

November 16, 2025

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

Mass Intentions This Week

("†" Indicates this person is deceased)

Sat., November 15, Weekday

8:00 AM †Marge Denicola
by her husband, Joe

Sat., November 15, 33rd Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM †Richard Inzitari
by his wife and family

Sun., November 16, 33rd Ordinary Sunday

8:30 AM †William Murray
by Bridget Murray

11:00 AM †Our Parishioners

Mon., Nov. 17, Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:00 AM †Deceased members of the
LaBlanc family by their family

Tues., November 18, Weekday

8:00 AM †Robert Kurzatkowski
by Ronnie Fowler

Wed., November 19, Weekday

7:00 AM †All those enrolled in
St. Bridget Memorial Fund

Thurs., November 20, Weekday

7:00 AM Steve Russell, *for healing*
by Susan Araujo

Fri., November 21, Memorial of the presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM †Marco Ruiz
by Elsa Maldonado

Sat., November 22, Memorial of St. Cecilia

8:00 AM †Mervyn Cecio Rebeiro
by Hyacinth Natrajan

Sat., November 22, Solemnity of Christ the King

4:00 PM †Our Parishioners

Sun., November 23, Solemnity of Christ the King

8:30 AM †Lena D'Agostino
by Margaret and Al Uva

11:00 AM †Mary Jerabek by her family

Please pray for the departed souls of our loved ones, especially Roseann DiCamillo and Jean Lavelle Doyle, recently departed members of our parish family. Grant them eternal rest and comfort in the arms of our Lord.

Keep Your Information Updated! Please notify the parish office of any changes to your personal information—such as address, phone number, email, marital status, or new family members. Call (203) 324-2910 or email: parish.office@stbridgetofireland.com. We use Flocknote Email to stay connected throughout the year and during emergencies. If you haven't already, please send us your email address so you don't miss important parish notifications. Thank you for helping us keep our community connected!



Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale:

St. Bridget Ladies Guild will present their Annual Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 22, 2025. We have a wonderful selection of artists and vendors joining us for this special event including several new vendors.

Calling all bakers: Now is your chance to show off your baking talents! The Ladies Guild is in need of homemade baked goods for the Boutique Bake Sale on November 22. We welcome cakes of all kinds, pound cakes, coffee cakes, layer cakes, bundt cakes, as well as pies, breads, jams, brownies, or cookies. Please contact Marie Sinclair, at 203-536-8749, to indicate your choice of baked goods. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Hall from 6:00 -7:30 PM, Friday 11/21 or Saturday morning by 8:00 AM.

Any questions, contact Marie Sinclair at the number above. Thank you.



Our Ministry will meet on Monday evening, November 17th to prepare the Thanksgiving meal boxes and the Breakfast boxes. We will prepare a total of 40 boxes for the families of Head Start.

The Head Start Program is run by the Children's Learning Center. Stamford Head Start is open to three, four, and five-year-old children and offers free comprehensive services to children whose families meet federal income guidelines. We are happy to help these deserving families.

The Parish Raffle is in progress. Each parish family received four (4) raffle tickets at \$10.00 each. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has already purchased or sold their tickets! We encourage all families to sell their tickets or return any unsold tickets to the Parish Office. Selling extra tickets to friends, relatives, and co-workers is a wonderful way to support our parish. If you did not receive your tickets or would like additional ones, please contact the Parish Office.

~ Financial Support of Our Parish~

November 9, 2025

Donations	2025	2024
Weekly	\$2,590.00	\$2,233.00
Archdiocese for Military	\$1,041.00	\$1,086.00
Online Giving	\$1,897.75	\$1,622.75
Poor Box	\$81.00	\$34.00
Candles	\$170.00	\$195.00

Thank you for your support. Your gifts help us to reach the weekly budgeted amount necessary to run our Parish.



The Day that is Coming

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings for this Sunday turn our attention towards “last things.” The Church invites us to reflect on the final destiny of the world and of our own lives. Far from being meant to frighten us, these readings remind us of the deep hope we are called to place in God, who remains faithful to His people through every trial.

The prophet Malachi speaks of a coming day when God will set things right. For the “proud and all evildoers,” this day will be like a consuming fire. But for those who fear the Lord, “the sun of justice” will rise, bringing healing and joy. The prophet wants us to know that justice ultimately belongs to God. Our struggles and our perseverance are not forgotten.

Saint Paul, in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians, addresses a different concern. Some early Christians believed the Parousia (second coming) of Jesus was imminent, and stopped working entirely, assuming that ordinary life no longer mattered. Paul corrects this misunderstanding. He encourages the community to remain steadfast, to live responsibly, and to contribute to the common good. He reminds them of his own example: he worked with his hands, earning his keep so as not to burden anyone. Faith in Christ’s return does not relieve of our responsibilities today. Instead, it should inspire us to live each day purposefully, with gratitude and diligence.

In the Gospel, some people had been admiring the Temple’s beauty, marveling at its stones and offerings. Jesus sobers them with a reminder that earthly things—no matter how precious—do not last forever. He tells His disciples that wars, persecutions, and upheavals will come, and some will even be betrayed because they bear His name. But then He gives a promise that anchors all of us: “By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

Jesus never promised His followers an easy life. He promised them, and us, His presence. Notice what He tells them: not to worry beforehand about what they will say when facing hostility, because He Himself will give them wisdom that no one can contradict. In other words, discipleship is not about having all the answers—it is about trusting the One who walks with us.

These final Sundays of the Church year challenge us to look at how we are living right now. Do we put our trust in things that will eventually fade—material wealth, status, comforts? Or do we invest ourselves in what truly endures: faith, hope, charity, and perseverance? *(continued in next column)*

(continued) The message is simple yet demanding: remain steady; be mindful and live out the Gospel in the ordinary tasks of life—your family responsibilities, your daily work, and witness to your faith through acts of kindness and mercy. We are not called to worry about the future, but to live our faith in the present. May we remain steadfast and hopeful, trusting that the “sun of justice” is rising for those who walk in the light of the Lord. - Fr. Jim Bates, Pastor



We are excited to announce the start of the St. Bridget Giving Tree, which will begin on November 16th and continue through December 8th. The charitable organizations have requested early pickup times, so gifts and tags must be returned by December 8th.

Every year, our parishioners are best known for their charitable giving at Christmas. This is a time to extend love and support to those in need. During this season of gratitude and hope, let’s come together as a church family to make a meaningful impact on our community. As a family parish, we will get involved and help spread Christmas joy. In every gift, act of kindness, and loving word, we give a little bit of ourselves—and that is the heart of Christmas.

The 2025 Giving Tree has three charities: Domestic Violence, St. Joseph Parenting Center, and the Salvation Army. The Salvation Angel Tags list multiple items, but please only give what you can; one gift is fine. Please bring back the unwrapped gift with the tag so our volunteers can sort the presents.

Saint Nicholas Pancake Breakfast:

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 9:00 to 11:00 am in St. Bridget’s Parish Hall. This promises to be a fun time for families with special activities for the children, and special photo opportunities and a visit from St. Nicholas! *There is no charge for this event but reservations are required*. Head counts will be essential for food and supplies. Please call the parish office (203) 324-2910 to RSVP



New Members of St. Bridget’s Memorial Fund

✠**Bridget M. Neylan**

enrolled by Michael Molgano

✠**Einar Moli**

enrolled by Marita Perillo & family

✠**Sebastian Llamas**

enrolled by Laura Llamas & family

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.