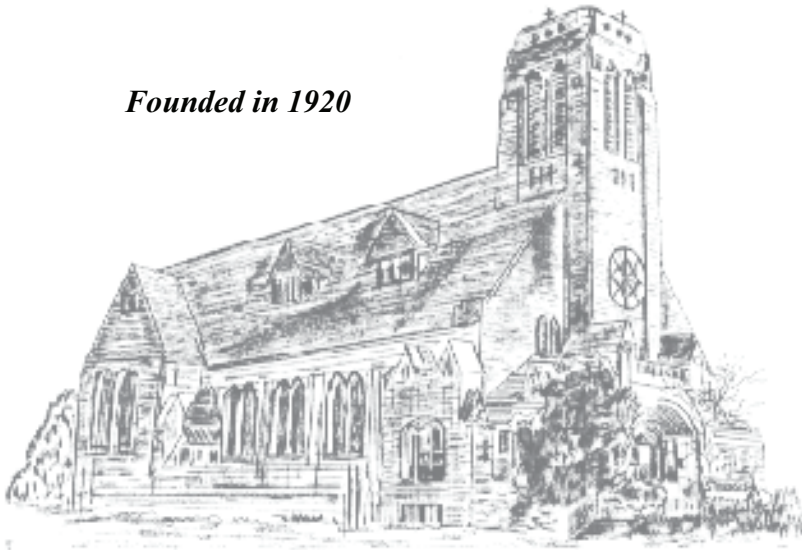


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Monday to Friday
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.
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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

Today's Gospel follows the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. We hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action.

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION: POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

The *Pope's Pastoral Works* allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly in aiding victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK SUNDAY, MAY 6 to FRIDAY, MAY 11

Dear Lord, Thank you for your promise that has made all of us your dearly loved children. Empower us to love others the way you love us. Wash us clean from every sin. Remind us to praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts. Jesus, be Lord of our lives today in new ways and transform us into faithful followers. Fill us with your Holy Spirit. Make us an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness and justice. Empower us this week with your glory and to invite others to follow in your footsteps. Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please join us on **Saturday, May 12th** at the **9:00 am Chapel Mass** as we celebrate the Solemnity to Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!

SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL BY CARING FOR THE ELDERLY

Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her from enjoying many activities. When **LA Centre for Active Living** planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her disabilities would get in the way. To Erika's delight, the ShareLife-funded agency ensured the trip was fully accessible for her. Having the most fun she has had in years, she felt like her disabilities disappeared. Last year, ShareLife-supported agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors. **The third and final ShareLife collection will take place on May 26th and 27th.**

NEW BOOK RELEASE BY POPE FRANCIS

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE: ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

In Pope Francis' third apostolic exhortation, he presents the universal call to live holy lives with a new, fresh approach.

If you would like a copy of this book, please see an usher after each Mass. The cost is \$20. Don't delay!

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR Saturday Rehearsal Dates: May 12 & 19

The next two rehearsals for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, May 12th & 19th** from **10:00 to 11:00 am in the Church.**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in the Church.**

1. On **Wednesday, May 9th**, students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from St. Brigid's School will have the opportunity to receive Confession at 10:00 am in the Church.
2. All Confirmation make up assignments will be due on **Sunday, May 13th**. Please see Nancy Crawford to hand in all your work.
3. On **Sunday, June 3rd**, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ (Corpus Christi) there will be a mandatory post Confirmation reflection session at 9:30 am followed by the 11:00 am Mass and Procession.

SISTERS OF ST. ELIZABETH CONVENT HANDMADE RELIGIOUS ITEMS

We are delighted to welcome again the **Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent, from Belarus** who will be selling beautiful, handmade, religious articles on **Thursday, May 24th at 12:30 pm at the inside front entrance of our Church.** We look forward to seeing you.

The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. They care for and support mentally challenged children and adults in Belarus. Your financial support helps the Sisters to continue supporting those in need.

FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY: JUNE 13

Please join us on **Wednesday, June 13th at 7:00 pm** as we celebrate a special Mass in honour of Saint Anthony. There will also be a blessing of bread.

TWO SPECIAL HEALING MASSES

St. Brigid's Parish will have the opportunity to experience the loving touch and the healing power of the Mercy of God in the form of two special healing Masses.

1. On **Saturday, June 16th at 10:30 am** Father Carlos will celebrate a special healing Mass with the anointing of the sick for the elderly and for those who are sick.
2. On **Saturday, June 23rd at 10:30 am** Father Carlos will celebrate a healing session followed by Mass for all mothers who have suffered a miscarriage or the loss of an unborn child.

RESCUE CONFIRMATION COURSE FOR ADULTS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Calling all adults and secondary school students who have been Baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will be holding 4 sessions starting this September (date to be confirmed) in order to fully prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are committed to helping our Parishioners to grow in the family of faith. If you are interested in being a part of this program, please contact the Parish office.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on April 29th, 2018 was **\$4,069.80**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of April was **\$5,252.82**. **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.)!**

SESTA DOMENICA DI PASQUA / B

La Chiesa non ha voluto solo per sé l'inalienabile diritto alla libertà religiosa; fondandolo sulla dignità della persona umana, lo ha sottratto ad ogni sfera pubblica, di qualsiasi tipo; il che vuoi dire che per i credenti in religioni non cristiane, per gli atei, per gli agnostici, per gli indifferenti, per gli scettici, vale il sistema dell'immunità da coercizioni da parte della pubblica autorità, anche nel caso che essi professino pubblicamente le loro idee. La Chiesa ha accettato lealmente di rinunciare a una situazione di cristianità dalla quale era escluso il pluralismo.

SHARELIFE: IL VANGELO SI VIVE PRENDENDOCI CURA DEGLI ANZIANI

Da quando Erika fu colpita da un ictus cerebrale le sue limitate capacità motorie non le permettono più alcune attività di suo gradimento. Quando la LA Centre for Active Living organizzò una gita al Festival dell'Aglio, Erika temeva che la sua invalidità non le avrebbe permesso di godersi la gita. Con grande gioia di Erika, l'agenzia, finanziata da ShareLife, si premurò di renderle la gita totalmente accessibile. Erika si divertì come non le succedeva da anni e le venne da pensare che l'invalidità era sparita. L'anno scorso le agenzie finanziate da ShareLife hanno assistito oltre 6, 300 anziani. **La prossima Domenica di ShareLife è il 27 Maggio 2018. Per favore dona generosamente.**

FESTA DI SANT'ANTONIO

Mercoledì, il 13 di Giugno alle 7:00 pm celebreremo una Messa speciale in onore di **Sant'Antonio** con la benedizione del pane in onore di questo grande Santo.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare della settimana 29 Aprile 2018 e' stata **\$4,069.80**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Aprile è stata **\$5,252.82**. 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, May 5th

- 9:00 a.m. +Suzanne Mears Clugston, req. by the Parish
12:00 p.m. **First Holy Communion Mass**
5:00 p.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Linda Ward, req. by her Family
+Celestino & Concetta Volpe, req. by the Family
+Richard McCrorie, req. by Joe Naccarato

Sunday, May 6th

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Benedizione Speciale per Angela Muzzo, req. by Family & Friends
+Giovanni Ferraiuolo, req. by the Sestito Family
+Antonietta & Carmine Spada, req. by Ida Altomare
+Fiore Altomare, req. by Ida Altomare & Family
+Tommaso & Mauro Morlando, req. by Maria Distasio
+Giuseppe, Lauretta & Baby Casciari, req. by Visconti Family
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Maria Nogara, req. by Rosa Nicastro & Family
+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family
+Michelino Liscio, req. by Rosetta Liscio
+Antonio Mior, req. by the Family
+Maria & Francesco Sacco, req. by the Children
+Ambrogio (Andy) Masellis, req. by the Parish
+Colomba Iacoviello, req. by the Parish
11:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Linda Ward, req. by Tina Morlando
For all the Deceased Members of the Campanelli & Loizzo Families, req. by Lucia Loizzo
+Ambrocio Polanco & Maria Paz Faundo, req. by Marie Polanco
+Nayda Simple & Anita Mariveiez, req. by Nicki & Family

Monday, May 7th

- 12:00 p.m. +Mary Carol Dwyer, req. by Ray & Janice Dwyer

Tuesday, May 8th ~ BL. Catherine of St. Augustine

- 12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande
+Vittorio Turco, req. by Joe Naccarato

- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Nicola Messina, req. by the Family

Wednesday, May 9th

- 12:00 p.m. +Pasquale & Rosa Fiorello, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo

- 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
+Jerry Scarangela, req. by Graziella & Family

Thursday, May 10th

- 12:00 p.m. +Pasquale Lamanna, req. by Rosa Viscomi
+Edward Flood, req. by Tina Morlando & Chiara Grande

- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Pietro & Rocco Iacoviello, req. by Melino Family

Friday, May 11th

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Michael O'Neill, req. by Sheila & Tom Johnston
+Francesco Ianitelli, req. by Joe Naccarato

Saturday, May 12th ~ Canada Health Day

- 9:00 a.m. **Solemn Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Fatime**
+Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

- 12:00 p.m. **Wedding Mass:** Juris Jansons & Christina Costa


- 5:00 p.m. +Michelina Liscio, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero
+Carlo De Stefano, req. by the Family

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