

## November 29, 2020

## St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

### *Mass Intentions This Week*

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

#### Sat., November 28, Vigil of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM †Charles Burriesci  
by his sister

11:00 AM †John Colandro  
by his family

#### Monday, November 30, Memorial of St. Andrew

7:00 AM †St. Bridget Memorial Fund

#### Tuesday, December 1, Advent Weekday

8:00 AM †Katherine Nocita  
by her daughters

#### Wednesday, December 2, Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Armando & Inez Araujo  
by Susan Araujo

#### Thursday, Dec. 3, Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

7:00 AM †Katherine Nocita  
by her family

#### Friday, December 4, Advent Weekday

8:00 AM †John Joseph Walsh  
by his Family

#### Saturday, December 5, Vigil of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Steve Russell, for healing  
by Susan Araujo

4:00 PM †Eugene Bruen  
by Judy Bruen

#### Sunday, December 6, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM †Suzanne McAuley,  
25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by her family

11:00 AM †Arthur & Eleanor Moe  
by their family

*Please pray for the departed souls of our loved ones, grant them perpetual rest and comfort in the arms of our Lord.*

**Current family information:** Please notify the parish office (call 203 324-2910 or email: 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.



**God's Greatest Gift :** Of all the gifts you've ever received, the greatest gift is the gift of the Eucharist because it's the gift of God Himself. For that reason, the Eucharist is the center of our shared faith as Catholic Christians. Every time you receive Communion, you receive your personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

As we know the church shares everyone's concerns about gathering in this time of COVID and has relaxed the "obligation" to attend Mass. Many have returned, some haven't. To those who haven't returned: You may think you don't need the Eucharist, but you do. If you've been hesitant to attend Mass, the Advent season is an ideal time to return and again receive the Lord's greatest gift, the gift of himself in the Eucharist on a regular basis. We're following all safety protocols. If you've resumed other activities in the midst of COVID, but haven't returned to Mass, now is the time. We look forward to your return!

**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.

**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



### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

#### **Thursday, December 24:**

Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:00 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

#### **Friday, December 25:**

Christmas Day Masses - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Reservations will be required for all Masses! Once a Mass is full we will not be able to accept walk-ins. There will be a special link for Christmas Mass Sign-up on our website. It will be active from Sunday, December 6, 2021 at 3:00PM. contact the parish office with any questions.



**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

### **Advent Reflection: Waiting for the Light**

Presented by the Holy Family Retreat Team

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The busyness of the Advent season might look different for us during these difficult days. Advent has always been a time of waiting: waiting for the infant Jesus to arrive on December 25, but also waiting for Christ to come into our hearts and make us new again. During these recent dark days, many of us are searching and seeking the light of Christ to shine in our hearts, our homes, and our world. Join the Holy Family Retreat Team as we reflect on the beauty and grace of waiting.

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. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) for more info and to register.

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**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. 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.

**Safe Environment Update:** The Diocese of Bridgeport remains fully committed to upholding the highest standards set forth in the U.S.C.C.B. Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and as Catholics, we must continue to do all that is possible to ensure the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults in our community.

Recently the DOB issued a revised Safe Environment handbook. There is a link on our website to review the revised document. The renewal of criminal background checks and Safe Environment training related to the policies contained within the revised 2020 Safe Environment Handbook, will continue for all members of the clergy, lay employees, tenants, vendors, independent contractors, volunteers every five or ten years based on their ministry.

We encourage everyone to log in on to the Virtus website for updates and to be sure your account is current. Please contact the parish office if you have questions or need assistance



### **St. Bridget 2020 Parish Raffle**

Ticket sales are now in progress. Thanks to our generous parishioners we have 26 amazing prizes this year! Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held Sunday December 13 following the 11 AM Mass.

Additional tickets available after all Masses or by calling the parish office.

**We appreciate your completed returns as soon as possible. All tickets stub must be returned by December 12.**