

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

Reverend James K. Bates — Pastor

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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.

The wind ceased and
there was great calm.
Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified?
Do you not yet have faith?"
They were filled
with great awe
and said to one another,
"Who then is this whom
even wind and sea obey?"

- Mark 4:41



The
Twelfth
Sunday
in Ordinary



June 23, 2024

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St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("✠" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday AM, June 22, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Michael & Rosa Agustino
by his family

Saturday PM, June 22, Vigil of the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM ✠Peter & Julia Martin
by their family

Sunday, June 23, the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM ✠Joe Martinoli
by the Molgano family

11:00 AM ✠Our Parishioners

Monday, June 24, The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:00 AM ✠Richard Kancyr
by his family

Tuesday, June 25, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Frank & Micahel Agostino
by their family

Wednesday, June 26, Weekday

7:00 AM ✠Charlotte Auguet
by Rosemarie & Claude Victor

Thursday, June 27, Weekday

7:00 AM ✠Bob Sullivan
by his family

Friday, June 28, Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop

8:00 AM ✠Alfred & Edna Karlin
by Margaret Karlin

Saturday, June 29, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Neil Connors
by his wife

Sat., June 29, Vigil of 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM ✠Vilma Fowler
by her family

Sunday, June 30, the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM ✠Margaret Manzano
by her family

11:00 AM ✠Mike DeBartolomeo
& Neil Connors
by their families

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



Summer Schedule Adjustment:

The Friday 3 PM Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bridget's and the Tuesday 12:45 PM Adoration at St. Maurice will be suspended for July and August. We look forward to resuming our weekly Adorations in September.

The First Friday Mass, with adoration and confessions, will still be celebrated at St. Bridget's on July 5 and August 2 (the first Friday of each month).



Summertime: As summer is upon us, let's keep in mind that the Eucharist remains at the center of our Catholic faith every season of the year, and with it, our weekly gatherings as a worshipping community.

If you're going to be away for all or part of the summer, a quick, easy way to obtain Mass schedules for wherever you'll be, is masstimes.org or by telephone by calling "1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-627-7846). Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you on summer weekends when we gather, as we do throughout the year, not so much out of obligation, but out of love.

Speaking of vacations ... have a great time, but please don't forget about us. Our parish work continues, the bills continue, and we continue to need your support. Please submit your donation envelopes before or after your trip.

New Member of St. Bridget's Memorial Fund

✠**The Honorable Anthony D. Truglia Jr.**
enrolled by Michael Molgano

Saint Bridget Memorial Fund is for those who wish to "memorialize" their loved ones (living or deceased) in perpetuity. Mass is offered at least once a month for all those enrolled. Memorial cards are available to acknowledge the enrollment. Please contact the parish office to enroll your loved ones.



Have you considered supporting our parish via online giving? Getting started is easy—just scan the QR code below or visit our website, www.stbridgetofireland.com and click the online giving link.

This program provides enhanced security, a wider selection of ways to donate and is quite easy to use. It also allows you to designate which funds your gift supports and track your giving throughout the year.



Need more information? Please visit our website:

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~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

June 16, 2024

	Amount received:	2024	same week in 2023
Weekly		\$2,510.00	\$2,060.00
Cap. Improve		\$ 713.00	\$807.00
Online Giving		\$2,602.24	\$3,275.05
Poor box		\$ 17.00	\$ 300.00
Candles		\$ 201.00	\$ 213.00

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

God is Speaking ...



Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Qui-

et! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Mark 4:38-39

Do you desire to hear God speak to you? The most common way this happens is through prayerful meditation on the Gospels. Over the centuries, the saints have prayerfully pondered the Gospels and have offered various insights on the stories and our Lord's actions. Their insights are not primarily an intellectual exercise. Rather, they are first an exercise of prayer and meditation, revealing that the Scriptures have various layers of depth and meaning.

One Church Father, Saint Bede, explains from his prayerful pondering of today's Gospel passage that the boat in which Jesus crossed the sea represents the Cross by which safe passage is obtained to arrive at the shores of Heaven. The other boats that followed represent those who have faith in the Cross of Christ and follow. Though they suffer the waves of temptation and hardship, they press on, relying upon the saving power of the Cross. Jesus being asleep represents His sleep of death, and His waking represents His resurrection. The pleas of the disciples represent our need to turn to Jesus during the storms and temptations of life. The rebuke of the waves and the ensuing calm reveal the grace won by His death and resurrection, which is able to silence the demons and disordered passions. The fear that the disciples encountered points to our own fear that results from a lack of faith and trust in God.

God is able to speak these and many other truths to us through His actions and words contained in the Scriptures. There is no limit to the depth and meaning we can receive through His holy Word. Therefore, though it is useful to reflect upon the saints' various interpretations of the Gospels, it is also very important to reflect upon these passages ourselves, so as to allow our Lord to reveal to us the message we need to hear.

Reflect, today, upon this Gospel scene. Try to find time to slowly read today's Gospel from beginning to end. Read a sentence and then close your eyes and try to imagine it. See Jesus entering the boat. Ponder the boat being an image of the Cross. See the sea as the many evils within this world. Consider the fear the disciples encountered during the storm. See yourself in that boat, waking our Lord. *(Continued in next column)*

(continued) Listen to Him silence the waves and restore peace. Hear Him say to you about your own struggles in life: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" As you prayerfully meditate upon this and other Gospel passages, know that God will speak to you and reveal to you the meaning that He wishes to communicate to you today.

My sleeping Lord, as I endure the many storms of life, may I always have faith in the saving power of Your Cross and Resurrection. May I always call upon You to calm the storms and hear You speak to me the many truths I need to hear. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Do you know anyone Home Bound, Sick or Hospitalized? Please inform the Parish office: 203 324-2910 or parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com. If you, a member of your family, friend or neighbor is hospitalized or ill and not able to leave home to attend Mass. Supporting our parishioners in times of need is a very important part of our mission as a parish family. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from contacting us so we encourage you to designate someone to contact the parish office for any emergencies.

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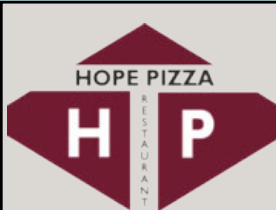


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