

# Saint Bridget of Ireland Church

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## Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 7:00 AM

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday - 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday : 3:00 - 3:30 PM or by appointment

Please call the Rectory (203) 324-2910

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*Welcome to Saint Bridget's. We extend a warm welcome to all attending our Church. There's nothing more basic and important which we do as Catholics than to gather as a worshipping community for the celebration of Mass. Since we're nourished at Mass by Word, Sacrament and Community, come early and stay late to get the most out of your weekly worship experience at Saint Bridget's. If you are new to our parish please stop and introduce yourself after Mass. We hope that you will find our parish to be a place where your life of faith will be nourished.*

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

- Mark 1:40-41



The Sixth  
Sunday  
of  
Ordinary Time



February 14, 2021

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## St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

### Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

#### Sat., Feb. 13 Vigil of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM A special intention  
4:00 PM †Christine Carlucci  
by her family

#### Sunday, February 14, the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM †Michael Interlandi  
& Ralph Grande  
by their family  
11:00 AM †Dominick & Juliet Fabrizio  
by Donna Lee Fabrizio and  
LouAnn Finch

#### Monday, February 15, Weekday & Presidents Day

9:00 AM †Salvatore Guarna &  
Frank Agostino  
by Caterina Guarna

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

#### Tuesday, February 16, Weekday

8:00 AM Bernie & Lu Menghini (*living*) for  
support by Tom & Noelle Amann

#### Wednesday, Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM †Frank Lucherini  
by the Molgano Family  
12:10 AM †Sheila Blank by Mary Blank  
7:00 AM †Tony Kelly  
by Anna & Joe Macklin

#### Thursday, Feb. 18, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM †Our Parishioners

#### Friday, February 19, Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM †Frank Lucherini  
by Clara Grande

#### Saturday, February 20, Vigil of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM †Edwin Logan, *1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*  
by his family  
4:00PM †Norma Johnston  
by her family

#### Sunday, February 21, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM †Lawrence Schmidt Jr.  
by his family  
11:00 AM †Bruce Wardell  
by Lew & Rosemarie Turano

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

### New Member of St. Bridget's Memorial Fund

†Frank Lucherini

enrolled by the DeBartolomeo family

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



### Ash Wednesday Mass schedule:

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

7:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:30 PM.

*Ashes are only distributed during Masses*

Reservations are required (follow the link on our website). We can accept walk-ins if space is available but these are very popular Masses so we recommend you plan ahead by making reservations. You may also call the parish office to make reservations.

### Lenten Guidelines

*Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.*

**Fasting** binds all persons who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday through those who have completed their 59<sup>th</sup> year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

**Abstinence** binds all persons who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence, the consumption of meat is not allowed. Parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

**Lent** is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

### Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!

It's not what you give up, it's who you become! Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book: I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God.

If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart. So this year, don't just sign up for BEST LENT EVER, have your best lent ever! Sign up at: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

**Stations of the Cross:** Please join us for Stations of the Cross Friday, February 19th and each Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM in the Church. Share this beautiful and very powerful prayer tradition with your family and friends

Why pray the Stations of the Cross? Perhaps the biggest reason of all to commit to praying the Stations of the Cross this Lent is because of their contents and their relevance to our lives.

The fourteen Stations of the Cross take us on a journey with Christ from His Condemnation, through his entire walk to Calvary, all the way to His being laid in the tomb.

Whether we're suffering from loneliness, with feelings of desertion, with relapses into sin, with embarrassment, or with the inability to forgive those who have hurt us, there is probably at least one Station that will hit home and speak to our current situation.

Christ has suffered all, for us. No matter how much we might be hurting, He understands, because He has felt the same pain. And this special spiritual practice in honor of his sufferings can bring us closer to Him, help give us the strength to offer our sufferings to Him, and help us to carry our cross with His.

And the best part, the reason He wants us to unite our sufferings to His this Lent, is that He wants to bring us to a deep, meaningful Easter celebration, once these days of suffering are over. So resolve to make this Lent your most fruitful yet by taking advantage of aids the Church offers to help us unite our sufferings more fully to Christ's.

**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. You must test negative before returning to church.** 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. Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions or concerns.

**Holy Family Retreat Center Special Program:** Ash Wednesday Reflection: Now Is the Acceptable Time! Wednesday, February 17, 202, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (ET) with Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

Lent is about a journey, the journey to the cross and ultimately to Resurrection and new life. Lent is about Jesus' walk to Jerusalem and our walk with him. The church, in its wisdom, gives us a time to make that journey and a particular date on which to begin, Ash Wednesday. We invite you to join Holy Family for this amazing walk of faith to begin our Lenten journey.

This online retreat will include a Service of Reconciliation and a Celebration of the Eucharist.

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. For more information contact the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 860.521.0440 or visit [info@holyfamilyretreat.org](mailto:info@holyfamilyretreat.org)

### **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](mailto:Parish.Office@stbridgetofireland.com)

### **~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~**

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

**February 7, 2021**

Amount received:	2021	same week in 2020
Weekly	\$2,142.00	\$2,677.00
100% Fund	\$ 747.00	\$1,494.00
Online Giving	\$2,249.24	\$1,347.99
Poor box	\$ 25.00	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 116.00	\$ 189.00

*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.*

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