

*Twentieth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time
August 20th*



Saint Bridget Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00PM

Sunday Masses: 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Weekday Masses: 8:00AM Monday through Friday

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

Holyday Masses: 8:00AM, 12:00 Noon



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



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
MASS INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY, August 20, 2017

9:00AM John Bonschoff 1st Anniv.
11:00AM Special Intentions of Fr. Feeney

MONDAY, August 21, 2017

8:00AM Pat Malloy

TUESDAY, August 22, 2017

8:00AM Anna Ludovici

WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2017

8:00AM James Durkin

THURSDAY, August 24, 2017

8:00 AM James Durkin

FRIDAY, August 25, 2017

8:00 AM Shirley P. Roberts

SATURDAY, August 26, 2017

4:00 PM

Mary & Joseph Joyce

Please Pray for the Sick:

Jimmy Rafter, Theresa Saulin, Lexie McAlonan,
Joanne Romick, Joseph Johnston, Gregory Atkinson,
Lester Segich, Kathleen Gillard, Ruth Peabody,
Cheryl Cashen, Denise Wright, Rita McKinley,
Ron Palacio, Danny Hannigan, Nancy Clay, Paul Hacie,
JimIsrael, Shawn Friel, Margaret "Sue" Collins,
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 Altomare, Phyllis Corcoran,
Stephanie Jackson, Joseph Waes,
Baby Jessica Jara, Jacqueline Garcia, Louis Morrell,
Phyllis Israel, Jackie Israel, Bill Anderson,
Marianne Nicastro, Joan Bailey, George Brotherton,
Baby Violet Flynn, Renee Palmermo, James Mulligan,
Bill Kelly, Marlee Flynn, Evan Joyce, Fred Pierce,
Barbara Dooney-Lasher, Dan Margraf, Theresa Wilkins,
Elizabeth McFarlane, Baby Lily, Renee Fox,
Sheena Johnson

*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. Thank You*

Readings for The Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time August 27th

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23
2nd Reading: Rom. 11:33-36
Gospel - Mt. 16: 13-20



Upcoming Weekly Events

Sunday August 20, 2017

Confessions 8:15AM -8:45AM
Mass at 9:00 AM

Rosary in Church following
9:00 AM Mass

Confessions 10:15 AM - 10:45AM
Mass at 11:00 AM

During the Summer NO 7:00 PM Mass

Monday August 21, 2017

8:00 AM Mass in Church

Tuesday August 22, 2017

8:00 AM Mass in Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
following the 8:00AM Mass

Lottery Drawing at 8:30 AM in Rectory
7:00 PM Novena Prayers to St. Jude Thaddeus
Benediction/Confession

Wednesday August 23, 2017

8:00 AM Mass in Church

Thursday August 24, 2017

8:00 AM Mass in Church

7:00 p.m. Rosary in the Rectory
7:30 Charismatic Prayer Group in the Rectory

Friday August 25, 2017

8:00 AM Mass in Church

Saturday August 26, 2017

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

PLEASE KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN!

After every Mass, there are Bulletins left in the Pews,
Missalettes on the Floor, Tissues left in the Pews, Gum
& Candy Wrappers in the Pews, etc. Our Beautiful
Church is God's House in East Falls; please keep God's
House Clean. Thank you!



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the gifts and the call of God are
irrevocable."

God has a special mission in mind for each of us.
He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish
that mission. We are called to be good stewards by
using those gifts to do the work that He has
planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail
to use them as God calls us to use them, then some
parts of His work will be left undone.



“Remember Those Who Have Died”

Rev. James McVeigh

Peggy Harvey

Kenneth P. Roonan

Betty Kwartnik

Richard Clark

Please pray for the happy repose of all our departed brothers & sisters.

May They Rest in Peace!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

St. Bridget Parish is very much in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers for the Weekend Masses. Those wishing to become Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers must be Faithful Parishioners who attend Mass and receive the Sacraments.

Those who feel that God may be calling you to Minister at the Altar are asked to call and leave your name at the Rectory.

This Week, the **Bread and Wine** for the Celebration of the Eucharist is offered in Memory of:

Peggy Harvey

At the Request of Her Family and Friends.

The Fee for the Altar Bread is \$15.00.

The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this Week In Memory of **Joseph A. Zabrowski Sr.**

At the request of Theresa Zabrowski

The Fee 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 who may be sick or to remember a Birthday or Anniversary.



Holy Hours for World Peace, Honoring Our Lady of Fatima, are being held at the following Churches at 7:00 PM :

9/13/17 St. Bartholomew– 5560 Harbison Ave.

10/13/17 Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral-18th & Parkway



ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES

For Dates for the Upcoming Marriage Preparation Classes, please go to

www.philamarriageprep.com, or call 610-873-2017, this is the main phone number for Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Information.

St. Bridget Parish Memorial Fund

Memorial Fund Donation List from August 8, 2017

In Memory of:

From:

Alex & Julia Giovannone
Sandy McIlvaine

Bob & Sharon Hermann
Mary Ann Gardner

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

PREP CLASSES



Registration for new and returning students in the Parish Religious Education

Program will take place on Sundays, September 3rd and 10th from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the St. Bridget Meeting Room. Fee is \$40 per child \$60 for 2 or more from 1 family.

Classes will begin on September 17, 2017



EAST FALLS SENIOR CITIZENS AT ST. BRIDGET PARISH

MONDAY, September 11th

Welcome & Get Reacquainted

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 NOON

THANK YOU FROM FR. EVOD SHAO & THE TANZANIAN MISSIONS

The Mission Collection amounted to \$1415.00.

If you would like to make an additional donation to the Tanzanian Missions, there are envelopes in the back of Church.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat, Sept. 25-28

Marianist Family Retreat Center-

www.capemaymarianists.org

Cape May Pointe, NJ 08212 609-884-3829

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. Your time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist.

Cost: \$150 pp





Don't miss Mass while you are on Vacation.

Not sure of the nearest Church or the times of Masses. Go to Masstime.org

Enter your location and all your questions will be answered.

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2018 WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS.

So far this year, we have had over 20 more deaths than we did last year at this time. As a result of so many funerals, the Mass Book filled up very quickly. With the large number of funerals, we have also had an increase in the number of donations to the Memorial Fund and also donations for the Sanctuary Lamp & the Bread & Wine for Mass. Until the Mass Book opens in September, we encourage you to please remember your deceased loved ones through the Memorial Fund or by reserving the Bread & Wine for Mass or the Sanctuary Lamp in their Memory. Donations for Mass Intentions are \$10.00 and for the Bread & Wine & the Sanctuary Lamp the Donation is \$15.00 each. Contact the Rectory to the reserve the Sanctuary Lamp or the Bread & Wine. Father Feeny celebrates a Monthly Sunday Mass for all of those listed in the Memorial Fund of Saint Bridget Parish.



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 Parish.

I WAS HUNGRY & YOU GAVE ME TO EAT

St. Katherine Drexel Parish in Chester has sent an alert to all of the Parishes in the Archdiocese asking for help with canned food items to feed the poorest of the poor in Chester. Their summer food donations are very low and those they need to feed are very many. Items needed are canned fruit & vegetables, canned milk, tuna fish, etc. If possible, bring your donations to Our Church next weekend & Fr. Feeny will take them to Chester on your behalf.



FALL FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER AT ST. BRIDGET PARISH ON SAT., OCT. 7TH.

In an effort to raise funds for our parish, we will finish cleaning out the rectory basement and will start cleaning out the church basement to get rid of lots of junk & treasures. These items will be sold at the rectory table at the Parish Flea Market. To sell your own items, you can rent a space for \$25 early registration, (\$30) day of event. St. Bridget Parish will have a food table and a 50-50 drawing. **For more information contact: Sister Margaret Jude ext. 103 or at smargaret@stbridgeteastfalls.org**



YOU CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE, BECOME A FOSTER PARENT Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages and cultures whose families are in crisis. **The love and commitment that foster parents provide can have a lasting and positive effect. For more info., please call Catholic Social Services at 267-331-2502 or email us at foosterinfo@chs-adphila.org**

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration Forms are available in the back of the Church for new parishioners to join St. Bridget Parish. Please drop the registration form in the Collection Basket or drop it off at the Rectory to our Secretary, Marie.

WELCOME TO ST. BRIDGET PARISH

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 30th



August 13, 2017 \$6,999.00 Attendance: 295
August 14, 2016 \$8,019.00 Attendance: 355
This Year, there was a Decrease of **\$1,020.00** in the Sunday Collection
4:00 PM = \$1,227.00 9:00 AM = \$932.50
11:00 AM = \$1,635.00
Mail-In = \$860.00 On Line Giving = \$2,345.00
Envelopes used by Registered Households = 103
Envelopes used Last Year = 153

Please Remember Your Parish During the Summer



**These are the Results of the Lottery
Drawing on August 15th
Winning Numbers 9-19-26-27-32
St. Bridget's Well-\$14,100.00
No Jackpot Winner on August 15th.
No Consolation Winner**

This Week, we only sold **656** 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 **344 Tickets less of our goal** of 1,000 Tickets this week

Thanks Much! Father Feeney

The St. Bridget's Well Jackpot Prize on Tuesday, August 8th, will be \$14,400.00

As a result of 29 weeks of selling lottery tickets we have realized a profit of \$7,165.70. Thank you for weekly supporting our Parish Lottery.

Saint Bridget Parish Living Faith Award s

“The Living Faith” Awards Committee is pleased to announce the selection of the 2017 honorees. They are: **Philip, Mark and Paul Altomare, Louise McShane, Rick and Amy Ortwein, Joanne Petrone, Bill and Emily Riechers and Amber Trimmer.**

These individuals live their faith on a daily basis and are examples of the Spirit dwelling within us. They will be honored at the 4 :00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 11th and then the St. Bridget's Gala, that will follow, at the Germantown Cricket



Club. We encourage everyone to congratulate them and to attend the gala in November. The committee would like to thank all of those in the parish who submitted nominations for the award.



BEAUTIFUL DESK FOR SALE

We have a beautiful desk for sale, that is currently in the Rectory Dining Room, for the best offer. Stop by and take a look at it.



Vacation Time is still upon us!

Consider supporting our parish (**which never takes a vacation**) through Electronic Giving.

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

Enjoy your summer vacation knowing that you are able to fulfill your stewardship intention.

Convenience, consistency, simplicity and security are among the many benefits of eGiving.

To sign up, just go to our web site at www.stbridgeteastfalls.org and click on Parish Giving, or call the rectory 215-844-4126 for assistance.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) **Classes** will begin on **Wednesday Sept. 27th** at 7:00PM in St. Brendan's Meeting Room.

RCIA reviews the basic beliefs of the Catholic Church and is designed for adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church. Participants also include adults raised as Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, or Holy Eucharist. If you have any questions about the **RCIA** program, please call Tony Wzorek @ 215-844-7746, Sr. Margaret @215-844-4126 ext. 103, be sure to leave your name and contact information, or simply come to the first meeting.



Creating a will is the best way to ensure your wishes are respected. In making your will, please consider making a gift to support St. Bridget Parish. For more info., call Jane Bortner at St. Bridget



During these hot and humid weeks of Summer, please remember to check on your neighbors, especially the elderly.

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