

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

Mrs. Rosanne McMannus - Parish Council President

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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.

"And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow, some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

- Matthew 13:3, 7-9



The 15th Sunday
of
Ordinary Time



July 12, 2026

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St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("✠" Indicates this person is deceased)

- Saturday, July 11, Memorial of St. Benedict
8:00 AM In honor of the most precious blood of Jesus by Rose
Saturday, July 11, the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM ✠Our Parishoners
Sunday, June 12, the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM ✠Lino Tallone by his wife and family
11:00 AM ✠Jadwiga & Aleksander Jankowski by their son
Monday, July 13, Weekday
7:00 AM Special intention for needed graces by Marie Lucienne Bayonne
Tuesday, July 14, Memorial of St Kateri Tekakwitha
8:00 AM Margaret Benoit, Happy Birthday by Daniel Benoit
Wednesday, July 15, Memorial of St. Bonaventure
7:00 AM ✠Lisa Hoyt by Mark and Kathy Dolan
Thursday, July 16, Weekday
7:00 AM ✠For the Souls of all the faithful departed by Samuel and Patricia Ogonna
Friday, July 17, Weekday
8:00 AM ✠Josie and Tony Giorlando by their son and family
Saturday, July 18, Weekday
8:00 AM Steve Russell, for healing by Susan Araujo
Saturday, July 18, the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 PM ✠Deceased members of the Gabriele family by their family
Sunday, July 19, the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:30 AM ✠Our Parishioners
11:00 AM ✠Echstein Fernandez the Hyacinth Natrajan

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



St. Bridget Ministry for the Homeless, Hungry and People in Need sends out a heartfelt thank you for all your generous donations to our June Underwear and Diaper Drive. Twenty five cartons we packed up and distributed to four agencies; Undies Project, Salvation Army Diaper Bank, Clothes to Kids and Malta House. As underwear and diapers are the least given donation, these agencies were extremely grateful for your contributions to their clients in need.



Summertime Reminder

As summer is upon us, let us remember that the Eucharist remains at the center of our Catholic faith in every season. With it comes our weekly gathering as a worshipping community—an essential part of who we are.

If you'll be away for all or part of the summer, finding Mass times while traveling is easy. Visit www.masstimes.org or call 1-800-MASS-TIMES (1-800-627-7846) for schedules and parishes near wherever you may be. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you on summer weekends when we gather—not simply out of obligation, but out of love.

And speaking of vacations—have a wonderful time! But please don't forget about your parish. Our mission and ministries continue, as do the day-to-day expenses, and we rely on your ongoing support. Kindly remember to submit your donation envelopes before or after your trip.

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. 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.



Today we welcome to our parish community: Emmie Isabella Luciano, daughter of Rosemaria Del La Cruz and Jhonny Luciano. Bless this child and send your Spirit to guide her family as they raise Emmie in the Holy Catholic Faith.

~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~
July 5, 2026

Table with 3 columns: Donations, 2026, 2025. Rows include Weekly, 100% Fund, Online Giving, Poor Box, and Candles.

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



Creating Fertile Soil for the Word of God

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the familiar Parable of the Sower. A farmer generously scatters seed, but the results depend entirely upon the condition of the soil. Some seed falls on the path, where it is quickly carried away. Some falls on rocky ground, where it sprouts briefly before withering. Some lands among thorns that choke its growth. Finally, some falls on rich soil, producing an abundant harvest—thirty, sixty, and even a hundredfold.

The seed, Jesus explains, is the Word of God. God never ceases to sow His truth, His love, and His grace into our lives. He does so through Sacred Scripture, the sacraments, prayer, the teachings of the Church, and even through the people and circumstances He places before us. The question is not whether God is sowing the seed. The real question is whether our hearts are prepared to receive it.

The condition of the soil is something over which we have a great deal of influence. A hardened heart can result from pride, resentment, or indifference to God's presence. Rocky soil represents a faith that is enthusiastic but shallow, lacking the depth needed to persevere through trials. Thorn-filled ground reminds us that anxiety, worldly ambition, materialism, and the constant distractions of modern life can slowly suffocate our relationship with Christ. Good soil, however, is not naturally perfect. It has been cultivated. A farmer removes stones, pulls weeds, and tills the earth before planting. Likewise, we must intentionally cultivate our hearts if we desire God's grace to bear fruit within us. Daily prayer softens hardened hearts. Regular examination of conscience and the Sacrament of Reconciliation remove the rocks of sin and the weeds of selfishness. Faithful participation in the Holy Eucharist nourishes the life of grace already planted within us. Acts of charity and mercy deepen the roots of our faith, enabling us to remain steadfast when difficulties arise.

This Gospel reminds us that holiness is not simply about hearing God's Word but allowing it to transform us from within. When we welcome Christ into every aspect of our lives, His Word takes root, grows, and produces fruit that blesses not only ourselves but everyone around us. Families become stronger, communities become more compassionate, and the Church becomes a more visible witness to God's kingdom.

As we gather for the Eucharist this weekend, let us ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the soil of our hearts. May He remove whatever prevents us from receiving God's Word with joy and perseverance. Then the seed that Christ continually sows within us will grow into a rich harvest of faith, hope, love, and holiness, bearing fruit that will endure for eternal life.

- Fr. Jim Bates, Pastor



Annual Mission Appeal: Next weekend, July 18–19, 2026, we are pleased to welcome Fr. Jaismon Francis of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, who will share the inspiring missionary work being carried out in India and Zambia.

The Pallottine Fathers and Brothers are an international missionary religious community serving across all continents, with more than 2,000 members worldwide. Together with dedicated lay collaborators, they bring the Gospel to some of the poorest and most underserved communities. This year's Mission Appeal will support the missionary efforts of the Nagpur Province in India, whose members serve in Northeast India, along the border regions of China, and in Zambia, Africa.

Your generosity will help build and strengthen Christian communities through the construction of chapels and churches, support schools and boarding facilities, provide medical care through clinics, promote self-employment initiatives, foster vocations and priestly formation, and improve the quality of life for those most in need.

Thank you for giving Fr. Jaismon Francis a warm welcome to our parish. May God bless you for your kindness and support.



Baptism Information for New Parents

Congratulations on the birth of your child. We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with you.

Here are the guidelines to arrange a Baptism:

1. Parents must be registered parishioners and actively attending the parish for at least three months.
2. Call the parish office at (203) 324-2910 to request the Sacrament of Baptism for your child.
3. Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate.
4. Schedule and attend a pre-baptism class.
5. Ask your chosen godparents to obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their home parish. This certificate confirms that they are practicing Catholics and meet the requirements to serve as godparents.
6. Once all requirements have been completed, your child's Baptism will be scheduled.

For additional information please contact the parish office at (203) 324-2910.