

**November 15, 2020**

**St. Bridget of Ireland Parish**

**Mass Intentions This Week**

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

**Sat., Nov. 14, Vigil of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM †Mary & Frank Wydan  
by family

4:00 PM †William Carlucci  
by his family

**Sunday, Nov. 15, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM †Deceased members of the  
Rooney & O'Connell families  
by the Blank Family

11:00 AM †Marianna & Salvatore Guarna  
by their family

**Monday, November 16, Weekday**

7:00 AM †John Hechavaria  
by Anne & Eddie Lopez

**Tues., Nov. 17, Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

8:00 AM †Anita Karlin  
by Margaret Karlin

**Wednesday, November 18, Weekday**

7:00 AM †Our Parishioners

**Thursday, November 19, Weekday**

7:00 AM †Maurice L. O'Mahoney  
by Noelle & Tom Amann

**Friday, November 20, Weekday**

8:00 AM †Larry Farris  
by his wife, Maria Farris

**Sat., Nov. 21, Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King**

8:00 AM †Claire Daly  
by her family

4:00 PM †Carol Ericson  
by Carolee & Bill Joerman

**Sunday, Nov. 22, the Solemnity of Christ the King**

8:30 AM †Frank Agostino  
by Caterina Guarna

11:00 AM †Joseph Mastroluca  
by his wife & children

*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

**New Parish Office Hours:** The Parish office is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. The office will be closed on Fridays. Phone and Email will be monitored.

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

**St. Bridget's Safe Environment 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. So far there has always been space!

***A note to those who have been attending Mass and Faith Formation classes:***

Please notify the parish office if you have been exposed to or contracted Covid. We all must follow quarantine regulations but also notify places and people that may have been exposed. This is a very important part of protecting our each other. We have not had any problems so far and hope to keep it that way.

Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions or concerns.

**Congratulations:** Parish trustee, Ken Thompson, has been appointed by Bishop Caggiano to serve as a lay representative on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. This marks the first time that there will be lay representation on this advisory council to the bishop. Congratulations, Ken!

**Current family information:** Please notify the parish office (call 203 324-2910 or email: [parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com](mailto: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.

**~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~**

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

**November 8, 2020**

Amount received:	2020	same week in 2019
Weekly	\$1,638.00	\$2,857.00
Monthly	\$ 712.00	\$1,356.00
Online Giving	\$1,789.84	\$ 968.45
Poor box	\$ 48.00	\$ 208.50
Candles	\$ 206.00	\$ 211.00

*Thank-you for your support. Your gifts help us to reach the weekly budgeted amount necessary to run our Parish.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
For a number of years during the month of December, a special collection has been taken up at all parishes for the benefit of consecrated men and women who belong to religious orders. Your generous contributions have helped communities of religious priests, sisters and brothers throughout our nation to spend their retirement in security and comfort.

While that national collection serves the needs of many who have served the Church faithfully, and while it will continue, it does not assist our own retired priests of the Diocese. Therefore, I am asking you now to consider helping support our own retired priests as well.

On the weekend of November 21/22, a special collection called the "Health and Welfare Collection for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport" will be taken up in all parishes of the Diocese. The funds contributed will be used exclusively to meet the needs of the retired priests of our diocese. While it is true, that the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) does help support retired clergy, it does not cover all the costs, especially this year with effect of the pandemic on the Appeal. This collection will help to cover the insurance needs of the priests, ensure that they are able to take part in an annual retreat and attend the triennial Convocation of Priests. It will also enable us to reduce the amount needed for the ACA by subsidizing the costs of caring for the priests who reside at the Catherine Dennis Keefe Queen of the Clergy Residence in Stamford. Please know that every dollar contributed will go directly to assist our retired priests since, given the nature of this collection, there will be no administrative costs.

I know that you care deeply for our priests who have served faithfully for many years and would want to assist them as they enjoy their well-earned retirement. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport

**The Stamford Catholic Youth Group** is back and better than ever this Fall! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for games, food, fellowship, prayer, and honest conversation about our Catholic Faith. High School Youth Group will be meeting Dec. 4th at Holy Spirit Church and the Middle School group will meet on Nov. 20 at St. Gabriel's (both at 7pm). For more information, contact Fr. Joseph Gill at frgill@diobpt.org. No cost, no sign-ups, just show up!

**November, month of the Poor Souls:** A column in last week's bulletin described Purgatory as the connecting flight to heaven for the souls of those who die in friendship with Christ but which need a final cleansing before entering heaven. These are the "poor souls" for whom we pray in November and throughout the year – "poor" because of the pain which they experience in being separated from Christ whom they've encountered upon the completion of their earthly journey – and "poor" because of the pain experienced as the "rust of sin" is burned away from their souls.

For more on purgatory, check out "Hungry Souls: Supernatural Visits, Messages and Warnings from Purgatory" by Dr. Gerald J.M. Aardweg who reports on Church-verified accounts of earthly visitations from souls in purgatory. The accounts reaffirm our Catholic belief in the Lord's mercy, the urgent need to pray, sacrifice and have Masses celebrated for the poor souls, and to reform our own lives to shorten our stay in purgatory.



### St. Bridget 2020 Parish Raffle

**Ticket sales are now in progress. "What could I win?"** Thanks to our generous parishioners we have 26 amazing prizes this year!

- 1.- \$1,000 American Express gift certificate
- 2.- Vitra ID Mesh Deluxe Office Chair from Stamford Office Furniture ( value \$1645)
- 3.-Apple IPAD 7th Generation 128 GB with Apple Care Warranty ( value \$512.61)
- 4.-LG 50" 4K Ultra HD LED LCD TV ( value \$329.99)
- 5,6 & 7 – Tax preparation with 1 hour consultation for either a Personal or Business Tax Return (Value \$300-\$1000)
- 8.- Apple IPAD 7th Generation 32 GB (value \$329.00)
- 9, 10 & 11. -\$270 gift certificate redeemable at "Breakthru Family Fit 4 Life"
12. Sterling Farms Golf Course Weekday foursome with carts (value \$240.00)
13. - \$200 CVS Visa Gift certificate
14. - \$500 Best Buy gift certificate
- 15, 16 & 17.- \$100 Pellicci's Restaurant Gift certificate
- 18.- \$100 Slice of Stamford Restaurant Gift Certificate
19. - \$100 Westover Pizza Restaurant Gift Certificate
- 20 & 21 - \$100 Villa Italia Restaurant gift certificates
- 22, 23, 24 & 25 - \$50 Trips Restaurant Gift Certificates
26. - \$50 Visa Gift Certificate

Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held Sunday December 13 following the 11 AM mass.

Selling additional tickets to your family, friends, and co-workers will help reach the goal. Additional tickets available after all Masses or by calling the parish office.