

January 24, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

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

8:00 AM †Sheila Blank
by Bernadette 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

Monday, Jan. 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

7:00 AM †Robert Kennedy
by Anna & Joe Macklin

Tuesday, Jan. 26, Memorial of St's Timothy & Titus

8:00 AM †Patrick Hayes
by Eileen Nusrat Rizvi

Wednesday, January 27, Weekday

7:00 AM †Ned Flynn
by the Blank Family

Thursday, Jan. 28, Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 AM †Bobby Russo
by Deacon Ernie Jeffers

Friday, January 29, Weekday

8:00 AM †Edward McAuley Sr. 50th Ann.
by his family

Sat., Jan. 30 Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †Brian Traynor by Breda Ryan
4:00 PM †Karen DeBartolo
by her husband

Sunday, January 31, the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Sheila Blank
by Margaret & Artie Blank & family
11:00 AM †Mary & Andrew Soltes
by their family

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

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.



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.

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.

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

~ 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 17, 2021

Amount received:	2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$1,257.00	\$2,516.00
Snow Plowing Fund	\$ 382.00	\$1,275.00
Online Giving	\$1,246.99	\$2,659.99
Poor box	\$ 39.00	\$ 112.00
Candles	\$ 160.00	\$ 136.00

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.

The Catholic Academy of Stamford is now accepting applications for 2021-2022 school year. Interested parents please contact Mary Margarone at 203-322-6505 or info@casct.org. You may also apply online at www.CasCt.org.

At The Catholic Academy of Stamford, we provide academic excellence in a nurturing, small school atmosphere. We are an environment of faith and personalized learning- both in-classroom and through robust, 100% teacher-led distance learning.

We keep students engaged, always seeking personal excellence. Here, we help build strong foundations for life through a supportive community, and, a lifelong love of learning, of God and of each other.

The Catholic Academy of Stamford is a fully accredited Pre-K through 8th grade school. Please visit our website for a virtual open house tour.

Wednesday, January 27 - Evening for Parish Catechists: Virtual Lent...Again? with Lisa Orchen from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Planning for 2021 - we anticipate that COVID's long shadow will challenge us to plan for Lent differently again this year. Together we will explore ideas for helping our parish and school families celebrate Lent in a COVID world. Visit hollyfamilyretreat.org/day-evening-retreats for more info and to register. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - W. Hartford, CT. 860.760.9705

"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

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. The NEW DAY program is a tried and true program developed over 30 years ago by a well-regarded psychiatrist and a spiritual director. Your facilitator was trained by them and has been offering this service to all adults suffering the loss of any loved one whether recently or some time ago.

Our group will meet for nine successive weeks, usually in the evening from 7:30 p.m. to about 9 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church in Darien. All health safety tools will be used...cleaning, masks, social distancing. Therefore, the group will not be large. The only requirement is registration which is done by calling the parish office at 203-655-3303 or Lillian Toll at 203-966-9367. Sharing experiences in a confidential setting with those also working at coping is the best way forward. Please call.

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

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

**Thursday, February 11, 2021
7 PM on Zoom**

All, especially the sick, the handicapped, and the frail are invited to a virtual celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

This evening will include Mass and the spiritual blessing of the sick, followed by a recitation of the Rosary.

Register at

<https://forms.gle/Ynrzmdmohblmnhpi7> or focus your smart phone cameras on the QR Code ➡



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