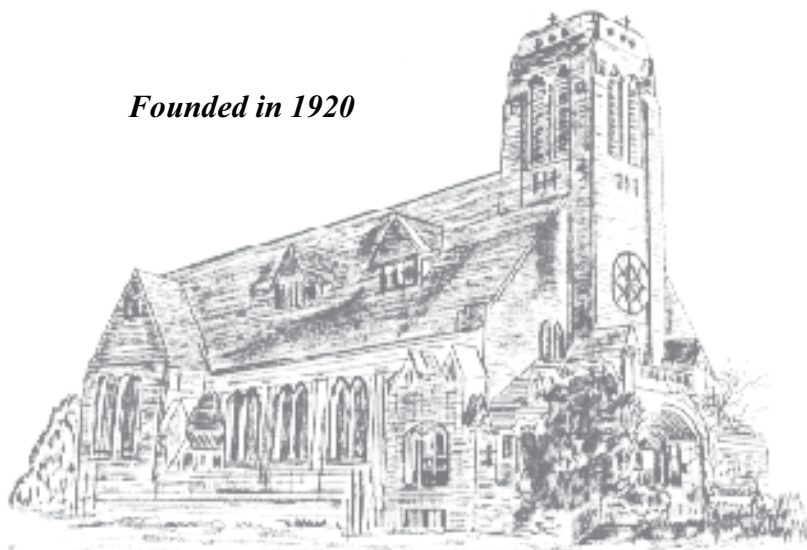


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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B**

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus in the temple as Passover approaches. He is outraged that His "Father's house" is being used as a trading centre. He cleanses it and restores it to a prayerful state. Are we striving for wholeness or are our souls in need of cleansing? Today we may ask ourselves if we need to wipe the cobwebs away before we celebrate Easter. We may ask ourselves if pride distances us from God or others. Are we being self-centered, unforgiving or un-giving? Do we judge, criticize or fail to recognize the needs of others? In the silence of our hearts, do we hear God whispering, "Come back to me"? We are temples of the Spirit, called to holiness and to the joy of eternal life. How blessed are we! **Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God.**

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: MARCH 8**

The theme for this year is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". This day comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women have captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change. This day is an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, to empower women in all settings and celebrate the activists working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018**

**PALM SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DELLE PALME ~ MAR. 25**

8:30 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule

*Procession, with palms, at all Masses as well as the Saturday evening Mass.*

**HOLY THURSDAY ~ GIOVEDÌ SANTO ~ MAR. 29**

**7:30 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**10:00 pm** Holy Hour and Adoration until midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY ~ VENERDÌ SANTO ~ MAR. 30**

**11:00 am** Stations of the Cross on the streets

**1:00 pm** Liturgy of the Lord Passion (Italian)  
Adorazione della Croce e Comunione

**3:00 pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)  
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion  
Children's Liturgy (Church Hall)

**6:00 pm** Passion Play and Procession

**HOLY SATURDAY ~ SABATO SANTO ~ MAR. 31**

**11:00 am** Solemn Rosary and Marian Meditation

**8:30 pm** Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DI PASQUA ~ APR. 1**

**8:30 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am** - Regular Mass Schedule

**EASTER MONDAY ~ PASQUETTA ~ APR. 2**

**9:00 am** Holy Mass (Chapel)

**THE SEASON OF LENT 2018**

*"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ~ Matthew 6:16-18*

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 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.

**ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17 – 6:00 pm**

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 – 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.

**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 – 6:00 pm**

This year we will celebrate the 29th annual Good Friday Passion Play & Procession. **Please join us at 6:00 pm in the Church on Friday, March 30th.** If you would like to register yourself as a volunteer, please email us at: **stbrigidpassion@gmail.com.** Practices are being held **every Sunday at 3:00 to 6:00 pm** in the Church. **Pizza is served after each practice.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / TERZA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / MARCH 4, 2018

### GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We invite children to attend the Good Friday Liturgy on **Friday, March 30th at 3:00 pm** in the Church hall.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 25th, 2018 was **\$3,898.25**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of February was **\$5,272.82**. **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.)!**

### TERZA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / B

Dopo le prime due Domeniche di Quaresima, durante le quali abbiamo meditato le tentazioni e della trasfigurazione di Gesù, che quest'anno abbiamo letto secondo il racconto che ne fa San Marco, la Liturgia ci fa continuare il nostro itinerario verso Pasqua con alcuni brani del vangelo di Giovanni. In questa III Domenica di Quaresima il brano del Vangelo descrive la cacciata dal tempio dei venditori e la promessa da parte di Gesù di un nuovo Tempio: Lui stesso. "Non sono pochi coloro i quali affermano che il Dio-Uomo è nato dal seno verginale che lo Spirito del grande Dio ha formato, costruendo un tempio puro al tempio. La Madre, infatti, è il tempio di Cristo...".

### LA GIORNATA INTERNAZIONALE DELLA DONNA

La Giornata Internazionale Della Donna ricorre il **8 di Marzo** di ogni anno per ricordare sia le conquiste sociali, economiche e politiche, sia le discriminazioni e le violenze di cui le donne sono state e sono ancora oggetto in quasi tutte le parti del mondo.

### APOSTOLATO DELLA PREGHIERA - MARZO

**Per l'Evangelizzazione:** Perché la Chiesa riconosca l'urgenza della formazione spirituale, sul piano personale e comunitario.

### 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.

### DINNER DANCE

#### PER AIUTARE LA PASSION PLAY E PROCESSIONE – SABATO, 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 25 Febbraio 2018 e' stata **\$3,898.25**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Febbraio è stata **\$5,272.82**. 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, 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  
+James Monaghan, req. by Paul Monaghan

### Sunday, Mar. 4th - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**  
9:30 a.m. +Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso  
+Assunta Cascone, req. by Maria Valentini  
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family  
+Francesco & Adelina Casciaro, req. by the Visconti Family  
+Tommaso Morlando, req. by Giuseppe & Family  
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family  
+Francesco Iurato, req. by the Zablocki Family  
+Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family  
+Lisa Mandarino, req. by the Family  
+Gina Panacci, req. by the Parish  
+Pasquale Palumbo, req. by the parish  
11:00 a.m. +Damiano Calia & Bruna Petruzelli, req. by Grazia Calia  
+Frances Coviello, req. by Lucy Coviello  
+Mario Marzocchi, req. by the Ambrosini Family  
+Joe Nucifora, req. by the Russo Family  
+Benita Chew Ang, req. by the Yao & Sybuenasenso Families

### Monday, Mar. 5th

12:00 p.m. +Caterina De Stefano & Antonio Cortese,  
req. by Caterina Nocera & Family

### Tuesday, Mar. 6th

12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Rocco Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia  
7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Angelo Cornacchia, req. by the Family

### Wednesday, Mar. 7th - St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

12:00 p.m. +Joe Galea, 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, Mar. 8th - St. John of God

10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Meditation & Benediction  
12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Paul McCash, req. by the Connor Family  
+Michael & Josephine Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande  
+Giuseppina Antuono, req. by Carmine De Fusco  
7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Joe Nucifora, req. by the Family

### Friday, Mar. 9th - St. Frances of Rome

12:00 p.m. +Antonio Cortese, req. by Caterina Nocera & Family


### Saturday, Mar. 10th

9:00 a.m. +Don Marren, req. by the Parish  
5:00 p.m. +Maria De Manche, req. by the Parish

*Prayer to St. John of God: Father, you gave our Father John of God love and compassion for others. Grant that by doing good for others we may be counted among the saints in your kingdom. Amen.*

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