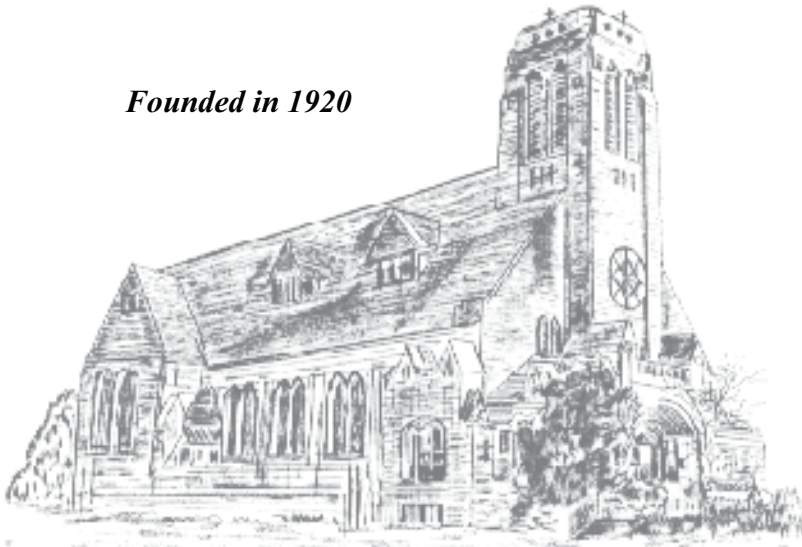


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SUNDAY MASSES

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.

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

Being put to the test: the “test” of Abraham tests us all. It is a story that strains any confidence we might have in a loving God. Why would a good and gracious God order Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, “your only one, whom you love,” the miracle child, the promise, the cherished gift? Of course, Abraham is spared from carrying out the act by a heavenly angel of the Lord. But that doesn’t make the plot any less troubling. It seems strange that God would play such games with us. Among the philosophers and theologians who have struggled with the story, Kierkegaard has been something of a beacon—even if not entirely illuminating. He reminds us of the utter transcendence and otherness of God, the absolute who enters our life, not through rational categories or moral standards, but through a harrowing leap of faith.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus membership recruitment drive will be taking place this weekend after each Mass. We are happy to inform you about our new Knights of Columbus initiative, supported by Pope Francis, regarding building the Domestic Church and the strengthening of family life, and how you can help. If you would like more information or if you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, please see one of our representatives after each Mass.

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 their 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 (approximately 6-8 times each year) on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community. **The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience**, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide. The work builds on a similar campaign from 2017. Please take a moment to provide your contact information at the back of the Church this weekend. Thank you for living a faith that acts!

SHARE LENT IN THE NAME OF PEACE

During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization *Adyan*, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. *Adyan* offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence. In this part of the world, wounded by past and present wars, *Adyan’s* work is essential, and your support is indispensable to them. **The first ShareLife Sunday Collection will take place the weekend of March 17th and 18th. Please give generously.**

NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY

Last weekend we welcomed members of **New Beginnings**, an Archdiocesan Ministry dedicated to helping people who have suffered loss through separation, divorce, or death of a loved one. There is a need for a lead Minister. All required training and support to successfully lead this Ministry will be provided. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested in being a part of this program.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2018

“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.” ~ Pope Benedict XVI

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.

PURPLE LENTEN BAG PROGRAM

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 Saint Vincent de Paul and Out of the Cold.**

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 next service will be held on Friday, March 2nd.**

ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, MARCH 17

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 and are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.** To obtain your tickets, please see an usher after each Mass or contact the Parish office – don’t delay!

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH MONDAY, MARCH 19

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

LENTEN COMMUNITY CONFESSIONS: MARCH 22

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
FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

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.**

VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to register yourself as an actor or as a volunteer, please email us at: **stbrigidpassion@gmail.com.** This is a great way for students to fulfill their volunteer requirements, meet new friends, and be a part of history in the making. **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 children to attend the Good Friday Liturgy on March 30th at 3:00 pm. Children are asked to proceed directly to the Church hall before the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Passion. Children will return to the Church for the Veneration of the Cross.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 18th, 2018 was **\$3,398.45.** 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.)!**

SECONDA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / B

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.

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 **2 di Marzo.**

**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 alla Processione. La cena sarà buffet e include autentici piatti Italiani con una bottiglia di vino per ogni tavolo.

I biglietti sono disponibili! C'è una quantità limitata di biglietti da vendere-fate 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.**

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 18 Febbraio 2018 e' stata **\$3,398.45.** 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. 24th

- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Carmela Zito, req. by her mother
- 10:00 a.m. **Confirmation Lenten Retreat for Students**
- 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

Sunday, Feb. 25th - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. +Tommaso Morlando, req. by Giuseppe Morlando & Family
+Luigi Cascone, req. by Maria Valentini
+Rosario & Giuseppe Lopez, req. by Ita Spada
+Albino & Maria Angelica Lamanna, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Monserrata Denny Caggianiello, req. by the Family
+Giuseppina & Carmine Cioffi, req. by Pasqualina Villacci
+Incoronata Cornacchia, req. by Angelo Cornacchia
+Graziella Iacono, req. by Avarino Family
+Francesco Iurato, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. For all the victims of the Florida Parkland shooting,
req. by Francesco & Joseph Rampino
+Luca & Angel Charcopos, req. by Lucy & Rocco Colangelo
+Frances Coviello, req. by Lucia Loizzo
+Giovannina & Santo Dattoli, req. by the Family
+Martin Schwartz, req. by the Humphries Family

Monday, Feb. 26th

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Caterina Nocera & Family

Tuesday, Feb. 27th

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

Wednesday, Feb. 28th

- 12:00 p.m. +Maria Francesca & Antonio Magri, req. by Caterina Nocera
- 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, Mar. 1st

- 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Meditation & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. +Giuseppina Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Pasquale Palumbo, req. by the Family

Friday, Mar. 2nd - World Day of Prayer

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

Saturday, Mar. 3rd


- 9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Marta Delle Fave, req. by her friends
- 5:00 p.m. +Luciano & Giuseppina Ruggiero, req. by the Family

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