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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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: C

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-denial through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-sacrifice and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time, treasure, and talents.

### 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, March 15th.**

### FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING THE GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION: SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Please join us on **Saturday, March 30th at 6:00 pm** in our Church Hall for our **Sixth Annual Fundraiser supporting the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession**. The buffet dinner will include authentic Italian food made by the best home cooks in our community 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 \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under.** Please see an usher after each Mass or call the Parish Office at: **(416) 696-8660**.

### CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Confessions for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome.

## CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES

### GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION

If you would like to lend a helping hand in any way for the 30th Annual Good Friday Passion Play & Procession (acting, singing, lighting, props, costumes, make-up, etc.) please contact the Parish office or email us at: **stbrigidpassion@gmail.com** with your full name and contact information. We will get back to you with additional details.

**Practices are held every Sunday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Church. Refreshments are served after each practice.**

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES

On **Tuesday, March 12th at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting the third video of the nine part doc-series on the Truth about Cancer.

Each week we will present a new episode with a new international panel of doctors, scientists, researchers, and cancer survivors who will reveal revolutionary cancer preventatives, therapies, and life-saving treatments that can protect you and your loved ones from cancer. **All are welcome - Participation is free!**

### PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP

**Prayer & Life Workshop** will continue this **Wednesday, March 13th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Hall**. It is not too late to join. This week's topic is: **God of Tenderness**. Please call the Parish office to register.

### ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR NEXT REHEARSAL DATE: MARCH 16

The next rehearsal date for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 am in the Church**.

### ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE & MASS: SATURDAY, MARCH 16

The St. Brigid's Children Choir will be accepting new members between the ages of 7 to 14. The children's choir practices every Saturday at 4:00 pm followed by singing at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. The next practice and Mass will take place on **Saturday, March 16th**. Please contact the Parish office to register your child.

### SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH TUESDAY, MARCH 19 – 7:00 pm

Please join us on **Tuesday, 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.

### CONFIRMATION COURSE

The remainder of the Saturday classes for the Confirmation Rescue Course for secondary school students and adults will be taking place on **March 23rd, 30th, and April 6th**. Please call the Parish office to register for this program.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – 11:00 AM**

Please join us at St. Brigid's Church on **Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 am** to commemorate the World day of Prayer. This day is an international, ecumenical movement asking you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is run under the motto "**Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action**". The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures, and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer.

**WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION**

The regular collection for the week ending March 3rd was **\$2,962.20**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of February was **\$4,910.82**. **Please remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.).**

**I DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA: C**

**Tempo di preghiera.** Dichiarare che Gesù è Signore significa prendere posizione per lui, non essere neutrali nelle scelte che la vita cristiana impone. Momento e luogo privilegiato per questa professione di fede è la preghiera che vuole essere riconoscimento di Dio come protagonista della nostra storia di salvati, ed espressione di una coscienza filiale che risponde alla sua paternità.

**FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE: 19 MARZO**

**Martedì, 19 Marzo** si celebra la Festa di San Giuseppe. Una messa Solenne in onore di San Giuseppe sarà celebrata alle **7:00 pm in Inglese e Italiano**.

**TEMPO DI QUARESIMA**

**STAZIONI DELLA CROCE**

Vi invitiamo a partecipare con noi alla celebrazione delle Stazioni della Croce. Ogni Venerdì di Quaresima alle 7:00 pm nella chiesa cominciando il **15 di Marzo**.

**DINNER DANCE: PER AIUTARE IL PASSION PLAY  
E PROCESSIONE: SABATO, 30 MARZO**

Non è troppo tardi per ottenere i tuoi biglietti per la festa annuale per aiutare la produzione del Passion Play e 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 \$40 per gli adulti e \$20 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 11 APRILE**

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno luogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 11 Aprile** alle ore **7:00 pm**.

**GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA SAN PADRE PIO**

**Sabato 16 Marzo**, dopo la messa delle 9:00 am, ci sarà La Coroncina di San Pio di Pietralcina. Per informazione chiamate a Chiara a: **(416) 466-0445**.

**COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE**

La colletta regolare di 3 Marzo e' stata **\$2,962.20**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Febbraio è stata **\$4,910.82**. **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, March 9th ~ St. Frances of Rome**

- 9:00 a.m. +Joseph Przybylo, req. by the Catholic Refugee Sponsors Council  
+Luigi Di Marco, req. by the Family
- 5:00 p.m. Special Birthday Blessing for Rose Brancato  
Special Blessing for Peter Buchner, req. by Maria Calo & Family  
+Giuseppina Ruggiero, req. by Rocco & Lucy Colangelo  
+Phyllis D'Armond Forrest, req. by Laura Colantoni

**Sunday, March 10th ~ First Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
- 9:30 a.m. Bendizione Speciale per Maria Distasio, req. by Tina Morlando  
Per Tutti I Defunti Della Famiglia Kolja, req. by Maria Kolja  
Per Tutti Le Anime in Purgatorio, req. by Pietrina Fragale  
+Alfredo & Franca Sollecito, req. by Sestito Family  
+Lisa Mandarino & Luigi Francella, req. by Mandarino Family  
+Francesco & Adelina Casciaro, req. by Rosa Viscomi  
+Rita & Michelo Doto, req. by Doto Family  
+Antonio, Assunta, Paolo & Madalena Romagnuolo, req. by Concetta Romagnuolo  
+Yolanda De Sante, req. by the Parish  
+Arcangelo Palermo, req. by the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. +Giuseppe Speciale, req. by the Family  
+Veneranda Gutierrez, req. by Rosalina Bettridge  
+Laura Krajewski, req. by the Parish

**Monday, March 11th**

- 12:00 p.m. Special Blessing for All the Students on March Break

**Tuesday, March 12th**

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of Our Community

**Wednesday, March 13th**

- 12:00 p.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero
- 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, March 14th**

- 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- 12:00 p.m. +Giuseppe Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande

**Friday, March 15th**

- 12:00 p.m. +Vito & Maria Rosa Viscomi, req. by Nicola Viscomi
- 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross / Stazione Della Croce**

**Saturday, March 16th**

- 9:00 a.m. San Pio Di Pietralcina, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera di S. Brigid  
+Pasquina Bavaro, req. by Gruppo di Preghiera di Padre Pio
- 5:00 p.m. +John McKernan, req. by Cliona Fox


*Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses, especially, Bishop Robert Kasun, Rosa Rampulla, Nelda Montesa, Paul Crawford, Marta Delle Fave, Ethan Shoot, Carmela Zito, Robert Edward James, Peter Buchner, Eva Cioffi, Thomas Richardson, Fred van Velsen & Maria Distasio.*

**Stewardship: We pray that each one of us may use our time and talents to make a profound impact in our community, sharing our gifts with one another.**



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