



May 3, 2026



St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("✠" Indicates this person is deceased)

- Saturday, May 2, Memorial of St. Athanasius
 - 8:00 AM ✠Deceased members of the Juentgen family,by their family
- Saturday, May 2, the 5th Sunday of Easter
 - 4:00 PM ✠Joseph & Theresa Thibault by Art & Marie Murphy
- Sunday, May 3, the 5th Sunday of Easter
 - 8:30 AM ✠Margaret Manzino by her family
 - 11:00 AM Sandra Brander, *Happy Birthday* by Elsa Maldonado
- Monday, May 4, Easter Weekday
 - 7:00 AM ✠Luz M. Ruiz by Elsa Maldonado
- Tuesday, May 5, Easter Weekday
 - 8:00 AM ✠Deceased members of the Ternier family in purgatory by Marie Lucienne Bayonne
- Wednesday, May 6, Easter Weekday
 - 7:00 AM Seamus and Granny Crosse, *Happy Birthday* by Elsa Maldonado
- Thursday, May 7, Easter Weekday
 - 7:00 AM ✠Douglas Procter by his wife and family
- Friday, May 8, Easter Weekday
 - 8:00 AM Patricia Ogbonna, *Happy Birthday* by her husband Samuel
- Saturday, May 9, Easter Weekday
 - 8:00 AM ✠Jim Fahey by a friend
- Saturday, May 9, the 6th Sunday of Easter,
 - 4:00 PM ✠Our Parishioners
- Sunday, May 10, the 6th Sunday of Easter,
 - 8:30 AM ✠Inez & Armando Araujo by their daughter Susan
 - 11:00 AM All Mothers of the Parish

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



St. Bridget Ladies Guild Mothers Day Gift Basket Raffle.

Starting this weekend the Ladies Guild will be selling raffle tickets to win a beautiful gift basket made just "For Her". Contents will include a comfy bathrobe & slippers, spa items, gift cards, treats,and more! Total contents valued over \$300! Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10! Drawing will be after the 8:30 AM Mass on Mother's Day, May 10.

We joyfully celebrate a very special moment in the life of our parish community, - The First Holy Communion of St. Bridget/St. Maurice Faith Formation program 2nd grade students.



This weekend they received the Body of Christ for the first time, we give thanks for their growing faith and blessings that this sacred sacrament brings.

Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue their journey with Christ, nourished by His love and grace:

- Avery Herrmann, Colby Fulton,
- Gareth Israel Lagos-Morales,
- Grayson Menjivar-Villatoro, Kiera Rizzitello,
- Margaret Ranta, Mark Wisnieski
- Molly Katz, Selena Auz, and Isaac Goldenberg



Planting for the parish: Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 AM-Noon. Please join us for a morning of gardening to beautify the areas around our church and shrines. Come for an hour or stay the whole morning! Plants will be provided, though more are always welcome. We would also welcome donations of bulbs to plant for next spring.

Come and bring your gardening tools and spend the morning serving the Lord in a very special way. A small amount of your time will help to keep our parish beautiful.

New Members of St. Bridget's Memorial Fund

Loraine Smith, in honor of her 80th Birthday enrolled by Sandy Fox

✠**Mary (Hughes) Mandeville**

enrolled by Michael and Lou 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.

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

April 26, 2026

Donations	2026	2025
Weekly	\$2,548.00	\$2,362.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$813.00	\$872.00
Online Giving	\$1,050.72	\$699.00
Poor Box	\$151.00	\$62.00
Candles	\$182.00	\$141.00

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

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www.stbridgetofireland.com



Trust in the Spirit

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, invite us into a deeper trust—one that is not rooted in our own strength or certainty, but in the living presence of the Spirit of Jesus within us. In a world often marked by anxiety, division, and doubt, the Church places before us a simple but demanding call: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

In the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks to His disciples on the night before His Passion. He knows their fear and confusion, yet He does not offer them a detailed plan or easy reassurance. Instead, He calls them to trust: “Have faith in God; have faith also in me.” This call to trust is personal, rooted in relationship. Jesus reveals Himself as “the way and the truth and the life,” not merely pointing the way, but embodying it.

This trust deepens when we recognize that Jesus does not leave His followers alone. Though this passage comes before the explicit promise of the Holy Spirit, it is already infused with that reality. The Spirit of Jesus—His very life and presence—will remain with them. Their faith will not depend on physical proximity, but on an interior communion sustained by the Spirit.

The first reading from Acts shows what this Spirit-led trust looks like in practice. Faced with conflict in the early Christian community, the apostles do not panic or try to control everything themselves. Instead, they entrust the situation to others, guided by prayer and the Spirit. The selection of the first deacons reflects a community learning to rely not on human solutions alone, but on the Spirit’s guidance. Trust in the Spirit allows the Church to grow, adapt, and remain faithful.

Similarly, the second reading reminds us that we are being built into a “spiritual house.” This is not something we construct by our own effort. Rather, it is the work of God’s Spirit within us. We are “living stones,” chosen and shaped by God for a purpose beyond what we can fully see. Trusting in the Spirit means allowing ourselves to be formed, even when the process is uncomfortable or unclear.

For us today, this Sunday is an invitation to examine where we place our trust. Do we rely solely on our own understanding, our plans, our need for control? Or are we open to the quiet, persistent guidance of the Spirit of Jesus?

To trust in the Spirit is not to have all the answers. It is to believe that Christ is present and active, even when the path ahead is uncertain. It is to surrender our fears and allow His life to move within us. In doing so, we discover that our troubled hearts can find peace—not because circumstances are easy, but because the Spirit of Jesus remains with us, leading us home.

- Fr. Jim Bates, Pastor



Young Adult Faith in Action

A vibrant young adult ministry in Stamford is helping young Catholics, like Thomas Angiolollo, deepen their faith and find meaningful community within the Church. What began as an invitation to explore fellowship and formation has grown into an active outreach where prayer, Sacred Scripture, service, and shared faith are central.

At Holy Name of Jesus Parish, the monthly Young Adult Mass brings young adults together for Eucharistic adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the celebration of Mass, and time for fellowship. Through this ministry, participants are discovering a stronger sense of purpose and a deeper relationship with Christ, rooted in community and service.

The Bishop’s Appeal supports young adult ministries like this one, strengthening parish life, fostering unity, and forming future leaders for the Church.

Please consider supporting our young adult community through the Bishop’s Appeal.

So far, our parish has pledged 129 gifts worth \$31,995, bringing us much closer to our \$47,200 goal, however, we will only reach the goal with everyone’s help. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated! To learn more please visit: www.2026BishopsAppeal.org. Thank you for your support.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed for vacation from May 6-18. We will be monitoring the phone and e-mail for any emergency messages. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



St. Leo Parish Presents

A Shepherd from the New World

Reflecting on Pope Leo XIV’s First Year of Pontificate
(May 8, 2025 – May 8, 2026)

St. Leo invites our parishioners and the wider community to an evening of conversation with Father Roberto Regoli, a leading historian of the Church and President of the Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation. Drawing on his expertise in modern Church history and the papacy, Father Regoli will reflect on the first year of the current pontificate and explore its significance for the life of the Church and its engagement with the world today.

Tuesday, May 12, 7pm
St. Leo Church



Father Regoli is a world-renowned expert on the modern Holy See. He is a member of the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage of the Church at the Gregorian University, Rome and President of the Vatican Foundation Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI.



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