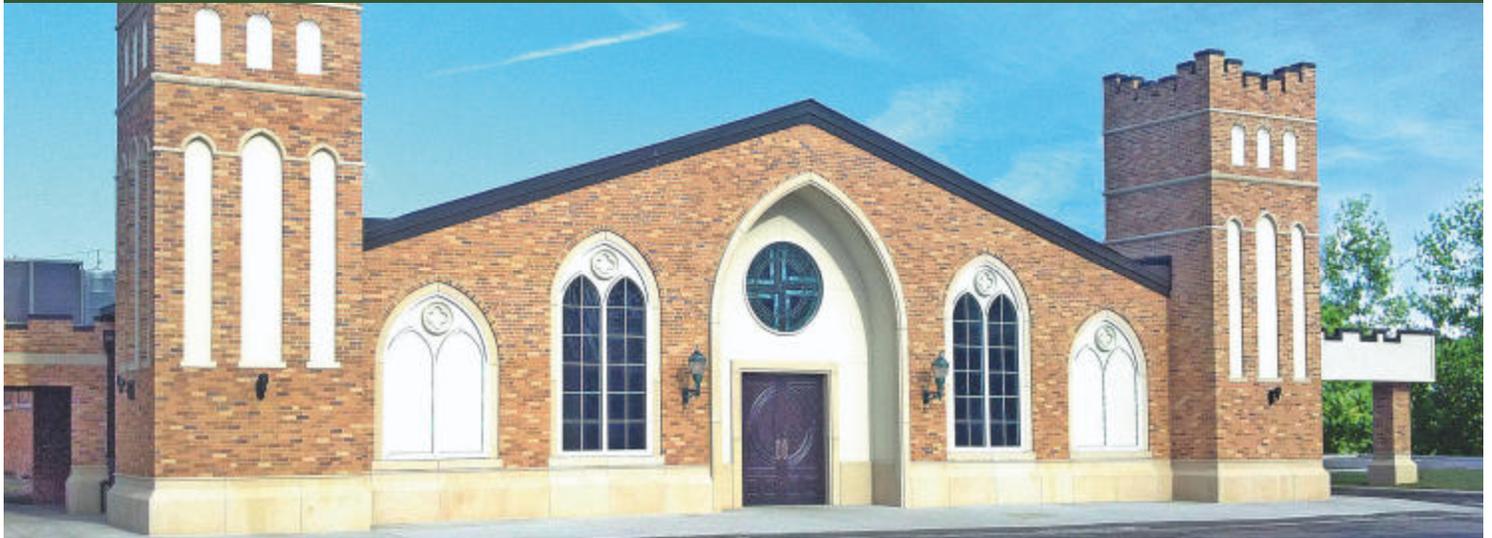




SAINT *Bridget of Kildare* PARISH



APRIL 25, 2021 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday:

9:00AM–12:00 Noon, 1:00–3:00PM

(The office is closed on weekends)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigils 4:00PM & 5:30PM

Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

Weekdays..... Monday thru Friday at 8:30AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:00PM in School Meeting Room #1, or by appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Our warmest welcome. To register at the parish, please call the parish secretary at 440-886-4434. If you have a question about the Catholic faith, we will always do our best to help. Please ask to speak with the pastor.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Brigid of Kildare, a Roman Catholic parish, exists to live and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome all as we reach out to the entire community through prayer, sacrament, education and support.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert W. Wisniewski, Jr.
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School Principal
School Secretary
Parish Catechetical Leader
Youth Ministry Director
Parish Music Director
Parish & School Accountant
Parish Nurse
Facilities Manager

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming new members into the Catholic faith. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation into the Catholic Church, please call the pastor. The initiation rites for children (First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation) are provided through the parish school and the PSR program.

BAPTISM: Parents are asked to attend an information and faith enrichment session before scheduling the baptism of their first child. Sessions are held in February, June & October. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00PM. Arrangements can be made by calling the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the pastor to make arrangements for your wedding before any other arrangements are made. Diocesan policy requires at least a six month notification in order to complete the necessary preparation.

HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME VISITATION WITH COMMUNION: Please notify the parish office if you will be hospitalized or require an extended stay at a nursing facility.

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 25, 2021

Mass Intentions & Schedule for the Week

Monday, April 26

8:30AM Frances & Andrew Russo

Tuesday, April 27

8:30AM Doris Seifert

Wednesday, April 28 ~ St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:30AM Arnold Becker

Thursday, April 29 ~ St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:30AM The People of the Parish

Friday, April 30 ~ St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day

8:30AM Mary Ann Riccio

Saturday, May 1 ~ St. Joseph the Worker

11:00AM 2nd Grade First Communion

4:00PM Stephen Centar & Sons

5:30PM Walter Dembkowski

Sunday, May 2 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Laura Hughes-Greenbaum

10:00AM Lucille Dalpra

12:00PM Loretta Armstrong

The Heart of the Shepherd Campaign at St. Bridget of Kildare Parish



St. Bridget of Kildare Parish is excited to announce that we have joined the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign for the Diocese of Cleveland. This is an extraordinary Diocesan-wide effort to better meet and serve the

needs of the St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries, current seminarians, and our newly-ordained and retired clergy via a renovation to the seminaries, support to clergy pensions, and relief for clergy tuition debt.

This \$30 million campaign will support our mission to create an environment that fosters spiritual, social, academic growth and accompaniment. **St. Bridget of Kildare will benefit as well. Half of every dollar raised toward this effort will support the transformation of the school gym into a parish hall.**

Over the next couple of months, you will be hearing more about the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign and how you may join us in supporting this historic initiative.

You are Invited to a Special Campaign Reception! Please join us on **Monday, May 3rd at 6:30PM in Blair Hall** for a special, socially-distant campaign reception to offer you the opportunity to learn more about the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign, why this is an important endeavor for our parish, and how you can make an incredible impact on the lives and future of our beloved clergy in the Church of Northeast Ohio.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the parish office at bridgetparma@dioceseofcleveland.org or 440-886-4434.

We look forward to seeing you there! Light refreshments will be available, and we will have some special guests to speak more about the campaign plans and vision for the future.

If you are unable to attend, there will be another opportunity to learn more, as we have invited a special guest to speak about the Heart of a Shepherd campaign after the homily during the Masses the weekend of May 8th & 9th.

Annual May Crowning, Sunday, May 9th



In a very special way, this year the Ladies Guild will honor all mothers as we honor Mary, our Blessed Mother at the conclusion of the 12:00 Noon Mass on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th. Mary was chosen by God to bear His Son. She listened to God's Word, kept it in her heart, and remained close to her Son, all the way to the foot of the cross. A wreath of flowers will adorn our statue of Mary and a garland of flowers will be placed on her head during this beautiful celebration. Please join us.

Parish Council Meeting, May 12th



The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00PM in School Meeting Room #2.

Offertory Collection Update

Offertory collection for Easter, April 17/18

--Mail-in/Drop-off Offertory.....\$3,054.00

-Offertory Collection at Mass.....\$4,489.50

-Online Giving.....\$2,959.00

Total Offertory.....\$10,502.50

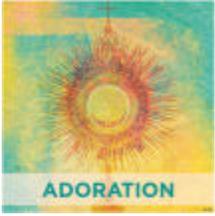
Good Samaritan Ministry News

The Good Samaritan Ministry will be collecting for the needy next weekend, May 1st & 2nd. Donation baskets will be available next to the bulletins. The next meeting for members of the Good Samaritan Ministry will be held on Monday, May 10th at 9:15AM in the church narthex.

THANK YOU!

Welcome to St. Bridget of Kildare Parish

All Day Adoration on Wednesdays



The church is open every Wednesday for Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00AM to 6:30PM. Come and spend time in prayer in the Eucharistic presence of our Lord. Please park in the handicap lot next to the church and enter through one of the side doors under the carport.

"It is by taking time out to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that this relationship with Our Lord begins to increase, and grow and blossom. ...Adoration builds community. The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity, Jesus unifying His people. Through the intimacy of quiet prayer with Jesus, one experiences the personal love of the Savior and grasps the reality that we are all one with the whole Body of Christ." ~ St. John Paul II

Mass Attendance

The church remains open for weekday Mass at 8:30AM and weekend Masses, with Saturday Vigils at 4:00 and 5:30PM and Sunday Masses at 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon. The weekly opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 3:00PM in School Meeting Room #1. Please enter the school building through the silver breezeway doors next to the church and follow the signs. **Masks are required and social distancing must be maintained.** An important reminder for persons in the "at-risk" category and those caring for a senior or at-risk family member to please consider staying home, and those who are not feeling well or have a fever of 100.4 or higher are asked to stay home. We will continue to record and post the weekly Sunday Mass on our parish website, stbridgetparma.com. **Those without internet access can watch the weekly Diocesan television Mass, now airing on Sundays at 10:00AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43.** In addition, the Mass can be heard on the radio, at 4:00PM on Saturdays and 10:30AM on Sundays on AM 1260 The Rock. Radio station WINT-1330 AM airs the Mass at 9:00AM on Sundays and Cox Communications cable subscribers can view the Mass at 11:30AM on Sundays on channel 45. Please strive to keep the Lord's Day holy and join in a Spiritual Communion while watching the Mass on the internet or the television.

Act of Spiritual Communion: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

Parish Activities this Week

Monday, April 26

8:25AM Miraculous Medal Novena (CH)

Wednesday, April 28

9:00AM-6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)

Friday, April 30

6:00PM First Communion Practice (CH)

Saturday, May 1

11:00AM 2nd Grade First Communion (CH)

3:00PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation (M1) *{Enter the school building through the silver breezeway doors. If the door to Meeting Room #1 is open, walk to the designated spot (face-to-face or behind the screen). Six feet of space is marked between the presider and penitent. If the door to Meeting Room # 1 is closed, another penitent is already seated. Remain outside the room at the designated spot while waiting, maintaining 6 feet of space between other individuals in line.}*

Sunday, May 2

10:45AM PSR(S)

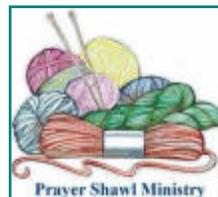
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Mother's Day Cards



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. Cards are available at the narthex Information Center for \$2.00 each. Please place your donation in the envelope provided, write your loved one's name on the front, and place it in the countertop money slot next to the cards. Then take home the card of your choice. All Masses the weekend of May 8th & 9th will be offered for the Mother's Day Intentions.

Prayer Shawls Available Now!



Although the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry have stayed "socially distanced" at our homes, we continue to knit and crochet Prayer Shawls. We pray that they will provide peace and comfort to whoever receives them. There are many beautiful shawls available.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, along with the comfort of our prayers, please call Marie Karnak at 440-888-6474.

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 25, 2021

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Today marks 58th anniversary of the inception of *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, which we celebrate each year on the 4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday.

As Catholics, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community.

The vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the Good News, and we pray especially today and this whole week for our pastor, Fr. Rob Wisniewski and assisting priests, Fr. Jim Sheil, Fr. Bob Kraig, Fr. Donald Ewulu and Deacon Jim Armstrong.

We also must reflect on, and pray for those with the important vocation of married life as service to the Church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our Baptism that we are all given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the Church.

A Prayer for Vocations

Good and gracious God,

*You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.*

*On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.*

*We pray for all discerning marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.*

*May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.
Amen.*

Vacation Bible School ~ July 12-16

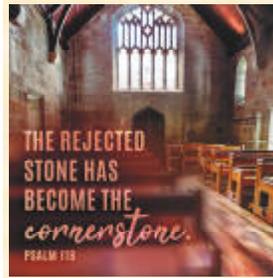


Vacation Bible School for children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade will be held this year from July 12th through the 16th from 9:00-11:30AM. The theme will be, *Rocky Railway – Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through*. The cost is \$35.00 for one child, or \$50.00 for two or more children. Registration Forms are located in

the church narthex and are also available for printing on the parish website, stbridgetparma.com. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cindy Grogan, Youth Ministry Director at 440.886.1468, ext. 13 or stbridgetyouthgroup13@gmail.com.

Gospel Meditation ~

Gain a Deeper Understanding of Scripture



April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are

necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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