

## September 20, 2020

## St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

### Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

#### Sat., Sept. 19, Vigil of 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †Michael & Rosa Agostino  
by their family

4:00 PM †Karen DeBartolo  
by her husband

#### Sunday, Sept. 20, the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Frank Agostino  
by Catherine Guarna

11:00 AM †Ralph Tartaglia  
by his wife

#### Monday, September 21, Feast of St. Matthew

7:00 AM †Hildy Jones  
by Father Ed

#### Tuesday, September 22, Weekday

8:00 AM †Katherine Nocita  
by her family

#### Wed., Sept. 23, Memorial of St. Pius of Petrelcina

7:00 AM †Richard Kancyr Jr.  
by his family

#### Thursday, September 24, Weekday

7:00 AM All those enrolled in St. Bridget  
Memorial Fund

#### Friday, September 25, Weekday

8:00 AM †Edward Kollmer  
by Janet & John Roemer

#### Sat., Sept. 26, Vigil of 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM †Ines Araujo  
by her daughter

4:00 PM †Deceased members of the  
Gabriele Family  
by their family

#### Sunday, Sept. 27, the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Lawrence E. Jordan  
by the Jordan 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.*

### ~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

#### September 13, 2020

Amount received:	2020	same week in 2019
Weekly	\$1,882.00	\$2,694.00
100% Fund	\$ 816.00	\$1,295.00
Online Giving	\$1,863.94	\$ 895.55
Poor box	\$ 28.00	\$ 47.00
Candles	\$ 152.00	\$ 163.00

*Many thanks to those who mailed donations to the parish, deposited envelopes in the designated box in the church or donated online. We appreciate your continued support of our parish.*

**Eucharistic Adoration** is a personal invitation from Christ to spend time with Him in a quiet, holy setting. Here, we can give him our full attention. Whether saying the Rosary, reading spiritual material, praying for family and friends, or just sitting in quiet adoration gazing at Him, you will find your love for Our Lord growing deeper, and you will come to know of His great love for you.



The next Nocturnal Adoration will be October 2, 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.

We will be live streaming the evening for those who wish to join us virtually! 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.

**2021 Mass Intentions:** We have opened the new book and are scheduling Masses for 2021. As in the past we must limit the quantity of Sunday Masses scheduled by each person, however there is no limit on weekday Masses. The stipend for each Mass is \$10.00 which must be paid when the Mass is scheduled.

**This year we are requesting that you schedule an appointment prior to coming to the parish office.** Please call 203-324-2910 to schedule your visit. Only one person will be allowed in the office at a time and masks will be required.

Email and/or phone requests are encouraged, Masses will be scheduled in the order the requests are received. The office will contact you to verify your schedule and notify you if special dates are not available.

**Our Deepest Longing** day retreats at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT. Join us in exploring that deep longing planted in our hearts by God for peace, wholeness, and relationships that give us joy and lift us up. These retreats are offered on site (40 participants max) as well as on the Zoom platform. Visit our website for dates and additional details: [holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats) or call 860.760.9705.

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

**Some Good News...** Doctors Thomas McGovern, Deacon Timothy Flanigan, and Paul Cieslak recently authored an article for “Real Clear Science” on Mass attendance and COVID-19.

“For Catholic churches following the CDC guidelines, no outbreaks of COVID-19 have been linked to church attendance, even though we have examples ... of asymptomatic, unknowingly infected individuals attending mass and other parish functions,” they wrote. “Their attendance could have led to an outbreak if appropriate precautions were not followed, yet in each case, we found no evidence of viral transmission.”

The doctors said in their article that there is no evidence that church services are higher risk than similar activities when guidelines are followed.

“To date, the evidence does not suggest that Church attendance—following the current guidelines—is any more risky than shopping for groceries. And the spiritual good for believers in coming to Church is immeasurably important for their well-being,” they said. “Indeed, for Catholics, the Mass and above all the Eucharist are central to the Christian life. In a time like this, it is even more important that the faithful be able to come to Church and receive Holy Communion.”

### **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!

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



**Bless the Beasts.... Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12 PM** we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a special

blessing of animals. Please bring your pets to our Blessed Mother Shrine at 10:00 AM to receive a special blessing from Deacon Ernie. All animals must be on a leash or if appropriate in a cage.

*Please note the time is a bit later than past years. All people will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.*



### **Faith Formation 2020-21:**

We are working with the diocese to create a faith formation plan where the children and their families can learn about their faith in a safe and comfortable manner. We have the utmost concern for the children and teachers’ safety during these times. This year, St. Bridget Faith Formation is entirely different. We will have a combination of zoom classes in your home and in person classes at the church. Faith Formations classes have begun. Please refer to the updated calendar on our website or see the list below for the schedule.

**The registration forms, program information and the updated 2020-2021 calendar for the Faith Formation program are now posted on the parish website.**

Educating our young people is one of the most important missions of the Church. Unfortunately several of our veteran teachers are not able to return this fall, so your help is needed now more than ever before! We are urgently in need of teachers, especially folks comfortable with Zoom. Training and support materials are provided.

To Volunteer or for more information please email our Religious Education Director, Magdalene Jeffers at [religious.ed@stbridgetofireland.com](mailto:religious.ed@stbridgetofireland.com).

#### **Faith Formation Class Schedule**

- September 20** – Grade 5 – 8 – in class only
- September 27** – Grade 5 – 8 - Zoom session
- October 3** – **First Holy Communion 10:00 am**  
*(for students who would have received their First Communion last May)*
- October 4** - Grade 1-3 in class only and  
Grade 7 & 8 in class  
Grade 4, 5, 6 Online
- October 11** - No class
- October 16** – **Confirmation Practice 7:00 pm**
- October 18** – **Confirmation – 2:00 pm**  
*(for current 9th graders who would have been Confirmed last spring)*
- October 18** - Grade 1 – 3 - Zoom session  
Grade 7 & 8 Zoom session  
Grade 4, 5, 6 Online
- October 25** – Grade 1 – 3 - Zoom session  
Grade 7 & 8 zoom session  
Grade 4, 5, 6 Online
- November 1** – Grade 1 – 3 - in class  
Grade 7 & 8 - in class  
Grade 4, 5, 6 Online
- November 8** - Grade 1 – 3 - Zoom session  
Grade 7 & 8 Zoom session  
Grade 4, 5, 6 Online