



St. Bridget

PARISH

830 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01702

DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY



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MASK MANDATE

Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate will expire on January 17, 2022.

2 Prayer and Worship

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:00am † Christmas Day Mass
8:30am † Christmas Day Mass
10:00am † Christmas Day Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00am † Mass
8:30am † People of St. Bridget's, Living & Deceased
10:00am † Virginia Guarante (Month's Mind)
11:30am † Joan DeStefano (Month's Mind)
No 6PM Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00am † Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00am † Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00am † Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00am † Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am † Daily Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00am † Solemnity of Mary Mass
4:00pm † Paul Ryder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00am † Mass
8:30am † Mass
10:00am † Daniel Burke (From the Farry Family)
11:30am † People of St. Bridget's, Living & Deceased
6:00pm † Mass

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

THE HOLY FAMILY COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd, turn your motherly care to our Archdiocese of Boston. Intercede for us to the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers to the harvest. Inspire vocations in our time.

Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim the Good News of everlasting life.

Draw them near to the heart of your Son so that they can understand the beauty and the joy that awaits them when the Lord Jesus calls them to be his witnesses. Amen.

SEAN CARDINAL O'MALLEY

So long,
Farewell,
Auf Wiedersehen,
Goodbye.



Dear Saint Bridget Parishioners:

Please join me and the entire staff of Saint Bridget Church and School, together with the Parish, Finance and Advisory Boards, to wish Maria Sebastian the very best as she concludes more than two decades of service as our Finance & Operations Mgr./Tuition. During these years Maria has given herself wholeheartedly to the successful fiscal and physical operation of the Parish. We wish Maria, and her husband Richard, the very best in their new venture.

**You can send your best wishes to Maria at:
2699 Sims Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160**

The Parish Office will be closed
Friday, December 31st in observance of New Year's Day.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022
9AM Mass

As a reminder, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday.



Christmas Flowers and Decorations

If you would like to make a donation to help with our Christmas flowers and decorations, extra memorialization envelopes can be found on usher tables and at church entrances.

To ensure your loved one is properly remembered and included in our special Christmas Flower bulletin insert, please print legibly and return your envelope no later than Friday, January 7, 2022.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WITH OUR LADY

During the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas, we invite you to join with Our Blessed Mother in the expectation and the birth of Jesus Christ. There are many great feasts of hers in the Church's calendar during these holy days, each one with its own particular character, and each one revealing a different aspect of Mary's love and obedience to the will of God.

DECEMBER 10TH - OUR LADY OF LORETO

This feast of Our Lady commemorates the miraculous translation of the holy house where the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived and born in Nazareth, to Loreto, a small town in northeastern Italy. This is the same house where the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Our Lady at the Annunciation and where Jesus was conceived. This same house was witness to the daily life of the Holy Family, and the death of Saint Joseph.

In 1291, when the Saracens invaded the Holy Land and expelled the remaining Christians from the country, the entire house was miraculously transported from Nazareth to Dalmatia, and three years later was miraculously transported again to Loreto. To this day, pilgrims from all over the world visit this tiny house, enshrined within the Basilica della Santa Casa in Loreto. The authenticity of this most holy dwelling has been verified over centuries by architectural and archeological researchers, as well as by ecclesiastical authorities. On October 7, 2019, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of the Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto into the General Roman Calendar on the tenth of December.

THE LITANY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN OF LORETO:

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us. God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us. God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Holy Mother of God, Holy Virgin of virgins, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church, Mother of mercy, Mother of divine grace, Mother of hope, Mother most pure, Mother most chaste, Mother inviolate, Mother undefiled, Mother most amiable, Mother most admirable, Mother of good counsel, Mother of our Creator, Mother of our Savior, pray for us.

Virgin most prudent, Virgin most venerable, Virgin most renowned, Virgin most powerful, Virgin most merciful, Virgin most faithful, pray for us.

Mirror of justice, Seat of wisdom, Cause of our joy, Spiritual vessel, Vessel of honor, Singular vessel of devotion, Mystical rose, Tower of David, Tower of ivory, House of gold, Ark of the covenant, Gate of Heaven, Morning star, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Solace of migrants, Comforter of the afflicted, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of angels, Queen of patriarchs, Queen of prophets, Queen of apostles, Queen of martyrs, Queen of confessors, Queen of virgins, Queen of all saints, Queen conceived without original sin, Queen assumed into heaven, Queen of the most holy Rosary, Queen of families, Queen of peace, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may rejoice in continual health of mind and body; and, through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be freed from present sorrow, and enjoy eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



6 Together We Worship

Saint of the Week



Monday, December 27th - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Saint John was born near the Sea of Galilee in Israel. He was the son of Zebedee and Mary Salome, who was a kinswoman of Our Lady. He was a fisherman and the brother of Saint James the Greater. These two brothers were called 'Boanerges' (the 'sons of thunder') by Jesus because of their fervor in serving Him, and their willingness to follow and defend Him.

Saint John was first a disciple of Saint John the Baptist, and he and Saint Andrew were the men who followed Jesus after His Baptism. He was the youngest of the Apostles and is usually shown in iconography without a beard. He was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead, at the Transfiguration on the top of the mountain, at the preparation of the Last Supper, and was a witness to Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Standing at Our Lady at the foot of the Cross, Saint John received Our Lady into his care when Jesus said to him "Behold your mother", and to Mary, "Behold your son". Following the death of Jesus, Saint John assisted in His burial, and witnessed the empty tomb on Easter morning along with Saint Peter. He was present in the Upper Room when Jesus appeared to the Apostles that evening and again on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for the miraculous catch of 153 fish.

After Jesus' Ascension, John was a pillar of the church in Jerusalem, preaching the Gospel in spite of threats and imprisonment. He moved to Ephesus where he wrote his Gospel and three epistles and was taken in 92 AD as a prisoner to Rome under the reign of the Emperor Domitian. He was condemned to death and plunged into cauldrons of boiling oil but emerged unharmed - this is commemorated in Rome at the chapel of San Giovanni in Oleo at the Latin Gate. He was then exiled to the island of Patmos where he wrote the Book of Revelation. After his death in the year 100, his body was taken to Ephesus for burial, and an immense basilica was built over his tomb in nearby Selcuk. His relics have never been found, nor has any city or local church claimed to possess them. This has led some to believe that he was assumed bodily into Heaven like Elijah. Saint John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors. As one of the Gospel writers, he is often depicted in art with an eagle. His image is located in our church along with the other three evangelists in the stained glass windows over the two side doors.



O God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvelously brought to our ears. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (Collect for the Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist)

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