

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH

MOVING TOWARDS OUR CENTENNIAL / VERSO IL NOSTRO CENTENARIO
2017 ~ CELEBRATING THE PAST / 2017 ~ CELEBRANDO IL PASSATO



SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND PRAYERS

WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES ARE SEASONAL

From the beginning of November to the end of April, all daily Chapel Masses are celebrated at 12:00 Noon.

From the beginning of May to the end of October, daily Chapel Masses are celebrated as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

7:15 a.m. - Liturgy of the Hours
7:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

Tuesday and Thursday

12:00 Noon

Wednesday Evening (Church)

7:00 p.m. - Holy Mass and Novena
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday

10:00 a.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:50 a.m. - Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Holy Mass
9:30 a.m. - Confessions
5:00 p.m. - Holy Mass (English)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (English)
9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (Italian)
11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass (English)
with Children's Liturgy

On weekday statutory holidays,
Holy Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Couples interested in having their children baptised should contact the office for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples interested in entering marriage should contact the office one year in advance for an appointment with a priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: after 9:00 a.m. Mass and upon request.

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

True Humility and Talents: Some people think that humility is a matter of taking yourself to be small, unworthy, not up for much. But, in the Gospel parable, the servant who thinks he is too little to do much with his talent is dismissed as wicked and useless, and his talent is taken away from him. The Lord doesn't praise him for his humility. **So what is humility?** It is the opposite of pride, but what is pride? Pride isn't thinking that there is some excellence, some talent, in you, when there really is. Rather, pride is a failure to recognize that talent as given by the Lord. Our talents are not a function of what we are and can do. Every excellence in us is a gift of the Lord's.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Francis has declared **Sunday, November 19th, 2017** to be the first **World Day of the Poor**. On this day we are called to love and share with the poorest amongst us, and bear witness to Jesus' preferential love for the poor. *Bless our communities, loving Mary, fill our hearts with compassion, help us to shelter the stranger, and share the goodness of God's consoling love with all our neighbours.*

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH RENOVATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to advise our Parishioners and members of the community that our church needs an urgent intervention that requires two minor variances to the church property. They are: **A)** the old garage, which is in a very poor and dangerous condition. **B)** the old addition of the house which is slowly separating from the building, due to the lack of a proper foundation.

A. Garage Benefits: For the church, the parishioners and the community at large: **1.** The clergy reserved parking spaces, for at least 5 cars, will be eliminated to give more space for community attendance to our services. **2.** Will reduce parking on the surrounding streets, which always creates traffic congestion, especially during the church celebrations and the dropping off and picking up of the students of the St. Brigid's Elementary School. On several occasions, Earl Beatty Public School also uses our parking lot. **3.** This will respect the street parking permits of the neighbours since there is more availability at the church parking lot. **4.** This will eliminate possible liabilities due to the deterioration of the above mentioned variances. **5.** This will give our church the possibility to continue with the preparation for our centennial celebration in 2020.

B. The Benefits to the Addition: **1.** This will allow the church to have permanent storage of our records, which is urgently required and needed. **2.** This will give us the opportunity to have a room for our growing catechesis programs and for meetings. This room is currently the room used for filing cabinets.

THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST

SPECIAL COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 18 & 19

The mission of *The Shepherds' Trust is to help raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.*

The fund also supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served us faithfully for many years. By supporting The Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. **Please give generously. May God Bless You.**

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you are in grade 4 or higher, have already received your First Communion and would like to altar serve at St. Brigid's Church, please contact our Lay Pastoral Associate, Kevin Pettit at: (416) 696-8660 / kevin.pettit@rogers.com.

"SYMBOLON: KNOWING YOUR FAITH"

**Every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm: Rectory Hall
10-week Series Part 1: November 23 to December 21**

Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, others simply walk away. That's why the time is right for *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith*. Presented by the most trusted and compelling teachers and filmed around the world with stunning cinematography, this series explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith. No registration required. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FORMATION RETREAT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

On Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, St. Brigid's Church will have its Annual Liturgical Ministries Formation Retreat. All those involved in liturgical ministries - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Catechists for Children's Liturgy - are expected to attend. Please contact your ministry coordinator to confirm your attendance. Lunch will be provided. Retreat begins with Mass in the Chapel at 9:00 am.

WAVE AFTER WAVE YOUTH GROUP 1-Year Anniversary Celebration

This month marks the 1-year anniversary of the Wave After Wave Youth Group. Please join us in song and prayer at our next Youth Mass on **Sunday, November 26th at 11:00 am**. We will be having our last fundraiser for 2017 after all Masses on the weekend of November 25th and 26th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in support of our group's initiatives. We also wish to express our profound gratitude to all those who have supported us this past year and continue to do so.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: November 25 & 26

The St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ St. Brigid's Conference is having its 15th Annual Adopt-A-Family Campaign. In order for this campaign to continue being successful we are asking for your generous donations. We will take up a **second collection** on **November 25th and 26th**.

BUNDLE-UP DRIVE: December 2 & 3

During the weekend of **December 2nd and 3rd**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have its Annual Bundle-Up Drive. Please bring your gently used clothing to the pod located in the Church Parking lot.

ST. BRIGID'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

We are happy to announce that the bus going to the pilgrimage is now full! **Final payment is due no later than Friday, November 24th.** Thank you for your support.

REMINDER: you will need a valid Canadian passport. If you are not a Canadian citizen, you will require a valid passport and a VISA to enter the U.S. **PLUS** a Permanent Resident Card to enter back into Canada. Without these documents, you will not be permitted to enter the U.S. Medical insurance is recommended. **Please be at the Church parking lot by 7:30 am. The bus will be leaving at 7:45 am sharp.**

ARCHDIOCESE DAY OF CONFESSION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

On **Thursday, December 7th**, St. Brigid's will celebrate the Archdiocese Day of Confessions in preparation for Christmas. Father Carlos, Father Robert, Father Wilson and Father Jeff will be available to hear your confessions in both English and Italian starting at **7:00 pm**.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Please join us at our Parish on **Friday, December 8th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass will be celebrated in both English and Italian.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOOD FOR A MONTH PROGRAM DECEMBER 21 & 22

Last Christmas, with the generous assistance from the "**Food for a Month Program**", 10 families within our Parish community were given wonderful gifts of food for the Christmas season. This year we want to continue in that same spirit of giving. In order to do so, **we need 10 to 15 able bodied volunteers with a van or with large vehicles to deliver our message that JESUS is the reason for the season.** If you are interested in helping, please contact the Parish office at: (416) 696-8660 / stbrigid@rogers.com.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on November 12th, 2017 was **\$3,463.65**. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and contributions to all of our collections. **Please remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

XXXIII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / A

Il brano del vangelo di oggi segue immediatamente il racconto della parabola della pecorella smarrita della quale diventa, quindi, un'applicazione concreta. Se un fratello ha commesso una colpa si deve applicare, in primo luogo, la correzione personale; se non ascolta, bisogna chiamare in aiuto qualche testimone; in terza istanza, conviene riferire alla comunità; e se non ascolta neppure questa, si deve, solo allora, considerarlo come un

pagano o pubblicano, cioè come uno che s'è «messo fuori comunità».

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 12 Novembre 2017 e' stata **\$3,463.65**. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 18th - Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida
5:00 p.m. In honour of San Pio di Pietralcina for grace received, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Sunday, Nov. 19th

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Benedizione Speciale di 75° Anniversario di Matrimonio per Pasquale e Lucia Melino, req. by the Family
+Carmelo Palandra, req. by the Family
+Maria Salmieri Basile, req. by the Family
+Domenico & Serafina Mastrolembo, req. by Basile Family
+Michele & Giovanni Spadaro, req. by Giuseppina Spadaro
+Michelo & Rita Doto, req. by Doto Family
+Rocco Cornacchia, req. by the Family
+Francesco & Adelina Casciaro, req. by Rosa Visconti
+Giovanni & Maria Toso, req. by Agata Toso
+Settimo Orso, req. by Agata Toso
+Biagio Leo & Giuseppe Gandolfo, req. by the Family
+Domenico, Grazia, Eugenio & Rosetta Fiorino, req. by Giovanni & Rosina Ciardullo
+Josie Manaco, req. by the Family
+Luisa Berti, req. by the Family
+Luciano Bugliaresi, req. by the Family
+Giovanni Taggio & Carmela Cafaro, req. by the Family
+Oto Corsano, Leonarda Cornacchia & Nicola Liscio, req. by Corsano Family
+Giuseppe, Marianna & Alda Parise, req. by the Family
11:00 a.m. +Pat Gagliano, req. by Ambrosini Family
+Evelina de Sousa, Leita & Alfredo Moniz Cardoso, req. by Tavares Family
+Stella Paccione, req. by Tony Paccione
+Carlo Villacci, by Villacci Family

Monday, Nov. 20th

- 12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of the Loizzo & Campanelli Families, req. by Lucia Loizzo

Tuesday, Nov. 21st - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 12:00 p.m. +Angelina Iannitelli, req. by Joe Naccarato

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd - St. Cecilia

- 12:00 p.m. ----
7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, Nov. 23rd - St. Clement I & St. Columban

- 12:00 p.m. +Giovannina Loboizzo, req. by Lucia Del Grande

Friday, Nov. 24th - St. Andrew Dung-Lac

- 12:00 p.m. ----

Saturday, Nov. 25th - St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 9:00 a.m. In honour of Madonna di Monte Vergine for grace received, req. by Lucia Del Grande
5:00 p.m. +Frances Keely, req. by Kate Gilhooly

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