

**March 28, 2021**

**St. Bridget of Ireland Parish**

**Mass Intentions This Week**

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

**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 28, 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

**Monday, March 29, Monday of Holy Week**

- 7:00 AM Lylah McAuley, happy birthday!  
by Peepa Ed

**Tuesday, March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week**

- 8:00 AM †Anne Libasci by her family

**Wednesday, March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week**

- 7:00 AM For all Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by the Jeffers Family

**Thursday, April 1, Mass of the Lord's Supper**

*Please note, no morning Mass*

- 7:30 PM For all Priests of our Diocese

**Friday, April 2, Good Friday**

*Please note, no morning Mass*

- 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion and  
Death of our Lord & Communion

**Saturday, April 3, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**

*Please note, no morning Mass*

- 10:00 -11:00 AM Confessions
- 12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food
- 7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass offered for  
the Parishioners of St. Bridget's

**Sunday, April 4, Easter**

- 9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Bridget's
- 11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Bridget's

*Please pray for the departed souls of our loved ones especially Jean Ward and Edoardo Maiorana, recently departed members of our parish. Grant them perpetual rest and comfort in the arms of our Lord.*

**The Next Nocturnal Adoration** will be May 7, 2021. We will not have our usual Adoration in April since the first Friday happens to be Good Friday. We will have Adoration at the Repository on Holy Thursday from the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper until midnight.



**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 21, 2021**

Amount received:	2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$1,693.00	\$3,195.00
snow plowing	\$ 302.00	\$ 90.00
Online Giving	\$3,046.79	\$ 2,749.84
Poor box	\$ 173.00	\$ na
Candles	\$ 173.00	\$ na

***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.

### **Holy Week Triduum Retreat - April 1-3, 2021 with the Holy Family Retreat Team**

Experience the transformation of Christ’s Passion and Resurrection. This retreat is led by Holy Family’s retreat team and offers solitude and peace to enter deeply into the most sacred days of the Christian year.

The schedule for this 3-day online retreat is as follows: (subject to change)

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. - Welcome and conference  
8:00 p.m. - Mass for the Commemoration of the Lord’s Supper

**Good Friday:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Morning prayer service and conference

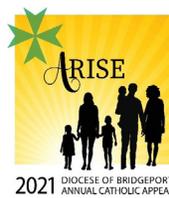
1:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. - Service for the Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion

**Saturday/Easter Vigil:** 9:30 am to 11:30 a.m. - Morning prayer service, conference and closing prayer service.

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. Register or additional information at: <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/triduumretreat>

**Need more information?** Please visit our website: [www.stbridgetofireland.com](http://www.stbridgetofireland.com).



### **The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**

The Respect Life Ministry supports the diocese’s efforts to promote and uphold the Church’s

teaching on the dignity of human life.

Our efforts include promoting a peaceful, prayerful witness not only during the 40 Days for Life Campaign, but throughout the year to assist those who face an unexpected pregnancy. In addition, the ministry works to promote and educate the faithful on legislative initiatives that impact the dignity and respect of the human person. Other ministries include Project Rachel, a ministry dedicated to those impacted by the wounds of abortion, support for the annual March for Life and the diocesan ad hoc committee against racism. When you make a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you support the work of this vital ministry.

Please respond to the Appeal mailings as soon as possible. Saint Bridget, Stamford raised 45 gifts worth \$8,940 from 41 donors bringing the parish to 18.94% 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.

**Cardinal Kung Academy** is a college-preparatory junior and senior high school with students in grades 7-12. The school offers a liberal-arts style program in the classical tradition with a rigorous, integrated curriculum. We are now accepting applications for 2021-2022 for grades 7-12.

We will host an Open House - April 11th, 12:30-2:30. RSVP requested, High School Placement Test - April 17th. Call the school at 203-329-8296 or visit <http://www.cardinalkungacademy.org> to schedule a tour or shadow day.

### **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