

March 14, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday, March 13 Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Special Intention
4:00 PM †John Claudio
by his family

Sunday, March 14, the 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM †Salvatore Guarna
& Frank Agostino
by Caterina Guarna
11:00 AM †Deceased members of the
McCarthy & Downey Families
by Maureen Leffand

Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM †Frank Macklin
by Anna & Joe Macklin
7:00 PM Evening of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM John Brander, *Happy Birthday*
by Elsa Maldonado

Wednesday, March 17, Lenten Weekday

& Memorial of St. Patrick

7:00 AM †Helen Interlandi
by her family

Thursday, March 18, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Buba Moule
by Rosemarie & Claude Victor

Friday, March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph

8:00 AM †Jose Maldonado
by his family

Saturday, March 20, Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM †Sheila Blank
by Pat & Nat Belknap
4:00 PM †James Judge
by his wife, Mary

Sunday, March 21, the 5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM †Carlos Garet
by Rosemarie & Claude Victor
11:00 AM †Francesco & Annunziata
Mastroluca
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

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

St. Bridget's Lenten Night of Reconciliation



"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." - Saint John Paul II

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw nearer to the Lord. If you have been hesitant to come to the Sacrament or have been away from the Sacrament, this is a good time to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Join us for our evening of Reconciliation Monday, March 15th at 7 PM. Extra priests will be available. No reservations are required.



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

For over 100 years, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has provided a broad spectrum of social services to the extended Fairfield County community. Catholic Charities is one of the largest "private" providers of social services throughout the County, something all Catholics should be proud of. The demand for the agency's services have skyrocketed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic as our clients need help now more than ever. The agency serves the needy through more than 30 service ministries that include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and homebound, strengthening families and individuals, and assisting those on the road to immigration documentation. However, Catholic Charities cannot do it alone. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal will help Catholic Charities continue to do the incredible work that it does for our most vulnerable neighbors in Fairfield County.

Please respond to the Appeal mailings as soon as possible. Our parish goal for the appeal is \$47,200. Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated and make a difference in lives of others. Thank you.

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

March 7, 2021

Amount received:	2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$2,297.00	\$2,282.00
100% Fund	\$ 1,045.00	\$1,424.00
Online Giving	\$1,946.54	\$ 870.74
Poor box	\$ 43.00	\$ 174.00
Candles	\$ 131.00	\$ 102.00

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.



Bishop Frank J. Caggiano has announced a diocesan Novena to St. Joseph in preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Bridgeport to St. Joseph on March 19.

“All are invited to participate in a special Novena to Saint Joseph that will seek his intercession upon our diocese during this celebratory year. I encourage all the faithful to participate in this diocesan-wide devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church during the Year to Saint Joseph,” said Bishop Caggiano.

The Novena will begin on Wednesday, March 10th and end on March 18th, and will take place at 7 PM every evening via Zoom and the Diocesan YouTube. People will be able to access the novena through the diocesan website and social media.

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a special “Year of Saint Joseph” with the release of his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”).

On March 19th, 7 PM, Bishop Caggiano will consecrate the Diocese of Bridgeport to the patronage of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, at a Pontifical Mass live-streamed from St. Augustine’s Cathedral in Bridgeport.

Parishes throughout the diocese will also celebrate Mass at the same time to link the diocese together in prayer and purpose.

Please join us at St Bridget’s as we celebrate a special Mass in honor of St. Joseph at 7 PM on March 19th.

Reservations are available at our Mass reservation website and the Mass will be live streamed that night.

Praying together as a parish in these challenging times. Unfortunately we will not be able to gather in the church for Stations of the Cross this year. We have found a way to pray together by using the information are emailing week. We encourage everyone to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 PM. We sent a YouTube video of “Mary’s Way of the Cross” We also included the pages of the matching booklet of reflections, you could print it out to follow along or read directly from your computer while watching the video.

Please notify the parish office (call 203 324-2910 or email: parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com) if you are not receiving our “Flocknote” emails. Flocknotes have become a wonderful way to communicate with everyone!



Holy Week and the Easter Triduum:

Our High Holy Days are celebrated during Holy Week on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – the Easter Triduum. It’s when we celebrate who we’re all about as Catholic Christians. **Reservations are required and now open, follow the link from our website.**

- April 1st, Holy Thursday, at 7:30 pm the Mass of the Lord’s Supper will celebrate the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist. *Adoration at the Repository following Mass until midnight.*
- April 2nd, Good Friday, At 3:00 PM the Service of the Lord’s Passion will be celebrated.
- Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday morning, April 3rd, from 10:00 to 11:00. Two priests will be available. Prepare spiritually for the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection by celebrating the Sacrament of his great mercy.
- Holy Saturday Blessing of your Easter Food at 12:00 PM - Drive by with your food in the car and Deacon Ernie will be outside to bless your special Easter meal.
- April 3rd, Saturday, at 7:30pm, our Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated. It’s the liturgical high point of the entire year. We strongly encourage everyone to attend this beautiful Mass. The celebration of Easter, as a vigil, invites us to break out our most potent symbols of God’s action, and our response. So, all of the readings, music, candles, and procession, remind us that God has accomplished something amazing by loving us so much. And our vigil is a statement, individually and collectively, that we are ready to be renewed and to live out of the grace we’ve received.
- April 4th, Easter Sunday, please note our special Easter schedule: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

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. As more folks receive the vaccines the attendance has increased, so please reserve.