

November 22, 2020

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

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

Monday, November 23, Weekday

7:00 AM †Marco Ruiz
by Elsa Maldonado

Tues., Nov. 24, Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00 AM †John Spera
by Fran & Bob Bello

Wednesday, November 25, Weekday

7:00 AM †Diane Margerum
by Vivian & Frank Lucherini

Thursday, November 26, Weekday & Thanksgiving

9:00 AM †Antoinetta Mastroianni
by Loretta & Joe Hanley

** Please note the later time due to holiday**

Friday, November 27, Weekday

8:00 AM †Gary Sessa
by the Malloy Family

Sat., November 28, Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †Deacon Wayne Malloy
& Helen Malloy
by their family
4:00PM †Karen DeBartolo
by her husband

Sunday, November 29, the 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM †Charles Burriesci
by his sister
11:00 AM †John Colandro
by his 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

New Parish Office Hours: The Parish office will be closed from November 20 -30. Phone and Email will be monitored.



A Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer; And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help; by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

Thanksgiving Family Mass

Thursday, November 26, 9:00 AM

Begin your holiday celebration by giving thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Please come to our special Mass of Thanksgiving. Come with family and friends or on your own.



This Thanksgiving, Ignite a National Season of Gratitude to Our First Responders all over the

USA! Spread the light! Wherever you

may be on Thanksgiving, drop by the local Police and Fire Departments and EMS and let them know how much we appreciate what they do for all of us! Bring Cake, Cookies and Thank You Cards! Take a Photo, Video and Share on the #elijahmoment FB page.

Join Agudath Sholom and St. Bridget's at the following locations this Thanksgiving to say Thank You!

- Stamford Police Department (meet in the lobby) - 725 Bedford St: 10:00 AM
- Stamford Fire Department - 629 Main Street: 10:45 AM (meet in parking lot)
- Stamford EMS - 684 Long Ridge Rd: 11:30 AM

We have been in touch with each of the stations and they truly are grateful for our expressions of thanks. Of course, the visits will be socially distant and with masks. Let's spread the message of gratitude all over the USA this holiday season!

The next Nocturnal Adoration will be Friday, December 4, 2020. Nocturnal Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will be during the hours of 8 to 9PM; 9 to 10PM; 10 to 11PM; and 11 to 12 midnight, commencing with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the first hour and will conclude the hour with Benediction. For further information or to volunteer please contact the parish office at 203-324-2910 (Bridgetct@aol.com) or Michael Molgano (mike_molgano@att.net) for further details.

A message from our pastor, Father Ed:

Return to me with your whole heart: My sisters and brothers, God's greatest gift is the gift of himself in the Eucharist. It's been heartening to see many parishioners return for the celebration of Masses since public worship resumed in June. And it's understandable why some parishioners have not returned due to underlying medical conditions and age, but who are able to join us virtually by viewing our live streamed Masses. But there are many parishioners who have no underlying medical condition and who are not elderly who have resumed various activities wearing masks and social distancing but who haven't returned to Mass, perhaps choosing comfort and convenience over being here in person. In Psalm 63, the Prophet David cries out from the wilderness: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God." David feels separated from God and is longing for the divine life given in the temple. As Catholic Christians we have something far better than what was available in Hebrew temple worship. We have the living God in the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist.

Four hundred years before the birth of Christ, in the midst of a plague of locusts, the Lord, through the Prophet Joel, said to the people: "Return to me with your whole heart."

Today, in the midst of the COVID 19 Coronavirus plague, the Lord is saying to those who could be returning but haven't: "Return to me with your whole heart."

As I begin my ninth year as your pastor, my prayer is that your souls are so thirsting for the living God that you'll return with your whole heart to again regularly receive God's greatest gift – the gift of himself – in the Eucharist.

May God bless you.

Annual Giving Tree Project: Times may have changed, but Christmas will always be the same. The time of year when we share our love with family and friends...and most important share what we can with those in less fortunate. Because of Covid, this year we can not have our usual giving tree campaign, but we do have a way to help. We will be collecting small gift cards (\$15-\$50) to donate to two of the agencies we help each year, St. Joseph Parenting Center, and Malta House. Please indicate the amount on each card. The agencies will distribute the cards to needy families. Cards may be left in secure box at the rear of the church. Donations must be made before December 15 to ensure delivery to the families. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions contact Tina Nardi 203-969-4089

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.

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.