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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

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

PILGRIMAGE 2018: A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who participated in last Saturday's Pilgrimage to St. Louis Church, St. Anthony of Padua Church, and Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to make our day memorable. Special thanks to Fr. Carlos for leading us in prayer and song throughout the day and for concelebrating the Mass at the end of our journey.

OUT OF THE COLD

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: DECEMBER 15 & 16

The annual collection for the Christmas Dinner for guests from the Out of the Cold Program is taking place this weekend. The program serves the many needs of the poor and homeless in our community. Your continued generosity during the Christmas season is very much appreciated.

MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Anyone interested in helping us with this year's **Out of the Cold Program** is welcome to attend the next **meeting on Wednesday, December 19th at 5:00 pm** at the former St. Catherine of Siena Church located at 1099 Danforth Avenue at the St. Brigid's Annex Room.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested in helping us, please contact the Parish office.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

SIX VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED DECEMBER 19 – NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

We are looking for six volunteer drivers to deliver Christmas baskets for seven families within our community. The pick up will take place on **Wednesday, December 19th** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** starting at the **Notre Dame High School Gym** (12 Malvern Avenue). Please contact the Parish office if you are interested in helping.

FOOD FOR A MONTH PROGRAM

We are in need of able bodied volunteers on **Thursday, December 20th** and/or on **Friday, December 21st** starting **9:00 am** at **Precious Blood Church** (1737 Lawrence Ave. East) in the Church Hall to help pack food (December 20th)

and deliver food hampers to families in our community for our annual "Food for a Month Program" (December 21st). All interested volunteers are asked to please contact the Parish office or Diana FitzGerald at: (647) 980-5710.

2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

Your **2019 donation envelopes** are ready for pick up. They are located at the back of the Church. Please ask an usher for assistance. If you have moved or have updated your contact information, we urge you to please contact the Parish office with your new details.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on December 9th, 2018 was **\$3,228.85**. 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.)!**

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th

5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass (English)

11:30 pm: Christmas Carols

12:00 am: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2019

8:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

January 18th to the 25th, 2019 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2019 finds its origins in Deuteronomy, "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20). It was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity. For more information visit: www.geii.org.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: JANUARY 22 to 27, 2019

World Youth Day will be celebrated in Panama starting January 22nd to January 27th, 2019. World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is typically celebrated every three years in a different country. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centered on Jesus Christ. This event is an opportunity to experience in first person the universality of the Church; to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, by means of prayer and the sacraments, together with thousands of other young people who share your interests and ambitions. worldyouthday.com

ST. BRIGID CHILDREN'S CHOIR: JANUARY 2019

Starting **January 2019**, we will start a Children's Choir that will be singing at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. The choir will be led by **Daniel Colla**, a retired TCDSB Music Teacher and professional choral conductor. Children from ages 7 to 14 are encouraged to be part of this newly formed choir. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP: FEBRUARY 27, 2019

The *Prayer & Life Workshop* is a weekly program that helps you to learn and deepen the art of prayer. Sessions include methods such as prayerful reading, integral reconciliation, and contemplative prayer. The workshop will be held in the Rectory Hall and will start on **Wednesday, February 27th**. Each session is two hours long. The instruction is free; however, materials are \$15. Please contact the Parish office to register for this workshop.

**ST. BRIGID'S PATRON SAINT
FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS:**

**TRIDUUM MASSES 2019:
JANUARY 30th, 31st & FEBRUARY 1st**

Our annual Feast of St. Brigid ~ our Patron Saint will be taking place this year. Please join us for our **Triduum Masses** on **Wednesday, January 30th, Thursday, January 31st, and Friday, February 1st at 7:00 pm** in the Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

**ST. BRIGID'S AND
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
ANNUAL FEAST DAY DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2019**

Please join us for our **St. Brigid's and St. Catherine of Siena Annual Feast Day Dinner Dance** on **Saturday, February 2nd, 2019**. The festivities will take place in the Church Hall. More details to follow soon.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2019

Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto will take place on the weekend of February 9th and 10th, 2019. **The Celebration of Marriage Mass** will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge). Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversaries will be honoured.

III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / C

Questa vicinanza di Dio rende il cristiano aperto e solidale con tutto ciò che i suoi fratelli, gli uomini, fanno di buono e di sincero. Egli non si rinchioda in una morale tutta sua, e sa invece fare sue le virtù proprie di una generazione, gli slanci propri di una mentalità, i valori inseriti nei modi di pensare. Vedere ed apprezzare tutto ciò che vi è di buono negli altri, con uno sguardo e con un giudizio positivi, è l'altro aspetto dell'ottimismo che viene dalla certezza di vivere con Dio.

TUTTI HANNO DIRITTO A ESSERE FELICI

C'è "una significativa relazione fra il messaggio evangelico e il riconoscimento dei diritti umani, nello spirito degli estensori della Dichiarazione Universale dei Diritti dell'Uomo": così Papa Francesco nel discorso al Corpo diplomatico pronunciato all'inizio di quest'anno. Quel testo riconosce che la "dignità inerente a tutti i membri della famiglia umana e dei loro diritti, uguali ed inalienabili, costituisce il fondamento della libertà, della giustizia e della pace nel mondo".

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare della settimana 9 Dicembre 2018 e' stata **\$3,228.85**. 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, December 15th

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera S. Brigida
- 11:00 a.m. **Wedding Mass:** Philip John Turner & Antonette Valentino
- 5:00 p.m. +Pablito A. Valderama, req. by the Bernardo Family
+Antonia Zampino, req. by Juanita Hebert

Sunday, December 16th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. In Onore di Santa Lucia, req. by Giuseppe & Pasquina Bavaro
In Onore di San'Rocco, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande
Benedizione Speciale di Compleanno per Tina Morlando
Per Tutti I Defunti delle Famiglie Filardi & Gesualdo, req. by Donato, Giovanna & Rosa Filardi
Per Tutti I Defunti della Famiglia Guercio, req. by Pasquale & Maria Guercio
+Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Antonino Spano Greco, req. by the Family
+Giuseppe Cirone, req. by Agata Toso
+Giovanni Toso, req. by Agata Toso
- 11:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Members of the FitzGerald Family
+Leonardo & Ambrogio Masellis, req. by the Family

Monday, December 17th

- 12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased Members of the St. Brigid's Community

Tuesday, December 18th

- 12:00 p.m. +Giovannina Loboizzo, req. by Lucia Del Grande
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Paolo Di Gregorio, req. by the Family

Wednesday, December 19th

- 12:00 p.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Joseph Rampino
+Elisabetta Fossella, req. by the Paonessa Family
- 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, December 20th

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Bishop Robert Kasun
Special Birthday Blessing for Marisa Conforti
+Giuseppe & Maria Naccarato, req. by Joe Naccarato
- 7:00 p.m. **Memorial Mass:** +Linda Francis, req. by Vincenzo & Maria Camera & Family

Friday, December 21st ~ St. Peter Canisius

- 12:00 p.m. +Rosalbino & Giuseppina Iannitelli, req. by Joe Naccarato

Saturday, December 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. For all the Members of our Community Suffering with Illnesses
- 5:00 p.m. +Giovanni & Maria Iannitelli, req. by Joe Naccarato

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