish~

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

January 10, 2021

| Amount received: | 2021 | same week in 2020 |
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| Weekly | \$1,482.00 | \$2,400.00 |
| Monthly | \$ 445.00 | \$1,163.00 |
| Online Giving | \$1,811.49 | \$ 868.85 |
| Poor box | \$ 138.00 | \$ 157.00 |
| Candles | \$ 177.00 | \$ 167.00 |

Thank-you for your support. Your gifts help us to reach the weekly budgeted amount necessary to run our Parish. Also, please remember St. Bridget's when preparing your will. A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.

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.

Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise, physician and healer, will be the weekend of February 6 & 7 after each Mass. While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask his protection against any spiritual ailment - profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. St. James reminds us, "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless" (1:26) Therefore, may St. Blaise protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which may attack the throat.

Spending Time With Jesus: As Catholics, we're blessed with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. On the First Friday of each month, we offer our Nocturnal Adoration devotion, providing a graced opportunity to spend time with Jesus, your Lord and Savior, during a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on our altar between the hours of 8pm and midnight. The 8pm hour concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our next Adoration will be Friday, February 5, 2021. We are urgently need of voluteers 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.

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.

"Backpacks of Hope for the Homeless" Our Lady Star of the Sea is conducting a "Backpacks of Hope" drive, to assist the homelss folks in our area. This project will be coordinated through New Covenant Center and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish's outreach ministry.

They are looking for assistance in the following areas:

1.Backpack donations - Please join us by donating gently used or new backpacks. This collection has already begun. Please drop off sanitized, gently used or new backpacks by January 18. Drop Off Location: 1335 Shippan Ave, front porch.

2.Personal Care items - to fill the Backpack can be dropped off in the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Lobby from January 18 - February 1. LOOK FOR DROP OFF BINS JUST INSIDE NEAR THE ENTRANCE.

3.The items needed are: Small Fleece Blanket, Reusable/Disposable Masks, Hand Sanitizer/Hand Wipes, Toothbrush/Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razor, Hat/Scarf/Gloves, Socks, Travel Tissues, 1 Roll each Paper Towels and Toilet Paper, Bottled Water, Gatorade, Nonperishable Protein Food, Nuts, Granola/Breakfast Bars, Non-perishable Fruit Cup or Applesauce, Peanut Butter Crackers, Sealed Plastic Utensils (like from take out).

A group of Star of the Sea volunteers will then gather to assemble the backpacks which will then be delivered to Pacific House or Inspirica, the homeless shelters in Stamford. If you would like to contribute, however, are unable to deliver the items as noted above please contact Mary Russo and she will arrange for pick up: auntim49@optonline.net or 203-979-2951.

Together we can brighten someone's day and give hope where it is so desperately needed.

Holy Family Retreat Center offering virtual retreats: During these months of isolation and separation, we have felt a longing to gather together as a community. Many of us are struggling with loneliness and mourning a sense of normalcy in our lives. Join us as we come together to process this experience on our journey of reconnection. Together We Rise – as a community of Christ's followers and as interdependent human beings.

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.

Men's Themed Retreat - Saturday, January 16, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Women's Themed Retreat**-Saturday,January 30, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information contact the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 860.521.0440 or visit info@holyfamilyretreat.org