

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return.

MESSAGE FROM FR. CARLOS SIERRA

I would like to thank everyone who participated in last week's Pilgrimage to The Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Fatima Shrine. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to make our day extra memorable.

OUT OF THE COLD

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: DECEMBER 9 & 10

The annual collection for the Christmas Dinner for guests from the Out of the Cold Program is taking place this weekend. The program serves the many needs of the poor and homeless in our community. Your continued generosity during the Christmas season is very much appreciated.

MEETING: DECEMBER 13

Anyone interested in helping us with this year's **Out of the Cold Program** is welcome to attend the next **meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00 pm** at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church located at 1099 Danforth Avenue at the St. Brigid's Annex Room.

"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

Join us for the next Symbolon session on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Hall where we will look at the essentials of the Catholic faith. No registration required. All are welcome.

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES: DECEMBER 16

There will be a rehearsal for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir on **Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 am in the Church**. All are welcome to attend.

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 pick up a registration form at either entrance to the Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next meeting for the Knights of Columbus St. Brigid's Council is on **Wednesday, December 13th at 7:45pm in the Duc in Altum Room**. Men 18+ who are not members yet, and would like to join, are also invited to attend.

ADVENT IS A TIME TO PRIORITIZE GOD

On Sunday, December 3rd, Pope Francis kicked off the Church's Advent season saying it is a time to let go of worldly distractions that take us away from God and focus on growing closer to Him through prayer and concern for others. Referring to the day's readings, which stress the importance of being vigilant, the Pope said "the watchful person is one who, in the noise of the world, does not let themselves be overwhelmed by distraction or superficiality, but lives in a full and conscious way, with a concern above all for others."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FOOD FOR A MONTH PROGRAM

We are in need of able bodied volunteers on **Thursday, December 21st** and / or **Friday, December 22nd** from **7:00 am to 7:00 pm** at **Ellesmere Community Centre** to help pack and deliver food hampers to families in our community for our annual "Food for a Month Program". All interested volunteers are asked to contact the Parish office.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT / DECEMBER 24th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass (English)

11:30 pm: Christmas Carols

12:00 am: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MONDAY, JANUARY 1st

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your **2018 donation envelopes** are ready for pick up. They are located at the back of the Church. Please ask an usher for assistance. Donation envelopes with the number in the **4000 series** were not produced. Please contact the Parish office if you would like a new envelope number. If you have moved or have updated your contact information, we urge you to please contact the Parish office with your new details. All information is kept private and confidential.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO DECEMBER 10, 2017

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

January 18th to the 25th, 2018 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2018 is "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" (Exodus 15:6). Throughout 2018, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information visit: www.geii.org.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP: JANUARY 24, 2018

The *Prayer & Life Workshop* is a weekly program that helps you to learn and deepen the art of prayer. Sessions include methods such as prayerful reading, integral reconciliation, and contemplative prayer. The workshop will be held in the Rectory Hall and will start on **Wednesday, January 24th**. Each session is two hours long. The instruction is free; however, materials are \$15. Please contact the Parish office to register for this workshop.

ST. BRIGID'S PATRON SAINT FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS:

TRIDUUM MASSES 2018:
JANUARY 31st, FEBRUARY 1st & 2nd

Our annual Feast of St. Brigid ~ our Patron Saint will be taking place this year. Please join us for our **Triduum Masses** on **Wednesday, January 31st, Thursday, February 1st, and February 2nd at 7:00 pm** in the Parish. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST. BRIGID'S AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ANNUAL FEAST DAY DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2018

Please join us for our **St. Brigid's and St. Catherine of Siena Annual Feast Day Dinner Dance** on **Saturday, February 3rd, 2018**. The festivities will take place in the Church Hall. More details to follow soon.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on December 3rd, 2017 was **\$3,290.35**. 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.)!**

II DOMENICA DI AVVENTO: ANNO B

Agli Ebrei del VI secolo rimasti in Palestina o deportati in Babilonia, la parola del profeta ridà speranza e invita alla fiducia: Dio viene, e cammina alla testa del suo popolo per riportarlo, libero, dal paese di schiavitù verso la propria terra. Pastore buono, ha cura di chi è debole e piccolo; Dio forte, trova la sua gioia nel perdonare e nel rifare tutto nuovo. Salvezza, gioia, amore, verità, giustizia, costituiscono il corteo del Signore Dio. Sono i beni dell'alleanza, dell'amicizia tra Dio e i suoi.

GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA SAN PADRE PIO

Sabato 16 Dicembre, dopo la messa delle 9:00 am, ci sarà. La Coroncina di San Pio di Pietralcina. Per informazione chiamate a Chiara a: **(416) 466-0445**.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 3 Dicembre 2017 e' stata **\$3,290.35**. 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, Dec. 9th ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

9:00 a.m. For all the deceased members of St. Catherine of Siena
5:00 p.m. In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary for grace received, req. by Maria Flammia

Sunday, Dec. 10th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. **In Onore di Santa Lucia:** req. by Lucia Del Grande, Antonietta Visconti, Sara Meglio, and Bavaro Family
+Giuseppina & Maria Borgi, req. by Maria Triberio
+Gina Panacci, req. by Agata Toso
+Franca & Lisa Mandarino, req. by Francella Family
+Pietro Liscio, req. by Nicolina & Concetta Grosso
+Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero & Family
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
+Vincenzo Fragale, req. by Pietrina Fragale & Family
11:00 a.m. For all the deceased members of the Palma Family, req. by Villacci Family
+Floriano De Melo, req. by the Family
+Carmela Sortino, req. by Carmela Spatola
+Alfredo Sy, req. by Doris Sy & Family

Monday, Dec. 11th ~ St. John Damascus I

12:00 p.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

Tuesday, Dec. 12th ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00 p.m. +Felicetta & Paolo Lobo, req. by Lucia Del Grande
7:00 p.m. **St. Brigid's School Advent Mass #1**

Wednesday, Dec. 13th ~ St. Lucy

12:00 p.m. In onore di Santa Lucia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, Dec. 14th ~ St. John of the Cross

12:00 p.m. In onore della Nostra Signora di Guadalupe, req. by Lucia Del Grande
7:00 p.m. **St. Brigid's School Advent Mass #2**

Friday, Dec. 15th

12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of the Cagna & Cornacchia Families, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

Saturday, Dec. 16th

9:00 a.m. In honour of all the Saints, req. by Gilda Cornacchia
San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida
5:00 p.m. +Lawrence Grech, req. by the St. Brigid's Parish Community

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the Holy Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary, and Mother of the True God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

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