

Saint Bridget of Ireland Church

278 Strawberry Hill Avenue Stamford, Connecticut 06902

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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 R. Bates, Pastor

Deacon Ernest Jeffers

Mr. Michael Molgano - Permanent Lector

Mrs. Magdalene Jeffers - Faith Formation Director

Mrs. Priscilla Malloy - Business Manager

Ms Ria Iparraguirre - Music Director

Mr. Joseph Melech - Sexton

Mr. Gerald McLoughlin - Trustee

Mrs. Tina Nardi - Trustee

Mrs. Rosanne McMannus - Parish Council President

Mr. Daniel Benoit - Finance Council - 203-323-8804

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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.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes
in him might not perish but
might have eternal life.
For God did not send
his Son into the world
to condemn the world, but
that the world might
be saved through him.

John 3:16-18



The
Solemnity
of the
Most Holy
Trinity



May 31, 2026

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St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("✠" Indicates this person is deceased)

Saturday, May 30, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠All those enrolled in St. Bridget Memorial Fund

Saturday, May 30, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

4:00 PM ✠Our Parishioners

Sunday, May 31, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:30 AM ✠Deceased members of the Darien High School class of 1979 by Frank Palmer

11:00 AM ✠Alan Salzman by Barbara Enright

Monday, June 1, Memorial of St. Justin

7:00 AM ✠Pansy Johnson by Hyacinth Natrajan

Tuesday, June 2, Weekday

8:00 AM Rosemarie & Calude Victor, for good health and success by their family

Wednesday, June 3, Memorial of St Charles Iwanga

7:00 AM ✠Raymond Underwood, for improved health by Rosemarie & Claude Victor

Thursday, June 4, Weekday

7:00 AM ✠Inez and Armando Araujo by their daughter Susan

Friday, June 5, Memorial of St Boniface

8:00 AM ✠Edward & Anita Karlin by Margaret Karlin

Saturday, June 6, Weekday

8:00 AM ✠Katleen Correa by Anita Finn

Saturday, June 6, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

4:00 PM ✠Our Parishioners

Sunday, May 24, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

8:30 AM ✠Our Parishioners

11:00 AM ✠Tony Tartaglia by his family

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



Are you part of our flock?

Please be aware that we use Flocknote to stay in contact with parishioners. Our Flocknote email list is based on your original parish registration. If you are not receiving Flocknotes, please contact the parish office at (203) 324-2910 or email: parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com with your name and current email address to be included in the mailings.



The St. Bridget Ministry to the Homeless, Hungry and People in Need will be collecting "new, in sealed packages" of the following items to support local organizations:

- New men's and women's underwear for the "Undies Project."
- New children's underwear (ages 5-16) for "Clothes to Kids"
- Diapers (all sizes) for the Salvation Army
- Pull-ups (all sizes) for toddlers at Malta House

The drive will begin on Saturday, June 6 and end on Sunday, June 21.

"Underwear is the most under-donated, yet most needed item of clothing. No one should be deprived of the simple daily necessity of clean underwear that many of us take for granted. Hygiene and physical comfort are only a part of this basic human need."

Collection bins and flyers will be placed in both vestibules of the church.

For further information, please call or text Tina Nardi, Coordinator, at 203-969-4089. We thank you for your support and generosity to our mission.

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart.

Starting June 3 and continuing until June 11, we will be sending out daily Flocknotes containing the USCCB's Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Learn more about the consecration please visit: [Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus | USCCB](#)

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~

May 24, 2026

Donations	2026	2025
Weekly	\$2,304.00	\$2,188.00
Capital Improvements	\$913	\$534.00
Online Giving	\$1,521.60	\$2,077.00
Poor Box	\$67.00	\$17.00
Candles	\$172.00	\$172.00

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



Divine Relationship

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity invites us into the deepest mystery of our faith: that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — a communion of divine love into which we are called. The readings for Trinity Sunday, reveal not only who God is, but also how we are drawn into relationship with Him through the saving blood of Jesus Christ.

In the first reading from Exodus, Moses encounters the Lord on Mount Sinai. God reveals Himself as “a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” Even after Israel’s sin with the golden calf, God does not abandon His people. Instead, He renews His covenant with them. From the beginning, we see that the heart of God is mercy and communion. God desires not distance from humanity, but closeness.

The Gospel from Gospel of John contains one of the most beloved passages in Scripture: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” These words remind us that salvation begins in the love of the Father. The Father sends the Son not to condemn the world, but to save it. Jesus Christ pours out His blood on the Cross so that the barrier of sin may be destroyed and humanity may once again share in the life of God.

Too often we think of salvation merely as the forgiveness of sins or the promise of heaven after death. While these are certainly true, the readings point to something even deeper: through Christ, we are invited now into relationship with the Holy Trinity itself. By Baptism, we are baptized “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” We are adopted into the very life of God.

The reading from Second Epistle to the Corinthians concludes with St. Paul’s beautiful blessing: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” Notice how each Person of the Trinity draws us into communion. Through the grace won by Christ’s sacrifice, we experience the Father’s love and live in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity is not simply a doctrine to be understood intellectually; it is a relationship to be lived. Every prayer, every reception of the Eucharist, every act of charity becomes an invitation to dwell more deeply in the life of the Triune God.

This Trinity Sunday, we are reminded that we were created for relationship, for communion with God. Through the blood of Christ, heaven has been opened to us, and we are invited to share in the eternal love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- Fr. Jim Bates, Pastor



Church Air Conditioning

The church air-conditioning will be on during all Masses. The system automatically adjusts temperature based on the outside temperature. We realize that not everyone welcomes the air conditioning, but please understand that many people with health problems cannot attend Mass without it. The front of the church is very warm, Father Bates and Deacon Ernie must wear layers of vestments that add to the heat, so they also need a cooler temperature.

Here are a few tips if the air conditioning is a problem for you:

- sit closer to the front,
- bring a sweater or light jacket,
- avoid sitting directly under the AC vents.



If you have not yet responded to the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to

ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Bishop’s Appeal this year:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 or 10 months
- Please make an automatic recurring monthly gift.
- Donate on-line by going to the diocesan website, 2026BishopsAppeal.org
- Check if your employer will match your gif through the Corporate Matching Gift Program
- Donate a one-time gift
- Contribute a gift of appreciated stocks or securities

Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated and make a difference in the lives of others. To learn more please visit: www.2026BishopsAppeal.org. Thank you for your support.

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