

September 4, 2011

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

**Mass Intentions This Week**

("†" indicates this person is deceased)

**Sat., September 3, Vigil of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

8:00 AM †Francis P. Ofiero  
by Joe & Marge Denicola  
4:00 PM †Anthony Vozzella  
by his family

**Sun., September 4, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM †Frances Bearfield  
by Breda Ryan  
9:30 AM †Helen Montecalvo  
by Mary Soltes & family  
11:30 AM †Joann Tolla  
by Audrey Mantegna

**Monday, September 5, Weekday - Labor Day**

9:00 AM †Joseph Conte by his family

\* Please note the later time due to holiday \*

**Tuesday, September 6, Weekday**

7:00 AM Nicholas Cognetta Sr.  
by his family

**Wednesday, September 7, Weekday**

7:00 AM †Laymet Alberlo  
by Raquel Guzman

**Thursday, September 8, Weekday**

7:00 AM †Charles Flayhan  
by Robert & Fran Bello

**Friday, September 9, Feast of St. Peter Claver**

7:00 AM †Joseph Lavarato  
by Lynn Icatar

**Sat., September 10, Vigil of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

8:00 AM †St. Bridget Memorial Fund  
4:00 PM †Philomena & Gaetano Grande  
by their family

**Sun., September 11, the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM †MaryJo Burriesci  
by Gail & Jim Harman  
9:30 AM †Anthony Russo  
by Mary Soltes & family  
11:30 AM †All those lost on 9/11/2001

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

**Current family information:** Please notify the parish office (call 324-2910 or email: Bridgetct@aol.com) of any changes in your personal information such as change of address, phone number, email address, marital status or a new addition to your family.

**We are utilizing our Email system to stay in touch throughout the year and during emergencies like last week's storm, so please send us your email to be included in parish notifications.**

**St. Bridget Annual Parish Tag Sale**



Our parish tag sale will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Save the date, we will need volunteers and shoppers! This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets, attics, cellars etc. and help your

parish at the same time! Donations of lightly used, saleable items gladly accepted! (*no clothing or books please*) Donations may be left in the rectory garage.

A limited number of tables are available for rent to sell your own items. Please call the parish office to volunteer or for more information (324-2910) or contact the tag sale chairperson Albert J. Griffith at [StBridgetRE@aol.com](mailto:StBridgetRE@aol.com).

**Time to sell your broken, unwanted, gold, silver, sterling & platinum precious metals.**

As part of our annual tag sale we welcome back "Your Gold for Good," on the day of the tag sale as well as on September 25 & 26 from 10AM-6 PM. This fund raising program enables Parishioners and others to sell unwanted, broken, precious metals—Gold, Platinum, Silver & Sterling Silver. You will receive Top Dollar for all precious metal sold, & you will keep all cash from the sale! The Parish will receive a percentage of the funds from "Your Gold for Good."

**THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN "BLUE MASS"** will be celebrated by Bishop William E. Lori on September 11, 2011 at Saint Augustine Cathedral, 359 Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut at 10:00 a.m. The Blue Mass is an occasion to affirm and encourage those who devoted themselves to that noble duty of protecting the life and property of our fellow citizens. Each time I see a patrol car or hear a fire engine or an ambulance, I realize that men and women have heard the Lord's call to "love one another." In the words of the Lord, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) As you know, this year's commemoration will have added significance and solemnity because it will take place ten years to the day after the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

If you would like to learn more about this event, please feel free to contact the Co-Chairmen of this event: Father Robert J. Post, Ph.D., at Saint Thomas More Roman Catholic Church in Darien at 203 655-5083 and Deacon John Moranski, Esq., at 203-331-8530.

## **New Adult Education Program - SHARE**

The Diocese of Bridgeport is pleased to announce a partnership with Sacred Heart University, creating a four-year, certificate program. This new theology program is called SHARE for the Diocese of Bridgeport (SHARE = Sacred Heart Adult Religious Education) and is intended to assist adult Catholics understand their faith and empower them to put it into action. This program provides high level instruction in Scripture, Theology, Church History, and Moral Teaching that can begin at any time of the year. Students can enroll in the four-year program or take one or more classes at a time that their schedules allow. Four classes will be offered in the Fall 2011.

### FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

Creed – Dr. Joan Kelly: November 2, 9, 16, 30

The Church as a Sacrament – Sr. Jeanmarie Gribaud, OP: September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26

### ADVANCED COURSES

Christology – Fr. Joseph Koterski: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25

Synoptic Gospels – Dr. Thomas Hicks: November 1, 8, 15, and 29

Classes will be held on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, 7pm to 9pm at Saint Philip Parish, 25 France Street, Norwalk, CT 06851

The fee for a 4-week course is \$140 and a 6-week course is \$210. Those students who were enrolled and active in EPS up to this time, will be grandfathered into the SHARE Program. To register for Fall classes, go to the website of Sacred Heart University: [www.sacredheart.edu](http://www.sacredheart.edu) and in the search engine type "SHARE". Space is limited—register today!

For more information, contact Gina Donnarummo, Director of Adult Formation for the Diocese of Bridgeport at [SHARE@diobpt.org](mailto:SHARE@diobpt.org) or (203) 416-1446.

**Do you know anyone unable to attend Mass due to being Home Bound, Sick or Hospitalized?** Please inform the Parish office (324-2910) if you, a member of your family, friend or neighbor is hospitalized or ill not able to leave home to attend Mass. We like to keep in touch by mailing the weekly bulletin and visiting with Eucharist.

Also, please be aware that a televised Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30 am to 7:00 am, WNYW Fox 5 from 5:30 am to 6:00 am, and WLNY channel 10/55 from 9:00 am to 9:30 am each Sunday morning. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City and is available nationally on local affiliates. For more information consult the website at [www.The-SundayMass.org](http://www.The-SundayMass.org).

## **Religious Education Program News**

(email: [StBridgetRE@aol.com](mailto:StBridgetRE@aol.com))

### **Religious Education Teachers Meeting**

There will be a teachers meeting on September 18, 2011 after the 9:30 am Mass. This is an important meeting to get ready for the new school year, since there have been many changes in the curriculum. Everyone is welcome and if you are just thinking about helping, please come and join us. We are still in need classroom volunteers. High School students, Jr-High students, Senior Citizens and Parents are all welcome and are encouraged to help. Classes are held on Sunday mornings, training and support are provided and tuition fees are waived for the teacher's families.

Please contact our DRE, Albert J. Griffith at [StBridgetRE@aol.com](mailto:StBridgetRE@aol.com) or call 203.357.8157 to volunteer or obtain additional information. Thank You.

### **2011-12 Religious Education Classes**

Registration forms for the 2011-2012 school year have been mailed to all families currently enrolled in the religious education program. If you did not receive a form, or are new to our program and would like to enroll for classes beginning in the fall, additional forms will be available outside the DRE's office and in the vestibule.

Religious Education classes for Kindergarten - Confirmation classes are held at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Pre-K students have class during the 9:30 am Mass. Classes for the new school year will begin on October 2, 2011.

Tuition for the first child in a family is \$150, and \$25 for each and additional sibling. For those students receiving sacraments of First communion /First Reconciliation there is an additional \$50 sacrament fee.

Please register as soon as possible to enable us to order textbooks and supplies. Please contact our DRE, Albert J. Griffith at [StBridgetRE@aol.com](mailto:StBridgetRE@aol.com) or call 203.357.8157 with any questions.

**Weekly Meditation:** Fraternal correction is the theme in the readings for this Sunday. In the first reading we hear the message, God's word, which is that we must be willing to accept correction from those in charge of the community: parents, teachers, employers, and law enforcers. Paul uses the words from the Old Testament and sees love as the unifying principle behind all laws and commandments. The Gospel of Matthew also echoes these words when Jesus speaks of all the brethren, instead of the watchman, as in the first reading. When correction is given with respect and inspired by love, it is a favor even if it hurts our pride. We are told that the well-being of the community should prevail over the well-being of the individual.