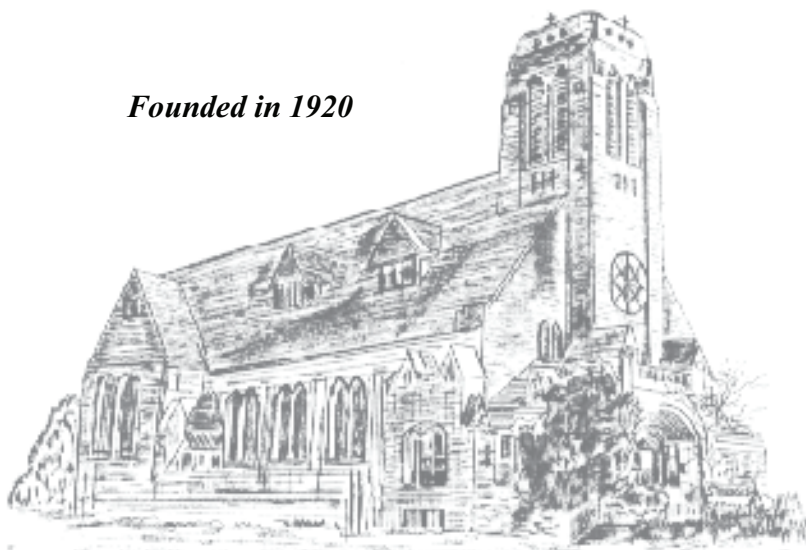


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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: C**

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable. Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2019**

**PALM SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DELLE PALME ~ APR. 14**

8:30 am - **9:45 am** - 11:00 am - Regular Mass Schedule

*Procession, with palms, at all Masses as well as the Saturday evening Mass. Due to an extended Mass, the 9:30 am Italian Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 am.*

**HOLY THURSDAY ~ GIOVEDÌ SANTO ~ APR. 18**

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

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

**GOOD FRIDAY ~ VENERDÌ SANTO ~ APR. 19**

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

**1:00 pm** Liturgy of the Lord's 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 ~ APR. 20**

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

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

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DI PASQUA ~ APR. 21**

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

**EASTER MONDAY ~ PASQUETTA ~ APR. 22**

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

**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 our Out of the Cold Program.**

**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.

**The next service will be held on Friday, March 29th.**

**FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING THE GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION**

Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets for the Sixth Annual Fundraiser supporting the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession. **TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!**

**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.

**SHARELIFE: HOW CAN YOU LIVE THE GOSPEL WHEN LIFE IS SO BUSY**

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. However, if your schedule does not allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Over the next several weeks, please reflect on your ability to **"Live the Gospel"** by making sacrificial gifts to our Church's ShareLife campaign.

This weekend, at all Masses, we will be joined by a speaker from a ShareLife funded agency – Catholic Family Services. **The first ShareLife collection will be taken on March 30th / March 31st.** Please give generously.

**THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES**

On **Tuesday, March 26th at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall** Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting the fifth video of the nine part doc-series on the Truth about Cancer. **Participation is free! All are welcome.**

**PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP**

The next session for the Prayer & Life Workshop will be taking place on **Wednesday, March 27th** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Hall. If you are interested in joining, please register with the Parish office.

**ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The St. Brigid's Children 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 30th**. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register your child (ages 7 to 14).

**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.

## 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 30th, and April 6th.**

### THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

**Reconciliation:** Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 pm

**Holy Communion:** Saturday, May 4th at 12:00 pm

**Confirmation:** Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending March 17th was **\$3,329.60. 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.).**

## III DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA: C

Due fatti di cronaca (alcuni morti in una rivolta contro i Romani, l'improvviso cedere di una torre che seppellisce alcuni cittadini) offrono a Gesù l'occasione per un appello a conversione. Il contesto immediato del brano evangelico insiste sul tema della vigilanza e sulla lettura dei segni dei tempi, per cui vi è logica connessione tematica. Gesù da una parte vuole sfatare il pregiudizio che lega la sventura terrena a colpe personali o collettive, dall'altra dichiara che la vera disgrazia è l'impenitenza, il rifiuto della conversione.

## TEMPO DI QUARESIMA

### MESSAGGIO DI PAPA FRANCESCO

**La redenzione del creato.** La celebrazione del Triduo Pasquale della passione, morte e risurrezione di Cristo, culmine dell'anno liturgico, ci chiama ogni volta a vivere un itinerario di preparazione, consapevoli che il nostro diventare conformi a Cristo è un dono inestimabile della misericordia di Dio. Se l'uomo vive da figlio di Dio, se vive da persona redenta, che si lascia guidare dallo Spirito Santo e sa riconoscere e mettere in pratica la legge di Dio, cominciando da quella inscritta nel suo cuore e nella natura, egli *fa del bene anche al creato*, cooperando alla sua redenzione. Per questo il creato – dice san Paolo – ha come un desiderio intensissimo che si manifestino i figli di Dio, che cioè quanti godono della grazia del mistero pasquale di Gesù ne vivano pienamente i frutti, destinati a raggiungere la loro compiuta maturazione nella redenzione dello stesso corpo umano. Quando la carità di Cristo trasfigura la vita dei santi – spirito, anima e corpo –, questi danno lode a Dio e, con la preghiera, la contemplazione, l'arte coinvolgono in questo anche le creature, come dimostra mirabilmente il "Cantico di frate sole" di San Francesco d'Assisi. Ma in questo mondo l'armonia generata dalla redenzione è ancora e sempre minacciata dalla forza negativa del peccato e della morte.

## 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.

## 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.**

## COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

La colletta regolare di 17 Marzo e' stata **\$3,329.60. 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 23rd ~ St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Community

5:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Mclsaac Family  
+Giuseppina Napoli, req. by Paladino Families

### Sunday, March 24th ~ Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:30 a.m. +Concettina & Oto Puzo, req. by Schiavo Family  
+Pasquina Bavaro, req. by Lucia Loizzo  
+Giuseppina Napoli, req. by Paladino Families  
+Crescenzio Dacunto & Rosaria Ursini, req. by Tina Morlando  
+Michele & Carmela De Stefano, req. by the Parish

11:00 a.m. +Oto Corsano, req. by the Family  
+Angelo Cornacchia, req. by the Family  
+Luisa Antolin, req. by the Family

### Monday, March 25th ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 p.m. +Domenico, Concetta & Carmine Iacovelli,  
req. by Lucia & Pasquale Melino

### Tuesday, March 26th

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

### Wednesday, March 27th

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

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 28th

10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

12:00 p.m. +Luigi Cascone, req. by Maria Valentini

### Friday, March 29th

12:00 p.m. +Francesco Viscomi, req. by Nicola Viscomi  
+Emilia Frassica, req. by the Family

7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross / Stazione Della Croce**

### Saturday, March 30th

9:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Parish Community

11:00 a.m. **World Day of Prayer Service**

5:00 p.m. +Una McAndrew, req. by Margaret & Michael McAndrew  
+Lucy McAndrew, req. by Margaret & Michael McAndrew

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

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*From Cardinal Thomas Collins - Deep stewardship which means a profound inner conversion as individuals and as a community in which we become committed to living generously in every way, as the Gospel calls us to do.*

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