



St Bridget of Ireland Church

278 Strawberry Hill Ave

Stamford Ct. 06902

Phone ~ 203 324-2910 Fax ~ 203 363-0135

E-mail ~ BridgetCT@AOL.Com

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Saint Bridget of Ireland Parish. Joining a parish indicates your commitment to the Catholic Faith and your desire to actively practice that faith. I applaud that decision and now I call upon you to meet the challenge that Jesus puts before us: the challenge to be generous, to be concerned for others, to share ourselves and our gifts with others.

Sharing takes many forms. We can take time to visit the sick. We can volunteer our talents for the good of the parish. We can give from the financial treasure the Lord has made it possible for us to possess. In whatever form it takes, sharing means doing something for people without wanting or expecting something in return. It is a challenge the Lord gives us when he calls upon us to love one another as the Father loves Him, and He loves us.

The funds collected each week are directed to the needs of our parish but also to support the work of our Diocese, the Stamford Catholic Regional School system, and the good works of the Catholic Church throughout the world.

As pastor of this parish I have been entrusted with the task to meet the spiritual needs of parishioners but also to care and maintain our facility and property. Today, as in your homes, inflation has increased parish expenses two or three times the level of just a few years ago. Decreasing vocations necessitates more and more lay involvement in administrative and support staff. Our parish is committed to providing the best possible religious education to our children. Naturally this requires your financial support. The children are the church of tomorrow and must be prepared for that challenge.

Unfortunately in the midst of these rising costs the average Catholic family only contributes approximately 1% on their income to the Church. Most people continue to give the same amount now that they have given each week for the past decade or more. It is important to remember our only source of income is your weekly donations.

While I appreciate each gift and remain committed to fiscal responsibility, I hope that by understanding the need for your financial support you will be as generous as possible.

As you join our community I once again welcome you, promise to keep you in my prayers and assure you that my door is always open. Please feel free to call me if I can be of any assistance to you and your family.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Gill C. Babeu, Pastor