

January 31, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

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

Monday, February 1, Weekday and Memorial of St. Bridget of Ireland

7:00 AM †Paul Mackin
by Anna & Joe Macklin

Tuesday, Feb. 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM †Sheila Blank
by Chris Bernardo

Wednesday, February 3, Weekday

7:00 AM Dr Nathan Roberts and family,
(living) for support
by Tom & Noelle Amann

Thursday, February 4, Weekday

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

Friday, February 5, Memorial of St. Agatha

8:00 AM †Philip Blank & Joe Gallagher
by their families

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

Please pray for the departed souls of our loved ones especially Rose Florio and Joan Kenny, recently departed members of our Parish. Grant them perpetual rest and comfort in the arms of our Lord.



Today we welcome: *Wilson Mycroft Fleming*, son of Robyn & Mike Fleming, to our parish community. Bless this child and send your Spirit to guide her family as they raise their child in the Holy Catholic Faith.

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



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.

~ 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 24, 2021

Amount received:	2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$1,549.00	\$3,054.00
Latin America	\$ 216.00	\$1,296.00
Online Giving	\$2,392.54	\$1,278.54
Poor box	\$ 36.00	\$ 68.00
Candles	\$ 102.00	\$ 215.00

Last weekend we had the most people attending Mass since the pandemic began and unfortunately the lowest collection in that same time period!

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.



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.

New Member of St. Bridget's Memorial Fund

†Joan Kenny, passed away last week enrolled by her 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 to enroll your loved ones.

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.

Saint Bridget of Ireland, Abbess of Kildare:



February 1 is the feast day of the patron of our parish, Saint Bridget of Ireland. According to Christian writer, Robert Ellsberg, in his best-selling book, *All Saints*, her story is shrouded in legend.

It's believed that Bridget was born into slavery and was later converted to Christianity by Saint Patrick some time in her childhood. She was granted her freedom when it proved impossible to curb her enthusiasm for giving alms. So, not surprisingly, the themes of generosity and compassion are the feature of Bridget's "miracles without number."

.According to one legend, a leprous woman asked for milk, but there was no milk. So Bridget gave her cold water, which turned to milk. The leprous woman drank the milk and was healed.

Her only desire was "to satisfy the poor, to expel every hardship, and to spare every miserable soul." According to another legend, one Holy Thursday "she supplied beer out of her one barrel to eighteen churches" – enough to last through the entire Easter season. Bridget reportedly said, "I would like a great lake of beer for the King of the kings. I would like the people of heaven to be drinking it through time eternal." Bridget became a nun and eventually became the abbess of Kildare, a double monastery for men and women. Through her fame as a spiritual teacher, the Abbey became a center for pilgrims.

To the Irish, she reflected the maternal face of God and she became known as "the Mary of the Gael."

Once again there is an urgent need for the homeless and needy in our community: Since the pandemic began New Covenant Center (NCC) has been giving a bottle of water with lunch for agencies (8 oz) and those who come to center (16oz). They are providing lunches to Pacific House, B1C, ARI and Inspirica as well as those coming to New Covenant Center. Prior to the pandemic, always had jugs of cold water, iced tea or lemonade- but these type of serve yourself containers cannot be used.

All the water fountains are off in parks, so having water is a real need.

This weekend (January 30 & 31) we will be collecting cases of bottled water to donate to New Covenant House. The smaller 8 or 16 ounce bottles are preferred.

Please leave cases outside the Church under the left portico (the one nearer to the parish hall that we are not using to enter or leave the church.) We will cover them with a tarp and New Covenant House could pick them up on Monday. Thanks you for your generosity!

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