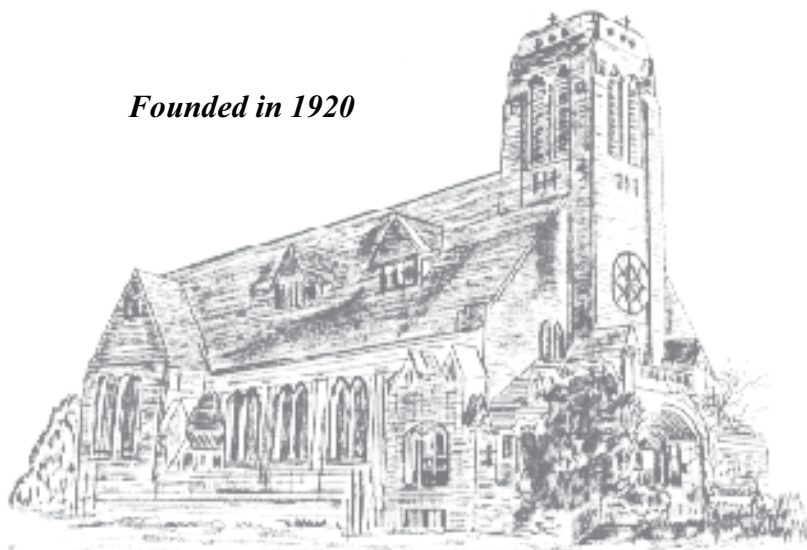


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## PASTOR

Rev. Carlos A. Sierra T.



## COORDINATOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Attila Jagodits



## PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Maria Frassica



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. (Italian)

11:00 a.m. (Family Mass)

## WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

*Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m.  
on weekday statutory holidays.*

## DEVOTIONALS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Mass & Novena

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

## ROSARY

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Those interested in having their child(ren) baptized must contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples engaged to be married must contact the Parish office one year in advance.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B**

In the Gospel reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper, and by touching him Jesus heals him. Leprosy is a fearful disease. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time. How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper. How overjoyed the leper must have been when he found himself healed! Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does too. The touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, ***“Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.”***

**ST. BRIGID & ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
PATRON SAINTS CELEBRATION**

----- **SPECIAL THANKS** -----

On behalf of Father Carlos Sierra, we wish to thank everyone that participated in last week's St. Brigid Triduum Masses. We gathered as a community to celebrate and reflect on the remarkable life of our Patron Saint. Each day of the Triduum was made special due to the efforts of our community as well as the school. Fr. Carlos Sierra, our spiritual leader, worked tirelessly to ensure that each Mass was meaningful and memorable.

Special thanks to all those who attended the St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena Mass and the Dinner Dance last Saturday. Our event started with a special Mass celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Thomas Collins and concelebrated by Fr. Carlos Sierra, Fr. Robert Di Nardo, Fr. Jim Gauthier, and Fr. Edward Curtis. Special thanks to Attila Jagodits, the Coordinator of Liturgical Music, along with our English and Italian choir for leading us into prayerful song. Thank you to all our liturgical and hospitality ministers for their help before and after Saturday's Mass. The following volunteers ensured that our event was a success: Linda Ward, Vincenzo Camera, Crocetta Paladino, Donato Filardi, Joe Naccarato, Edward Camilleri, Maria Quintana-James and the Wave after Wave Youth Group for all their help, Jackie and Gregory Rodriguez, Margaret Callaghan, Nick Lamacchia for the music, and to Mary Vescio, from Roma Italian Restaurant for catering our event. We would also like to thank all those that helped us financially and who donated prizes for the raffles: Malpack, Thorncrete, Derlea Foods, Heritage Funeral Centre, O'Connor Florist, Linda, Ward, Anne Musgrave, Joe Naccarato, and Bike and Forth Sports. We continue to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to you - our guests who supported this event. Let us continue to move towards our centennial with strength, positivity, and with the grace of God at our side.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: FEBRUARY 11th**

Today we celebrate World Day of the Sick. This year we are focusing on the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: ***“Woman, behold your son... Son, behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.”*** (Jn 19:26-27).

## THE SEASON OF LENT

The Lenten season is a time of reflection and a time to be thankful for our blessings. **The four Lenten pillars are: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Sacrifice.** It is a sign of our care for those in need, and an expression of our gratitude for all the blessings God has given us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

This year, we continue with the **Purple Lenten Bag Program.** It is a symbol of our sacrifice and self-denial. In order to help those in need, please consider adding a daily monetary value into your Lenten bag. All proceeds will go towards supporting our St. Vincent de Paul, Out of the Cold, and ShareLife programs.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: FEBRUARY 14th**

**12:00 pm:** Chapel Mass / **1:00 pm:** School Mass

**7:00 pm:** Evening Mass (Italian and English)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: EVERY FRIDAY**

Please join us every **Friday evening at 7:00 pm**, throughout the Lenten season as we pray the Stations of the Cross in both English and Italian in our Church. Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. **The first service will be held on Friday, February 16th.**

**PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION FUNDRAISER:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 17th**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 17th at 6:00 pm** in our Church Hall for our **Fifth Annual Fundraiser supporting the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession.** The buffet dinner will include authentic Italian food as well as one bottle of wine at each table.

**Tickets will be available next week! There are a LIMITED amount of tickets to be sold - DON'T DELAY. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.** Please see an usher after each Mass or call the Parish Office at: **(416) 696-8660.**

**CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd**

Confessions for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm.** All are welcome.

**GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION**

This year marks our **29th year** of gathering together as a community and celebrating the **Good Friday Passion Play & Procession.** This year, the play and procession will take place on **Friday, March 30th at 6:00 pm.**

To register yourself as an actor or as a volunteer, please email us at: **stbrigidpassion@gmail.com** with your full contact information. This is a great way for students to fulfill their volunteer requirements, meet new friends, and be a part of history. **Practices will be held EVERY SUNDAY at 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church. Pizza will be served after each practice.**

### OUT OF THE COLD MEETING: FEBRUARY 14th

Our next Out of the Cold meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 14th at 5:00 pm** at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church (1099 Danforth Ave.) in the **St. Brigid's Annex Hall**.

### ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR NEXT REHEARSAL DATE: FEBRUARY 17th

The next rehearsal date for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, February 17th at 10:00 am in the Church**.

### FAMILY DAY: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

Family Day will take place on Monday, February 19th. **Chapel Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and the Parish office will be closed.**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 4th, 2018 was **\$2,886.85**. Please remember **St. Brigid's Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!**

### VI DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

**Il lebbroso, un escluso:** Fra tutte le malattie, la lebbra era considerata dagli Ebrei quella che più rendeva impuro l'uomo, perché distruggendolo nella sua integrità e vitalità fisica, era per eccellenza segno del peccato e della sua gravità. Per questo, la lebbra non è mai considerata solo o principalmente da un punto di vista medico, ma riveste un carattere prevalentemente religioso.

### TEMPO DI QUARESIMA

#### MERCOLEDÌ DELLE CENERI: 14 FEBBRAIO

**12:00 pm:** Messa nella Cappella; **1:00 pm:** Messa per la Scuola; **7:00 pm:** Messa celebrata in Italiano e Inglese.

#### STAZIONI DELLA CROCE: OGNI VENERDÌ

Vi invitiamo a partecipare con noi alla celebrazione delle Stazioni della Croce. Ogni venerdì di quaresima alle 7:00 pm nella chiesa cominciando il **16 di Febbraio**.

#### DINNER DANCE PER AIUTARE LA PASSION PLAY E PROCESSIONE: 17 MARZO

Vi invitiamo a partecipare alla nostra festa annuale per aiutare la produzione del Venerdì Santo e la Processione. La cena sarà buffet e include autentici piatti Italiani con una bottiglia di vino a ogni tavola.

I biglietti saranno disponibili la prossima settimana! C'è una quantità limitata di biglietti da vendere ~ AFFETTEVI. **I biglietti costano \$35 per gli adulti e \$15 per i bambini fino ai 12 anni.** Per favore, domandi agli usciere dopo la Messa o chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

#### CONFESSIONI IN PREPARAZIONE PER LA PASQUA: GIOVEDÌ, IL 22 MARZO

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno luogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 22 Marzo alle ore 7:00 pm**.

### MESSAGGIO PER LA QUARESIMA: ATTENTI AI FALSI PROFETI, CHE SPENGO L'AMORE

Nel suo messaggio per la Quaresima, Papa Francesco ci chiede di guardare se il nostro cuore è minacciato dalle menzogne che ci rendono schiavi del piacere, del denaro, della droga, delle relazioni "usa e getta" e della realtà virtuale dei social.

### GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA SAN PADRE PIO

**Sabato 17 Febbraio**, 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 4 Febbraio 2018 e' stata **\$2,886.85**. 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, Feb. 10th - St. Scholastica

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for the sick, suffering and the poor
- 5:00 p.m. +Domencio Arabia, req. by the Family  
+Nazzeno Cesta and all the deceased members of the Cesta Family, req. by the Anna & Family

#### Sunday, Feb. 11th - Marriage Sunday & World Day of the Sick

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. +Pasqualina & Leonardo Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia  
+Antonietta & Mattia Doto, req. by Family Doto  
+Nicola & Pasqualina Grosso, req. by Concetta Romagnuolo  
+Salvatore D'Angelis, req. by the Family  
+Carlo Villacci, req. by Pasqualina Villacci  
+Rocco Cornacchia, req. by the Family  
+Anna Potapenko, req. by Crocetta, Franca & Maria  
+Gaetana Tuccitto, req. by Carmela Tuccitto  
+Fortunato, Maria, Teresa, Antonio, Divina, Daniele Ciardullo, req. by Ciardullo Family
- 11:00 a.m. For all the deceased members of the Loizzo & Campanelli Families, req. by Lucia Loizzo  
+Frances Coviello, req. by Maria Calo & Family  
+Chester Boudreau, req. by Theresa, Junior & Angela  
+Tamara Tumidajski, req. by the Parish

#### Monday, Feb. 12th

- 12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of St. Brigid's Church

#### Tuesday, Feb. 13th

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

#### Wednesday, Feb. 14th - Ash Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande
- 1:00 p.m. St. Brigid's School Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Bilingual Mass

#### Thursday, Feb. 15th

- 12:00 p.m. +James Patrick Smith, req. by the OOTC Volunteers

#### Friday, Feb. 16th


- 12:00 p.m. For all the deceased members of St. Catherine of Siena

#### Saturday, Feb. 17th - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida  
+Paolina Filardi, req. by Giovanna Filardi
- 5:00 p.m. +Jackie Gainer, req. by Zablocki Family

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