

Welcome to Saint Bridget of Ireland Parish. We believe that every person who comes here is a special gift sent by God. We are eager to know you and excited to share the marvelous ways God is working in our church. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome.

Joining a Parish

Why register?

Opening the lines of communication between the parish and family is very important. This enables the parish priest and staff to make available rights and privileges guaranteed by Church Law.

Canon Law and Diocesan policy require full parish membership before some sacraments may be administered. This is true of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and Holy Orders.

Affiliation with a parish is also required to be eligible to serve as a Godparent of Confirmation Sponsor

How to Register:

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Completed forms may be mailed to the rectory or given to any priest or usher following Mass. Please call the rectory at 324-2910 with any questions.

Parish Support:

After registering you will be sent donation envelopes. Each envelope states the purpose for that collection. Using the envelopes allows us to maintain records of your donations for income tax statements.

Donation records are used to verify attendance and eligibility for the Catholic School system, to receive Sacraments or serve as a God parent or confirmation sponsor.

Our parish depends on your generosity.

Sacraments

Baptism: Pre-baptism class is required for all parents prior to baptizing their first child. Classes are individually scheduled with our pre-baptism instructor. Baptisms may be scheduled for any Sunday at 1:00 PM or in conjunction with any Sunday Mass. Please call the rectory to schedule your class and Baptism.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance. Each couple must meet with the Pastor prior to scheduling anything. A Diocesan Marriage Preparation class is required.

Anointing of the sick: Anyone seriously ill at home or in a hospital should be anointed. Please call the rectory to arrange a visit. Several times a year the Anointing of the Sick is offered at special Masses of healing and hope.

Funerals: The funeral liturgy is planned with the priest who will celebrate the Mass. He will provide all information needed about the liturgy. Family members are encouraged to participate by proclaiming the readings.

Eucharist: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for at least one hour.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM or by private appointment. Contact a priest at the rectory (324-2910) to schedule a time.

Religious Education

Saint Bridget's Religious Education Program is available to assist parents in presenting the Catholic faith to their children.

Program Objectives:

1. To provide religious education opportunities for students in kindergarten - grade 8 who do not attend Catholic School.
2. To assist Parents as they promote Catholic attitudes, values, and practices to their children.
3. To provide opportunities and preparation for the reception and celebration of the Sacraments.
4. To allow parents the opportunity to be active participants in the faith lives of their children.

Program prerequisites:

1. Family must be a registered, contributing member of St. Bridget's parish.
2. Each child must be registered before entering the class.
3. Parents must provide documentation of any Sacraments the student has already received.
4. Children must attend Mass as part of their commitment to our faith and the religious education program.

Parochial School Students:

Students attending Catholic School receive their Sacraments in their home parish. These students must register and attend preparation classes during the year they are to receive the Sacrament (*First Communion or Confirmation*).

Reverend Gill C. Babeu, Pastor

Monsignor Louis DeProffo - Weekend assistant
Monsignor Lawrence McMahon - Weekend Assistant
Michael Molgano - Permanent Lector
Priscilla Malloy - Administrative Assistant
Beth Jordan - Director of Religious Education
Cheryl Conte - Organist & Music Director
Diane Balabala & Priscilla Malloy - Cantors
Gloria Donnelly - Rectory Office Assistant
Giovanna Bacco - Education Office Assistant
George "Jeff" Galano & Alan Grosschner- Sextons

Important Phone Numbers:

Church Office Phone: (203) 324-2910
Religious Education Phone: (203) 357-8157
Church Fax: (203) 363-0135
Parish E-mail: "Bridgetc@aol.com"
Re. Ed E-Mail: "SBridgetRE@aol.com"
Website: "SBridgetofireland.org"

We invite and encourage you to become a active member of the special ministries at St. Bridget of Ireland Parish.

Please call for more information about any of the following organizations:

Holy Name Society

Mike DeBartolomeo - 323-8330

Ladies Guild

Patricia Belknap 323-6806

St. Bridget Seniors

Stella Fox 348-4823

Music Ministry

Cheryl Conte 355-1891

Religious Education

Beth Wilson-Jordan 357-8157

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors,

Ushers, or Altar Servers

Please call the Rectory 324-2910

Parish Nurse Program

Judy Cannino 356-0550

The History of St. Bridget of Ireland Parish

On September 7, 1963, the Right Reverend Walter W. Curtis, Bishop of Bridgeport, founded St. Bridget Church and named the Reverend Thomas P. Guinan its first pastor. The families of this new parish worshipped in a neighboring chapel and school until construction of the new church was complete. The dedication of St. Bridget's Chapel-Auditorium-School took place on June 25, 1965.

The Reverend William A. Nagel (1967-1972) and Reverend John Jazowski (1972-1997) succeeded Rev. Guinan as pastors of the church. In order to provide parochial education for its children, the growing parish supported St. Bridget School for nearly 15 years until 1979 when we became part of the Stamford Catholic Regional School System.

After many years of worshipping in the Chapel-Auditorium, the parish undertook the monumental task of renovating the Church. Under the leadership of Rev. Jazowski, the present structure was built.

When Rev. Jazowski retired in 1997, Reverend Gill C. Babeu was assigned to St. Bridget's as pastor. Under his direction the church has continued to evolve and grow. We have built a beautiful shrine to the Blessed Mother, remodeled the parish center, refurbished the classrooms, replaced a badly leaking roof, installed more efficient heating and air conditioning systems and undertaken several projects to beautify the exterior of our facility.

Today the parish is almost 700 families strong. It has an active and full religious education program currently serving 160 families, special children's homilies and family Masses and more groups and activities than ever before.

Now we welcome you as part of our future.

WYELCOMME TO OUR PARISH



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Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM
or by appointment.
Please call the rectory 324-2910.