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

Reverend Sunil Pereira, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Ernest Jeffers

Mr. Michael Molgano - Permanent Lector

Mrs. Magdalene Jeffers - Faith Formation Director

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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 worshiping 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.

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

- Matthew 21:42ab, 43



The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

Mass Intentions This Week

("✞" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday, October 3, Weekday
8:00 AM ✞Joan Regina McGirr
by husband Bill & her family

Saturday, October 3, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM ✞Helen & Albert Conforti
by the Belmonte family, Elaine & Roe

Sunday, October 4, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM ✞Harriet Abruscato
by her family
11:00 AM ✞Our Parishioners

Monday, October 5, Weekday
7:00 AM ✞Arthue and Eleanor Moe
by their daughter

Tuesday, October 6, Weekday
8:00 AM ✞Nino Antonelli
by his wife and family

Wednesday, October 7, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
7:00 AM A special intention
by Mary Ann Reynon- Gascon

Thursday, October 8, Weekday
7:00 AM ✞Armando & Inez Arujo
by their daughter Susan

Friday, October 9, Weekday
8:00 AM ✞Souls of all the faithful departed
by Samuel and Patricia Ogbonna

Saturday, October 10, Weekday
8:00 AM ✞Shirley Robertson
by her daughter

Saturday, October 10, the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 PM ✞Daniel & William Carulcci
by Theresa Carlucci

Sunday, October 11, the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM ✞Our Parishioners
11:00 AM ✞Mike DeBartolomeo & Neil Connors
by their families

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



Today, Sunday, October 4th, at 1:00 PM we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a special blessing of animals. Please bring your pets to our St. Francis Shrine to receive a special blessing for your beloved pets. All animals must be on a leash or if appropriate in a cage.

New Member of St. Bridget's Memorial Fund
✞Marion G. DeNicola
enrolled by Lou and Michael Molgano



Ladies Guild Annual Christmas Boutique – Vendor Call : Are you a crafter, artist, or photographer looking to share your talents and sell your handmade items this holiday season? The Ladies Guild is now accepting vendor reservations for our Annual Christmas Boutique, to be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged! For a reservation form or more information, please contact: Carol Nardi at (203) 975-9842 or Clara Grande at (203) 322-2421. *Let's make this year's boutique a joyful celebration of creativity and community!*



New Altar Server Training
Have you ever thought about serving at the altar during Mass as an altar server? We invite all boys and girls in Grade 3 and above to join our Altar Server Ministry.
Fr Sunil will hold two training sessions on Monday, October 12 and Monday, October 19, 2026, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in church.
If your child would like to become an altar server, please sign up in the vestibules of the church. You may also contact the parish office for more information or to register.
We encourage all young parishioners to join this important ministry and deepen their participation in the liturgy.



Come Sing With Us! St. Bridget Choir Is Back! Do you love to sing? The St. Bridget Choir is back from summer break, and we would love to welcome you!
We rehearse Sundays at 10:00 AM and sing at the 11:00 AM Mass. No special experience is necessary. Whether you have sung in a choir for years or have simply thought about giving it a try, there is a place for you in our choir!
Share your voice, meet fellow parishioners, and help make our Sunday liturgies even more beautiful through the gift of music.
Interested? See Ria after Mass or contact the Parish Office for more information.

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

September 27, 2026

Donations	2026	2025
Weekly	$1,999.00	$2,394.00
Cap. Improve	$872.00	$795.00
Online Giving	$1,971.00	$1,694.00
Poor Box	$34.00	$92.00
Candles	$204.00	$472.00

Thank you for your continued support. Your generous gifts help us reach the weekly budgeted amount necessary to operate and sustain our parish.

A Prayer of the Heart



This weekend we are invited to rediscover one of the Church's most treasured forms of prayer, not simply as a repetition of familiar words, but as a prayer of the heart that leads us more deeply into the mystery of Jesus Christ.

Mary holds a unique place in our Christian lives because she held a unique place in God's plan of salvation. At the Annunciation, she responded to God with complete trust: "May it be done to me according to your word." At Bethlehem, she placed the Savior of the world in a manger. At Cana, she directed the servants toward Jesus: "Do whatever he tells you." At Calvary, she stood faithfully beneath the Cross. And at Pentecost, she prayed with the disciples as they awaited the Holy Spirit.

Mary's entire life points beyond herself toward her Son. That is also what the Rosary does.

Sometimes the Rosary is misunderstood as simply repeating fifty Hail Marys. But the words of the prayers form a gentle rhythm within which the heart contemplates Christ. As our lips pray the Hail Mary, our minds and hearts enter the mysteries of Jesus' life—His Incarnation, ministry, Passion, Resurrection, and glory.

In this sense, the Rosary is like praying the Gospel with Mary.

The repetition is not intended to be empty. Think of someone saying to a spouse, child, or parent, "I love you." We do not say those words only once because love naturally desires to express itself repeatedly. So too, the repeated prayers of the Rosary can become the language of a heart resting in God.

And what could be more pleasing to God than a heart contemplating His Son?

The Rosary takes us out of the world and brings us again and again to Jesus. We contemplate Him conceived by the Holy Spirit, born at Bethlehem, proclaimed at the Jordan, carrying the Cross, risen from the dead, and reigning in glory. Mary accompanies us through these mysteries as the Mother, and first Disciple, who knows Jesus and desires that we know and love Him too.

The Rosary is especially powerful because it can accompany us almost anywhere. We can pray it in church, at home, in the car, while walking, beside a hospital bed, or during a sleepless night. When anxiety makes complicated prayer difficult, the familiar words can carry our hearts to God. When sorrow leaves us speechless, Mary helps us remain near Jesus.

This Rosary Weekend, perhaps we can make a simple commitment: take up the Rosary again.

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(continued) Pray five decades. Pray one decade. Pray it as a family. Pray slowly and attentively. Bring to Mary your family, your worries, your gratitude, your sins, and your hopes—and ask her to place them before her Son.

For Mary's desire for us remains what it was at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you."

And if we allow her, Our Lady will always lead us where she herself lived—to a heart centered completely upon Jesus Christ.



St. Bridget 2026 Octoberfest Dinner Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Join us for one of our most popular parish events—a festive evening of traditional German food and drinks! Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled night that celebrates community and good cheer. Tickets: $20.00 per adult, 10.00 per child or $45.00 per family. Tickets will be sold after Masses on: October 10, 11, 17 & 18

We always need and welcome volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean-up. Please contact the parish office 203-324-2910 with any questions or to volunteer.



St. Bridget Parish Raffle 2026

Our parish raffle has been a wonderful success in the past, bringing joy to our winners while providing much-needed support to our parish.

We're preparing for the St. Bridget Parish Raffle 2026, and we need your help to make it happen!

At this time, we do not have enough prizes to conduct the raffle. Please consider donating a gift certificate, item, or service valued at $100 or more. Your generosity will help us build an exciting selection of prizes and make this year's raffle a success.

To donate a prize or ask questions, please contact the Parish Office: Email: parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com or Phone: (203) 324-2910



A Blessing and a Challenge Your prayers for vocations are working! This year, we have over 40 seminarians preparing for the priesthood, the most our diocese has had in almost 30 years. But this blessing comes with a fiscal challenge. Each seminarian's education costs about $70,000 per year, therefore the cost to educate all our seminarians this year is expected to exceed $3 million. To ensure our seminarians can become well prepared and thriving priests, Bishop Caggiano has announced a special drive to fund their formation. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to support our future priests: www.bridgeportpriest.org/give

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