

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 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

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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.

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Matthew 10:32-33



The 12th Sunday
of
Ordinary Time



June 21, 2026

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St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("✠" Indicates this person is deceased)

- Saturday, June 20, Weekday
 - 8:00 AM In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Rose
- Saturday, June 20, the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 - 4:00 PM ✠Our Parishioners
- Sunday, June 21, the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 - 8:30 AM For all Fathers in our Parish
 - 11:00 AM ✠Anthony Nocita the Lucherini & DeBartolomeo Families
- Monday, June 22, Weekday
 - 7:00 AM Liliana Crosse, *Happy Birthday* by Elas Maldonado
- Tuesday, June 23, Weekday
 - 8:00 AM ✠Rita Molgano by Joe & Mike Martinoli
- Wednesday, June 24, The nativity of John the Baptist
 - 7:00 AM ✠Gene Lucadamo by Hyacinth Natrajan
- Thursday, June 25, Weekday
 - 7:00 AM ✠Frank Lucherini by Mike & Joe Martinoli
- Friday, June 26, Weekday
 - 8:00 AM ✠All those enrolled in St. Bridget Memorial Fund
- Saturday, June 27, Weekday
 - 8:00 AM ✠Andrew & Mary Soltes by their family
- Saturday, June 27, the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - 4:00 PM ✠Robert Sullivan by the Lucherini family
- Sunday, June 28, the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - 8:30 AM ✠Our Parishioners
 - 11:00 AM ✠Deceased members of the McLoughlin family by their family

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

Stay Connected with Flocknote: We use Flocknote to keep our parish community informed and connected. Our email list is based on your original parish registration. If you are not currently receiving Flocknotes, please contact the parish office at (203) 324-2910 or email parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com with your name and current email address so we can add you to our mailing list. You can also scan this QR code to email our office.



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Happy Father's Day: Father's

Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in

your life - whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

We also remember and honor our spiritual Fathers in the service of the Lord, thank you Father Bates, and all the Priests at Queen of Clergy.

Prayer for Fathers: God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen



Summer Schedule Adjustment:

The Friday 3 PM Eucharistic Adoration at St Bridget's will be on hiatus for July and August .We look forward to resuming our weekly Adorations in September.

The First Friday Mass, with adoration and confessions, will still be celebrated on, July 10, (due to the independence day holiday) August 7 and September 4 (the first Friday of each month).

New Members of St. Bridget's Memorial Fund

✠Albert A. Ciuffo

✠William Caprizzo

enrolled by Joanne Remling

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 ~

June 14, 2026

Donations	2026	2025
Weekly	\$2,381.00	\$2,256.00
Monthly	\$869.00	\$1,131.00
Online Giving	\$2,929.10	\$3,673.00
Poor Box	\$51.00	\$26.00
Candles	\$336.00	\$214.00

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



Fear No One: Christ Has Saved Us

Fear is one of the most powerful forces in human life. We fear illness, failure, rejection, uncertainty, and even death itself. Yet the readings for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to hear a message that echoes throughout Sacred Scripture: “Do not be afraid.”

In the Gospel reading, Jesus speaks these words to His disciples as He prepares them for the challenges they will face in following Him. He does not deny that difficulties and opposition will come. Rather, He teaches them that no earthly power can ultimately separate them from the love and care of God. “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?” Jesus asks. “Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge.” If God cares so deeply for even the smallest creatures, how much more does He care for us, His beloved children?

The first reading from Jeremiah presents a prophet who knows fear firsthand. Surrounded by enemies and betrayed by those he once trusted, Jeremiah nevertheless places his confidence in God. Even in the midst of suffering, he proclaims, “The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion.” His courage comes not from his own strength but from his faith in God’s presence.

Saint Paul, in the second reading from the Letter to the Romans, reveals the deepest reason Christians have no need to fear. Through Adam, sin and death entered the world. But through Jesus Christ, grace and life have been abundantly poured out upon humanity. Paul emphasizes that God’s gift is far greater than the effects of sin. The saving sacrifice of Christ on the Cross has broken the power of sin and opened the way to eternal life.

This is the foundation of Christian hope. We do not live without trials, disappointments, or suffering. We live with the certainty that Christ has already won the decisive victory. Through His death and resurrection, He has conquered the greatest enemies we could ever face. Even death itself no longer has the final word.

Because of Christ’s sacrifice, we are free to live with confidence rather than fear. We can face uncertain futures, difficult circumstances, and personal struggles knowing that God remains faithful. We are known, loved, and redeemed. As Jesus reminds us, even the hairs of our head are counted.

The world often encourages us to place our security in wealth, power, or human achievements. The Gospel points us to a greater source of confidence: the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. When fear threatens to overwhelm us, we need only look to the Cross. There we see the measure of God’s love and the promise of our salvation.

In Christ, we have nothing to fear, for we belong to the One who has already overcome the world.

- Fr. Jim Bates, Pastor



Volunteer Catechists Needed – Share the Faith!

We are looking for caring and faith-filled volunteers to join our Faith Formation team here at St. Bridget of Ireland church. Serving as a catechist is a beautiful opportunity to plant seeds of God’s love in the hearts of children and help guide them in their personal encounter with Jesus. There is great joy in watching children learn, grow, and deepen their faith, while also enriching your own understanding of the Catholic faith. Volunteers receive training and free faith formation tuition for their children. If you have one hour of spare time, a love for God, children, and our parish community, we invite you to consider this rewarding ministry. Our parish depends on dedicated volunteers to provide the best possible Faith Formation program for our families, and your gift of time and faith can make a lasting difference in a child’s life.

If you feel called to serve or would like more information, please contact Magdalene Jeffers at religious.ed@stbridgetofireland.com.

Summer Aides: Volunteers are needed to assist in prepping for the fall classes. Organizing, copying and checking supplies, which are all easy duties. It would be only for an hour on Sunday mornings. Young teenagers are also encouraged to volunteer to get a head start on those required volunteer hours for the upcoming year.



The St. Bridget Ministry to the Homeless, Hungry and People in Need is 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

This is the final weekend of the collection.

Collection bins and flyers are available 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.

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