

November 27, 2011

St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

**Mass Intentions This Week**

("†" indicates this person is deceased)

**Sat., November 26, Vigil of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM †P.J. Cleary  
by Paul & Cora O'Meara  
4:00 PM †Louis D'Amore  
by his family

**Sunday, November 27, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM †Michael Kulbieda  
by Marion Oueripel  
9:30 AM †Ted Friedel Sr., Ted Friedel Jr.  
& deceased family members  
by their family  
11:30 AM †Christopher & Rosanne Scipione  
by Maryann & Jay Chambers

**Monday, November 28, Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM †Remedios Gatchalian  
by her daughter

**Tuesday, November 29, Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM †Michael Kulbieda  
by Alice & Jack McManamin

**Wednesday, November 30, Feast of St. Andrew**

7:00 AM †Rodney Light  
by his family

**Thursday, December 1, Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM †Helen Malloy by her family

**Friday, December 2, Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM †Maria Catherine Scaturchio  
by Catherine & Sal Guarna

**Saturday, December 3, Vigil of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM †Susan Beluk  
by her husband  
4:00 PM †Jeanette, Frank & Francis Rogers  
by Albert J. Griffith

**Sunday, December 4, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM †Maureen Clancy  
by John, Michele & Lisa Vaccaro  
9:30 AM †Zygmunt Golembroski  
by his wife  
11:30 AM †Madalena Compani  
by Jennifer Gregory

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

**2012 Mass Intentions:** We have begun scheduling Mass Intentions for 2012. The stipend for each Mass is \$15.00 which must be paid when the Mass is scheduled. Please call (203 324-2910), visit or e-mail (Bridgetct@aol.com) the rectory to schedule Masses for your loved ones.

**Holiday Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, December 18, 2011**



Following the 8, 9:30 and 11:30AM Masses  
Come and enjoy Father Gill's famous pancakes!  
Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee & more  
No reservations required simply join us that day!  
Adults & Teens (12 years old & older) \$5.00  
Children under age 11 are free but must  
be accompanied by their parent(s) or guardian

**Advent Evening of  
Recollection & Reconciliation  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM**

Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare our homes, hearts and families for a great celebration. It is so easy to get caught up in the frenzy of preparations that we lose focus on the reason for the season, the birth of our Lord.

Come and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prepare to meet the newborn Lord with a soul cleansed of sin. Extra Priests will be available for individual reconciliation.

**Used Sweater Drive :** Donate yours used sweaters to the homeless of New York City. Each year one of parishioners collects sweaters and personally delivers them to shelters in New York. Please help by donating sweaters or jackets. Used sweaters or jackets, clean and in good condition, may be left at the rectory garage any time before Monday, November 28<sup>TH</sup>.

**St. Bridget Senior Club** will meet on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

We are looking for new members and invite all seniors to join us. Come alone or with a friend for a pleasant afternoon playing cards or bingo or simply to visit with other seniors. Beverages are provided at all gatherings and we invite you to bring a long a sandwich. For more information call Stella Fox at 348-4823.



**~ Financial Support of Our Parish ~  
November 20, 2011**

Amount received:	2011	same week in 2010
Weekly	\$3,083.00	\$3,211.00
CCHD	\$987.00	\$894.00
Poor box	\$36.00	\$95.00
Candles	\$65.00	\$68.00

*Thank-you for your generous support. Your gifts help us to reach the weekly budgeted amount necessary to run the Parish of St. Bridget of Ireland.*



## The Giving Tree

Next weekend we will begin our season of giving will begin. Our Giving Tree will be in the back of the church. Help to brighten this Christmas for person in need. This year our tree gifts will benefit several programs including the Domestic Violence Center, Caroline House and St. Vincent's special needs program. Visit our "angel" giving tree in the back of the church. Take a tag that will indicate the sex and age of a person needing a gift. There are so many more in need this year won't you please help ?

Bring the unwrapped gift back to the church before December 11<sup>th</sup>. Our Religious Education program will pass them on to Santa for delivery. Thank you for your generosity.

## St. Bridget's Annual Raffle 2011

The time has come again for Saint Bridget's Annual Raffle. Tickets were mailed to all registered parishioners this past week. We hope you will lend us your support by either purchasing the tickets or selling them to your family and friends. Right now our church funds are dangrously low and we really need all the help we can get, extra tickets are available at the rectory.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500 Grade "A" Grocery Gift Certificate

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$200 Gasoline Certificate

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$150 Dinner for two at Trips Restaurant

4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$100 Sunday Brunch at the Royal Green

5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$50 Home Goods Gift Certificate

Tickets \$2.00 each. We enclosed a special envelope to return your completed ticket stubs and money. Please check that each returned stub is correctly filled out with a name and phone number. The return envelope may be placed in the weekly collection or mailed to the rectory.

Prize drawing will be Sunday, December 18, following 11:30 AM Mass

## A Discernment Retreat for Young Women: Praying with Women of the Heart

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are offering a discernment weekend retreat for single, Catholic women (ages 18-30) at Mount Sacred Heart in Hamden, CT from December 9-11. The retreat begins Friday at 5:00 p.m. and concludes Sunday at noon. The retreat will include Eucharistic liturgies, Eucharistic adoration, Liturgy of the Hours prayed in common, vocation talks and time for quiet prayer and reflection. For more information contact Sr. Colleen Smith, ASCJ at vocations@ascjus.org or by calling 203-988-4742.

**Religious Education Families - Class Cancellation Notices:** Please note in the event of cancellation of classes due to incimate weather notices are posted on chanel 3 (WSFB) and 12. When possible we will also post on our website.

## SHARE for the Diocese of Bridgeport

SHARE (Sacred Heart Adult Religious Education) for the Diocese of Bridgeport is a theology program for adults which will help Catholics understand our faith and empower them to put it into action. High level instruction included courses in Scripture, theology, Church history and pastoral theology. A pastoral certificate is awarded after the 20 courses are completed. For more information contact Gina Donnarummo at SHARE@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1446 or visit [www.sacredheart.edu/share.cfm](http://www.sacredheart.edu/share.cfm). Classes in the winter-spring are: Sacraments of Initiation; Mary, the Perfect Disciple; Church History: From Pentecost to the 21st Century!; Church Law; and Reading the Old Testament.

## Electronic Donations, Safe, Secure and Easy!

More and more people are choosing to pay bills online, we all enjoy the convenience and appreciate the rewards when utilizing credit card promotions. St Bridget Parish is able to process donations via credit card or electronic transfers from your checking account. This is a easy and secure way to support your parish. It is also a bonus for the parish that your donations arrive even when you are away or miss Mass. You still receive envelopes and simply check the box indicating that you give electrnically.

We thank the families already enrolled for electronic donations and encourage others to make this choice. A form to enroll for electronic donations is included in this week's bulletin. Please contact the office at Bridgetct@aol.com or by calling 324-2910 for more information or to set-up your account.

**Weekly Reflection:** The Season of Advent is an invitation to meditate on the promises of God. Here is what the prophet Jeremiah sees:

... a righteous leader will spring up  
... one who will carry out justice and righteousness  
... one who brings salvation and safety for the people  
How then do we live as those who believe that the promises of God will be fulfilled?  
... as those who lift up their souls to God?  
... as those who walk a path of love and faithfulness?  
... as those who work for justice and righteousness?  
... as those who live in the light of hope?

If we are alert to the promise of the Lord and live in the light of hope, we will be truly blessed as Christ comes again into our lives.