

March 21, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("✠" Indicates this person is deceased)

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

Monday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Our parishioners

Tuesday, March 23, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Enrico Imbrogno
by his family

Wednesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Gabriel Crosse, *(living)*
Happy Birthday
by Elsa Maldonado

Thursday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM Special Intention by Pat Conway

Friday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Christabel Hernandez, *(living)*
for improved health and recovery
by Hyacinth Natrajan

Saturday, March 27 Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM John & Sharon Dougoveto,
(living) for support
by Tom & Noelle Aamon

4:00 PM ✠Susan Bacco
by her family

Sunday, March 14, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 AM ✠Michael Antonelli
by Nino Antonelli & family

11:00 AM ✠Deceased members of the
Sayers and Fridel Families
by the McLoughlin 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



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, 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.

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

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

March 14, 2021

	Amount received: 2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$1,837.00	\$1,172.00
Cath. Relief serv.	\$ 214.00	\$ 558.00
Online Giving	\$2,176.54	\$ 883.74
Poor box	\$ 69.00	\$ 149.00
Candles	\$ 129.00	\$ 223.00

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.

Reconciliation Monday - Bishop Caggiano has designated Monday, March 29, 2021 as “Reconciliation Monday” throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport. Three parishes within each of the nine Deaneries will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, so that the lay faithful may experience God’s mercy as Holy Week begins.

We are Deanery H - “Cause of our Joy” and the following parishes will host the Reconciliation day: Parish of St. Cecilia-St Gabriel: 1184 Newfield Avenue. Holy Spirit Church, 403 Scofieldtown Road and Sacred Heart Parish: 37 Schuyler Avenue.

Please do not miss out on this wonderful diocesan-wide event, in which Bishop Caggiano and all of the priests of the Diocese will be participating.

Online Giving Important Information - Many thanks to all continuing to support our parish by utilizing the online giving option. Please check your recurring donations to be sure they are going to the correct and active accounts. All 100% Fund donations must go to the **2021 100% Fund**. Some are still giving to the 2019 or 2020 100% funds which are no longer active and those funds do not properly migrate to your donation records. Please call the parish office with any questions or if you need assistance.

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.

New Members of St. Bridget’s Memorial Fund

✠Pasquale “Pat” Colonna

✠George Terenzio

✠Robert V. Librandi

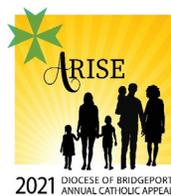
each enrolled by Lou, Rita & Michael Molgano

✠David Goerge Scannell

enrolled by the Malloy 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.

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



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Leadership Institute supports parish, school and all sacramental Catechetical programs that provide religious formation for children ages 5 – 13 and their families. This is accomplished through days of formation, parish visits, program assessments and ongoing consultation of catechetical programs from development to implementation. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports The Leadership Institute to reach children and younger adults in their journey to know Christ.

Please respond to the Appeal mailings as soon as possible. Saint Bridget, Stamford has raised 40 gifts worth \$7,720 from 36 donors bringing the parish to 16.36% of its \$47,200 goal.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.

Lenten Guidelines

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence, the consumption of meat is not allowed. Parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.