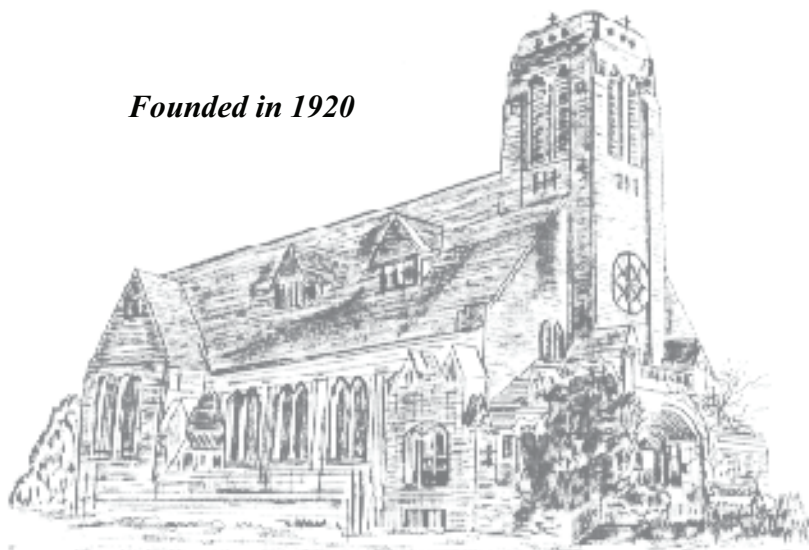


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Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

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.

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / B

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from Jordan. He was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness and tempted by the devil. He ate nothing in those days, and when the forty days were over Jesus was indeed hungry. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." To which Jesus answered him, "***It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone.***" The devil took Jesus up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to Him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered the devil, "***It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.***"

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY

This weekend we welcome members of ***New Beginnings***, an Archdiocesan Ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered loss through separation, divorce, or death of a loved one. For more information, please pick up a flyer located throughout the Church or contact the Parish office.

SHARE LENT IN THE NAME OF PEACE

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace. During this first week, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet an organization called ICSSO, a Development and Peace partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land against corporate interests, and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity. **The first ShareLife Sunday Collection will take place the weekend of March 17th and 18th.**

FAMILY DAY: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

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

CORRECTION: A NOTE OF THANKS

It is with deepest regrets that we neglected to mention two women that helped us with the St. Brigid and St. Catherine of Siena Dinner Dance. Thank you to **Maria Camera** who provided support to Vincenzo Camera and baked several desserts for the dinner dance. We would also like to thank **Linda Francis** for providing several desserts as well as gifts for the raffle draw. We apologize and thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE 2018 CAMPAIGN

The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Cardinal Collins and Bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address from every Catholic family in our community, with a goal of 100,000 email addresses collected by the end of February 2018. This information will be used locally by Cardinal Collins and trusted faith partners to communicate periodically on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community. Enclosed in this weekend's bulletin is a letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2018

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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 next service will be held on Friday, February 23rd.**

FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING THE GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION: 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 are now available! 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.

CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER: THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd at 7:00 pm

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: MARCH 30th at 6:00 pm

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 are being held every Sunday at 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church. Pizza is served after each practice.**

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Brigid's Parish invites all children to attend the Good Friday Liturgy on March 30th at 3:00 pm in the Church hall.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / PRIMA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / FEBRUARY 18, 2018

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH MONDAY, MARCH 19th at 7:00 pm

Please join us on **Monday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a Solemn Mass in honour of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Prince and Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron Saint of Canada. Mass will be celebrated in the Church in both English and Italian.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 11th, 2018 was **\$2,914.70**. 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.)!**

I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / B

Un altro cammino verso la Pasqua è iniziato. La meta che sta dinanzi alla Chiesa significa rinnovamento e storia nuova. Per raggiungere un traguardo, lo sappiamo per esperienza, non è sufficiente un entusiasmo epidermico o una volontà generica: occorre un impegno preciso, una lunga e laboriosa preparazione. Il rinnovamento della propria vita non è affare di un momento, ma è frutto di sacrificio, di costanza, di pazienza. La Quaresima è l'opportunità che Dio ci offre.

TEMPO DI QUARESIMA 2018

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 **23 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 sono disponibili! C'è una quantità limitata di biglietti da vendere-fatti in fretta! **Il prezzo è di \$35 per gli adulti e \$15 per i bambini fino ai 12 anni.** Per favore, domandati agli uscieri 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**.

La fede al vaglio: Molte volte la vita ci ha impietosamente messi di fronte a interrogativi angosciosi. La morte di persone care, il sacrificio di tanti innocenti, vittime di imprevedibili catastrofi naturali o di violenza fratricida, la soppressione di chi parla in difesa della giustizia e della verità strappano al cuore umano l'inquietante domanda Perché? Dio, dove sei? Il non credente risponde ricorrendo alla «fatalità» o al «tragico destino» nei casi in cui non sia in gioco la malvagità o la prepotenza omicida dell'uomo. Il credente di fronte al mistero del dolore e del male prova un

comprensibile smarrimento perché molte delle sue domande non trovano risposte o spiegazioni razionali.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 11 Febbraio 2018 e' stata **\$2,914.70**. 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. 17th ~ Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

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

Sunday, Feb. 18th ~ First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. +Teresa & Mattia Doto, req. by Doto Family
+Giuseppina Antuono, req. by De Fusco Family
+Antonio Ammirato, req. by the Family
+Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero & Family
+Pietro Altomare, req. by Agata Toso & Family
+Giovanni Toso, req. by Agata Toso
+Rachela & Pietro Filardi, req. by Rosa Filardi
+Antonio, Americo & Giuseppina Palma,
req. by Pasqualina Villacci
+Giorgio & Giuseppina Accomando, req. by the daughters
+Tracy Scott, req. by her father David Scott
+Felicia Fermo, req. by the Parish
11:00 a.m. +Frances Coviello, req. by Lucia Loizzo
+Tamara Tumidajski, req. by the Parish

Monday, Feb. 19th

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Carmela Zito, req. by her mother

Tuesday, Feb. 20th

- 12:00 p.m. +Felicetta & Paolo Lobo, req. by Lucia Del Grande
7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Francesco Iurato, req. by the Family

Wednesday, Feb. 21st ~ St. Peter Damian

- 12:00 p.m. +Tamara Tumidajski, req. by the Parish
6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours
7:00 p.m. **Novena Mass:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday, Feb. 22nd ~ Chair of St. Peter

- 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Meditation & Benediction
12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Carmela Zito, req. by her mother

Friday, Feb. 23rd ~ St. Polycarp

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Carmela Zito, req. by her mother

Saturday, Feb. 24th

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Carmela Zito, req. by her mother
10:00 a.m. **Confirmation Lenten Retreat**
5:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Marta Delle Fave, req. by Calo Family
For all the deceased members of the Spandl, Mayer & Zimmer Families, req. by Maria Mayer
+Angel & Luca Charcopos, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero


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