

*Fifth Sunday of
Lent
March 18th*

Saint Bridget Catholic Church

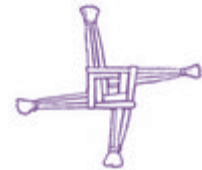
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00PM

Sunday Masses: 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

Weekday Masses: 8:00AM Monday through Friday

Holyday Vigil Mass: 7:00PM; January 1 Vigil 4:00PM

Holyday Masses: 8:00AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 P.M.



Celebration of the Sacraments

BAPTISM-The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated weekly on Sundays at 12:00 pm. Parents are asked to please contact the Rectory to schedule a Baptism.

PENANCE-This Sacrament is celebrated every Saturday 3:00-3:45PM and also on Sundays before the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

MARRIAGE- Registered Parishioners must contact the Rectory to set up an appointment at least six months in advance to arrange a wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK-The Anointing of the Sick is administered regularly. If you are going to have surgery it is advisable to ask for the Sacrament after a Mass you attend before entering the hospital. Please call the Rectory to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is the program for those interested in Initiation into the Catholic Faith.

Information is also available for those who may not have completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education, Sister Margaret Jude Sullivan, SSJ.

LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

A letter of eligibility to be a sponsor (God Parent) certifies that a person is a practicing Catholic who is fully initiated and is at least 16 years of age. A practicing Catholic is someone who attends Sunday Mass weekly, lives the Catholic faith and associates with the Church. The parish policy is that you must be a registered, participating parishioner who attends Sunday Mass for at least six months. To obtain a Letter of Eligibility, stop by the rectory office during normal business hours to sign a letter stating that you meet the above requirements.

PARISH REGISTRATION-We welcome new members to our parish family. You may register any weekday by stopping at the Rectory during business hours or by contacting the Church Secretary by phone. Registration Forms are also available in the back of the Church.



Founded in 1853
By St. John Neumann



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

9:00 AM Michael House
11:00AM Memorial Fund
7:00 PM Special Intentions

MONDAY, March 19, 2018

8:00AM Decesed Sisters of St. Joseph

TUESDAY, March 20, 2018

8:00AM Charles McIlvaine III

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018

8:00AM James Mulligan

THURSDAY, March 22, 2018

8:00 AM Denis Mullarkey

FRIDAY, March 23, 2018

8:00 AM Vincent J. Iacobacci

SATURDAY, March 24, 2018

4:00 PM Richard & Dorothy Lally



Please Pray for the Sick:

Jimmy Rafter, Daniel Keating, Dottie Flynn,
Frances Ensley, Theresa Saulin, Lexie McAlonan,
Joanne Romick, Joseph Johnston, Gregory Atkinson,
Lester Segich, Ruth Peabody, Cheryl Cashen,
Denise Wright, Rita McKinley, Ron Palacio,
Danny Hannigan, Nancy Clay, Paul Hacie, Jim Israel,
Shawn Friel, Margaret "Sue" Collins, Chloe Leone,
Anthony Bonanno, Steven Jones, Michele McFall,
Abby Snyder, Lynda Sowisdral, Marco Farrer,
Gavin Smith, John Hernandez, George Gaynor,
Joseph Ward, Francis Salmons, James Stone,
Barbara Altomar, Phyllis Corcoran, Stephanie Jackson,
Joseph Waes, Baby Jessica Jara, Jacqueline Garcia,
Louis Morrell, Phyllis Israel, Jackie Israel,
Bill Anderson, Joan Bailey, George Brotherton,
Baby Violet Flynn, Renee Palmermo, Bill Kelly,
Evan Joyce, Fred Pierce, Barbara Dooney-Lasher,
Dan Margraf, Theresa Wilkins, Elizabeth McFarlane,
Baby Lilly, Renee Fox, Sheena Johnson,
George Azzinaro, Craig Heiler, ReRe Brotherton,
Kathy Gavaghan, Charlotte McLaughlin,
Franny McKiernan, Theresa May, Sue Gethard,
Chuck Grispon, James McMahan, Lori DiStefano,
Gus DiStefano, Thomas Gibbons,
Barbara Lasher, Jerry Porto,
Brenda Hartman, Forkpah Kennedy,
Thomas Thompson



*Please let us know when your
loved one is well or has returned to
Our Heavenly Father, so that we
can remove them from the Sick List.*



Upcoming Weekly Events

March 18, 2018

Confessions 8:15AM-8:45AM
10:15AM-10:45AM 6:15PM-6:45PM
Weekly Rosary in Church following
9:00AM Mass

PREP CLASSES 9:50AM-10:45AM

St. Bridget's Meeting Room

Monday March 19, 2018

7:15 in Church **Adult Choir Practice**

Tuesday March 20, 2018

Lottery Drawing 8:30 AM in the Rectory
3:30 PM Scripture Study Group in the Rectory
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins now at
5:45 pm-Give Jesus & Yourself a Holy Hour before the
7:00 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Novena Prayers to St. Jude Thaddeus Benediction &
Confessions

Wednesday March 21, 2018

R.C.I.A 7:00 PM St. Bridget's Meeting Room

Thursday March 22, 2018

Stations of the Cross after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 PM Rosary in St. Bridget Meeting Room
7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group in St. Bridget
Meeting Room

Friday March 23, 2018

8:00 A.M. Morning Mass

Saturday March 24, 2018

Sandwich Making for St. Francis Inn
9:00AM - St. Bridget Meeting Rooms
Afternoon Confessions-3:00-3:45 pm.
4:00 pm Mass



Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

Readings for Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

Reading: Mk.11: 1-10

1st. Reading: Is. 50: 4-7

2nd. Reading : Phil.2.:6-11

Gospel :Mk.14: 1-15:47



We abandon God through sin but God never abandons us. He takes us back time after time in the confessional-Pope Francis

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

invites all 7th grade girls to the
7th Grade Practice Test (Pre-HSPT)
to be given on Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:00 AM—11:30 AM

Registration is available **online only**. Register at:
www.msjacad.org/practicetest



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Schedules for Holy Week have been mailed out and there are also some in the back of our church. We want to make you aware of an error in the schedules.

On **WEDNESDAY MARCH 28th**, there will **NOT** be a 7:00 PM Mass at St. Bridget Parish instead, there **WILL** be a **SOUP SUPPER** held at Falls Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM, which will be followed by **STATIONS** at St. Bridget's Church at 7:30 PM.

SORRY FOR THE MISTAKE.



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED

ON LINE GIVING?

eGiving helps you to maintain consistent gifts to our parish, even when you cannot attend Mass with us. Convenience,

consistency, simplicity and security are the many benefits of eGiving. To sign up, just go to our website at www.stbridgeteastfalls.org and click on Parish Giving, or simply call the rectory at 215-844-4126 for assistance.



This Week, the **Bread and Wine** for the Celebration of the Eucharist is offered for **Molly Hairston (This would have been her 86th Birthday).**

Requested by Roxanne DeStouet

The Donation for the Altar Bread is \$15.00 for the week. The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week

In Memory of Alice Ostertag.

Requested by Franz Ostertag.

The Donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$15.00 for the week. Please call the Rectory to reserve the Altar Bread or the Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of a



Loved One or for a Special Intention for a Loved One who may be sick or to remember a Birthday or Anniversary.



FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILA. Check out Catholic Philly.com

SENIOR HELPERS OF CHESTNUT HILL

A charming home care agency, provides care for seniors living in East Falls, Roxborough, Mt. Airy and Germantown. We currently have positions for experienced caregivers who drive, have a clear background check and LOVE working with the elderly. This position is perfect for students who are interested in the nursing field! Hourly rates are negotiable based on care need. Accept Medicaid Waiver, Veteran's Benefits and will be able to hire you to work with your own family member (if PCA eligible). Non-medical care includes errands, transportation, meal preparation, bathing, dressing and companionship. Interested Candidates please contact Robin Gallagher @ 215-242-2221 x 106.



CONGRATULATIONS

Luke V. Macri has received Second Honors for the first semester of the 2017-2018 academic year at St. Joseph's Preparatory School



ALL ENGAGED COUPLES PLANNING TO MARRY

The Parishes in Manayunk and East Falls will present a Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018** in Holy Family Parish Hall, 234 Hermitage Street.

The day begins with registration at 8:00AM and concludes with attendance at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Certificates are distributed after Mass. The Cost is \$100.00 per couple. To register, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9AM and 2 PM.



Remember Those Who Have Died"

**Reverend Msgr. John A. Close
Suzanne Daily Oaks**

Pray for the happy repose of the souls of all our recently departed brothers and sisters in our parish and in our families.

PREP CLASSES TODAY

Sunday, March 18th,
9:50 AM-10:45AM
St. Bridget's Meeting





These are the Results of the Lottery Drawing on
March 13th
2-5-26-28-31

St. Bridget's Well—\$22,800.00
2 Consolation Winner's @ \$150.00 each
Joan Logan and Juliette Slanina
The St. Bridget's Well Jackpot Prize on
Tuesday, MARCH 20, 2018, will be
\$23,100.00.

This Week, we only sold **668** Tickets; **it is our hope that we could sell 1,000** Tickets each Week, **in order to be successful**, which would be a great source of income for our Parish.

We were 332 Tickets less of our goal.

As a result of 59 weeks of selling lottery tickets we have realized a profit of \$14,908.70.

Thank you for weekly supporting our Parish Lottery.

Sunday, March 18th is once again Sandwich Sunday in our Parish.



As in the past, we will need donations of both peanut butter & jelly sandwiches & lunch meat sandwiches, juice boxes, bottles of water and snacks. Since the cold weather is still upon us, we also very much need lots of donations of blankets, afghans, thermal socks and pillows for those who sleep on a piece of cardboard on the Streets of Philadelphia. We also invite & encourage any of our parishioners to join us in feeding our brothers & sisters, living on the Streets of Philadelphia. We will go out to feed God's People after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on



Sun., March 18th.
All are welcome to join us!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2018, following the 11 AM Mass. We are asking for donations of non-peanut candy and plastic eggs. Baskets will be available in the back of church. We will also need volunteers to stuff eggs after the 11 AM Mass on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018, in the St. Bridget Meeting Rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Wilson at 215-266-8716.

THANK YOU!!



GOD BLESS OUR SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH



On Monday, March 19th, Our Sisters of St. Joseph will renew their vows at the 8:00 AM Mass in St. Bridget's Church. We thank the Sisters of St. Joseph for their 130 years of service to our parish and our people.



Congratulations!

to Our Children who received their first Reconciliation on Saturday, March 10th in St. Bridget's Church.

We ask for your prayers for:

Dominic Kiker, Larry Markey,

Liam Ritchie and Emma Straface

We thank Mrs. Christina Kistler and Sister Margaret Jude for preparing Our Children for this Special Sacrament.



A BIG THANK YOU FROM FR. DEVLIN, FR. MURPHY and SR. ANN RAYMOND

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donations of pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tuna, beans and veggies on 2/27/2018 & 3/6/18. By providing Mother of Mercy House with these vital necessities, you assist us in providing our community with a spiritual approach to meeting very concrete needs,

Everyday essentials, like food, are paired with prayer, guidance and support. Friends, we are humbled by your generosity and the value of our mission. Your in-kind donations allow us to apply the funds that would have been spent on these items directly to our programs and services.

Together, we can truly support the well-being of those within our community. We could not do it without you!

We are enormously grateful for your prayers, friendship and generosity. We hope you understand what a blessing your support is to the Mother of Mercy House Family. Please, keep us in your prayers and be assured YOU are in ours!



St. Bridget's Church is looking for a self-accompanied musician (piano/voice or guitar/voice) to cover Sunday night 7pm Masses through the academic year (September-June), but there may be fill in opportunities at other Masses during the summer, depending on need.

If interested contact Bill Riechers at music@stbridgeteastfalls.org



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

We invite and encourage all of our parishioners to join us on all the Sundays of Lent, after the 9:00 am Mass in front of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, to pray the rosary for world peace and for your own special intentions. Praying the Rosary on the Sundays of Lent will draw you closer to your God & closer to our Blessed Mother. Please join us!
Mary, Our Mother, intercede for us.



DID YOU EVER THINK THAT GOD MIGHT BE CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

Priesthood: A Life Worth Living: A Call Worth Considering. If interest in the Priesthood or St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, please contact our Vocation Director, Rev. Stephen P. DeLacy, M.Div. at www.Heed the Call or by getting in touch with Father DeLacy at St. Bridget Rectory at 215-844-4126.



EAST FALLS SENIOR CITIZENS AT ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH

Our Next Regular Meeting
Monday, March 26th
St. Bridget's Meeting Room.
Doors open at 12:00 Noon.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

These coupons on various items can be redeemed at schools for 10c each. If you do not know a participating school, Sr. Margaret would be glad to distribute the coupons to St. Ignatius/Our Mother of Sorrows School in West Philadelphia. Please place them in an envelope and put them in Sunday collection basket. This is really something good you can do for a needy parish during Lent. Thank you very much!



GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE IN OUR PARISH AS AN ALTAR SERVER-

Any Child in Grade 5 or older who wishes to be an altar server is asked to please contact Fr. Feeny or Sister Margaret at 215-844-4126.



LENTEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS-For the Spiritual needs of our parishioners, both old & young, during the remainder of Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross twice a week. Stations will on Tuesday Nights at 7pm & on Thursday Mornings after the 8am Mass.

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 11th

March 11, 2018 \$8,064.00 Attendance 436

March 12, 2017 \$8,859.00 Attendance 433

This Year, there was a Decrease of \$795.00 in the Sunday Collection.

4:00 PM = \$1,231.00 9:00 AM = \$1,332.00

11:00 AM \$1,197.00 7:00 PM = \$763.00

Mail-In = \$2,104.00 On Line Giving = \$1,437.00



Envelopes used by Registered Households=174

Envelopes used Last Year = 188

2018 EAST FALLS LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Wednesday, March 21st.

AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD

SHEPHERD

6:30 PM Supper; 7:30 PM Worship

Wednesday, March 28th.: ST. BRIDGETS

6:00 PM Supper held at Falls

Presbyterian Church; followed by

7:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

in St. Bridget's Church.

ALL ARE WELCOME



St. Bridget Parish Memorial Fund

Memorial Fund Donation List as of March 13, 2018.

In Memory of

From

Suzanne Daily Oaks

Joan McIlvaine

Dorothy E. Kelly

Joan McIlvaine

We thank all of our parishioners who faithfully donate to the St. Bridget Memorial Fund in Memory of Deceased Family Members, Friends and Parishioners. The Memorial Fund is used for items needed in our beautiful, historic Church of St. Bridget in East Falls.



We wish to thank everyone who came out to our Irish Mass in St. Bridget Church & Our Irish Breakfast at Sono on Sunday, March 11th. We thank Bill Riechers, Allison Boyle & Jessica Boyle for the beautiful gift of the Music at the Mass. Our Parishioners raved about the Music. We also want to thank all of you attended the Irish Breakfast. Everyone had a great time & many want us to do it again. Thank you to our Secretary, Marie for her fine work in organizing this event.





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