

March 7, 2021

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday, March 6, Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM †Sheila Blank
by Clara Grande & Family
4:00 PM †Josephine Cardillo
by Peter & Angela Thagouras

Sunday, March 7, the 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM †Kathleen Schmidt Ruskowski
by her family
11:00 AM †Raphael & Joseph Pagano
by their family

Monday, March 8, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM †Frank Lucherini
by Leonard Pensiero

Tuesday, March 9, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Rosemarie & Jean Claude Victor
(living) For success
by their family

Wednesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Those enrolled in St Bridget
Memorial Fund

Thursday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Josie & Mike Costanzo
(living) for support
by Noelle & Tom Amann

Friday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM †Eleanor & George Vainins
by Dennis Julian

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

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.

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!

Snow plowing- The snow this year has been a challenge and we have greatly exceeded the budgeted amount for snow plowing. So far we have spent almost \$7,000 and when we had a special collection for snow plowing in January we only received \$350. We are quite grateful to the wonderful folks that keep our parking lot and walkways clear, but we could use some help covering the expenses. We appreciate any extra help. Those donating online could contribute to "other offertory" or "miscellaneous". Many Thanks.

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

February 21, 2021

Amount received:	2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$1,609.00	\$3,197.00
Shrine Support	\$ 265.00	\$1,904.00
Online Giving	\$1,946.54	\$1,557.49
Poor box	\$ 86.00	\$ 223.00
Candles	\$ 116.00	\$ 243.00

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.



The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal provides the funds for the pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This year’s theme, **ARISE**, calls us to come together as a people of God to live and share the faith we profess as we carry forth the

mission of Jesus Christ.

When you receive your Appeal mailing, please take time to read the information thoroughly, how you can help and give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the campaign. Our parish goal for the appeal is \$47,200.

Please respond to the Appeal mailings as soon as possible. Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated and make a difference in lives of others. Thank you.

At New Covenant Center, we are beginning 2021 with an Early Spring Giving Fun’raising Bonanza for families who struggle to make ends meet. We take pride in helping people in need. Our Food Pantry and Café programs are successful in part because of our generous donors and due to their ongoing contributions.

We have launched this effort running now through April 12 to provide Roaster Chickens, Ham, Paper Towels, Tissues, Paper Napkins and Toilet Paper to each family we serve in our Food Pantry.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been hard on all families, especially those struggling to buy food and household items. Unfortunately, SNAP benefits do not consider paper goods as “essential items.” That is where New Covenant Center and generous donors like you are able to close this gap.

Your \$40 donation will go towards gift certificates that will provide Roaster Chickens, Ham and Paper Goods to the Food Pantry individuals and families we serve.

We are in this together so let us start the new year with a Fun’raising Bonanza bang and support our food insecure neighbors right here in Stamford and the surrounding communities.

You may contribute online at:

<https://www.newcovenantcenter.org/springgiving/> or purchase a \$40 gift card from a local grocery store (i.e. Grade A or Stop & Shop) and drop it in the church donation box. We will deliver the cards to New Covenant Center. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Catholic School Parish Certification Forms-

Families attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport receive a discounted tuition rate by verifying that they are registered, participating and supporting members of a parish in the Diocese. We certainly support your choice of Catholic Education for your children, but it is also important to support that education in the Faith by fully practicing that Faith as members of a Parish family.

Each year the parish must verify this information. The main way we are able to verify your support is by your use of weekly donation envelopes or online giving to the parish. Please be aware we will be checking this information and will not be able to sign forms unless we can verify the facts regarding continued, active support of the parish.

Please contact the parish office if you are not receiving envelopes, have any questions or need more information. (203) 324-2910 or Parish.Office@stbridgetofireland.com