

January 3, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday, January 2, Vigil of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 AM †Reverend Joseph J. Malloy
by his family
4:00 PM †Sheila Blank
by St. Bridget Ladies Guild

Sunday, January 3, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30 AM †Sheila Blank
by the Fearn family
11:00 AM †Jay Benson Joseph Melasa
by Carlito Alvizo Anjanette Melasa

Monday, Jan. 4, Memorial of St. Elizabeth Seton

- 7:00 AM †Anna McAuley, 25th Anniversary
by her family

Tuesday, January 5, Memorial of St. John Neumann

- 8:00 AM †James Joseph McMannus III
by his brother Neill McMannus

Wednesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

- 7:00 AM †Salvatore Guarna
by his wife Caterina

Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

- 7:00 AM Patricia Genovese, *for healing*
by Amparo Herrera

Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

- 8:00 AM †Philomena & Raphael Pagano
by their family

Sat., Jan. 9, Vigil of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 AM †Sheila Blank
by Ruth Schmidt
4:00PM †Leonard Donnely
by his wife & son

Sunday, Jan. 10, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 AM †Antonio Mastroianni
by his family
11:00 AM †Deceased members of the
Cognetta & Santora Families
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.

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.

Prayer for Epiphany



God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ.

The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives for seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not simply come to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom.

Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen.

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place January 21 - 29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



Thank you to all who helped our parish celebrate Christmas in this challenging time! Thanks to everyone who helped us decorate the Church and those who attended our special liturgies.

We are so grateful for the continued cooperation with the CDC regulations. Thank you for planning ahead, honoring the restrictions and also staying after Masses to help sanitize. As always we are grateful for your continued support of our beloved parish.

Nocturnal Adoration: Friday, January 8, 2021 and continuing monthly on every subsequent First Friday, St. Bridget of Ireland will have Nocturnal Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament during the hours of 8 to 9PM; 9 to 10PM; 10 to 11PM; and 11 to 12 Midnight.

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. It would be a tremendous loss to the parish to eliminate this very special devotion.

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.

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. Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions or concerns.



The Leadership Institute of the Diocese of Bridgeport invites you to Sunday Family Rosary: Join us every Sunday night at 7:30 pm to pray the Rosary

together. All are welcome and families of all shapes and sizes are encouraged to take turns leading us in prayer. The Rosary will also be live-streamed on YouTube each week. Visit: <https://formationreimagined.org/sundayfamilyrosary/>

No computer? No problem. To join the Rosary each Sunday night, you need not log on to a computer. If you would rather listen by phone, simply call 646-558-8656, 267-831-0333, or 301-715-8592 and enter Webinar ID: 873 4670 6875. If you call in a few minutes early, you should hear some music until we begin.



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.

Women's Themed Retreat - Saturday, January 9, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Men's Themed Retreat - Saturday, January 16, 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

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

Wills and Bequests: A bequest, a gift of money or assets left through your will, is vital to your Parish Church and the people the church serves. It is a unique gift and an investment in the future. By leaving a bequest you are making a lasting difference in the life of Parish community. St. Bridget of Ireland Parish welcomes charitable donations made by bequest through your will our through Trust. In remembering St. Bridget's you also leave a lasting legacy. There are various forms of bequests that you may make. For example, the proceeds of an unrestricted bequest may be used where needed, whereas a restricted bequest specifies the use of the donation.

Bequests may come in the form of a specific dollar amount, securities, real estate, tangible property, and retirement account assets. A residuary bequest allows our beloved St. Bridget's to receive all or a percentage of your estate after all obligations have been met. If a Will or Trust already exists, an amendment can be done by an attorney through a document called a codicil, which adds a new bequest.

St. Bridget's is a charitable, nonprofit institution; therefore, all bequests are fully deductible for estate tax purposes