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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.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: C

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we do not hear a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A NOTE OF THANKS**

Thank you to everyone that joined us on Saturday, March 30th for the World Day of Prayer service. Special thanks to Claudette Wilson from Holy Cross Parish and Brian Dwyer, Chair of our Parish Council for organizing this memorable service. We also extend our gratitude to Fr. Carlos Sierra for opening the doors of St. Brigid's Church for this event and for his spiritual guidance.

**SPECIAL THANKS
ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER FUNDRAISER
IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD FRIDAY
PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION**

On behalf of Father Carlos Sierra, we wish to thank everyone that participated in last Saturday's Good Friday Passion Play & Procession Fundraiser. We gathered as a community to celebrate and to enjoy authentic Italian food made from the very best home cooks in our community.

This event would not be possible if it were not for the generosity of all our volunteers that took the time to help prepare for this event. Thank you to all those that sold tickets, prepared the food, donated the wine, the door and raffle prizes, and to those who helped to set up, clean up, and much more. Your generous gift of time is greatly appreciated and is a testament to true stewardship. Last but not least, thank you to our parishioners and our community members for supporting this annual event. Your financial contributions will go towards offsetting the costs associated with the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession.

The Good Friday Passion Play & Procession will take place on Friday, April 19th starting at 6:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome.

SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SUPPORTING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

Ben, a 66-year-old man with a developmental disability, lives with his 90 year old mother. Without any other family, she did not have a plan in place to have someone take care of Ben after she could no longer do so. Thankfully, she turned to Mary Centre, a ShareLife funded agency, which

matched Ben with a respite worker. This worker gradually introduced Ben to residents of one of Mary Centre's group homes. Now that Ben has befriended its residents and staff, he will find the eventual transition less overwhelming. He has already developed a sense of belonging to his future community.

The next ShareLife collection will take place the weekend of May 4th & 5th. Please give generously.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2019

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.

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.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2019

PALM SUNDAY ~ DOMENICA DELLE PALME ~ APR. 14

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. 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)

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, April 12th.**

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: GOOD FRIDAY

We invite children to attend the Good Friday Liturgy on **Friday, April 19th at 3:00 pm** in the Church hall.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER DOCU-SERIES

On **Tuesday, April 16th at 7:45 pm** in the Church Hall Fr. Carlos Sierra will be presenting the seventh video of the nine part doc-series on the Truth about Cancer. **Participation is free! All are welcome.**

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR NEXT REHEARSAL DATE: APRIL 13

The next rehearsal date for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, April 13th** from **10:00 am to 11:00 am** in the Church.

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, April 13th**. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register your child (ages 7 to 14).

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending March 31st was **\$3,017.60**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of March was **\$4,880.82**. **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.).**

V DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA: C

Questa domenica trova la sua chiave di lettura nell'acclamazione al vangelo: «Io non voglio la morte del peccatore, ma che si converta e viva». Ancora una volta Dio si dichiara a favore della vita dei suoi figli, anche quando la loro insensatezza può averli esclusi da ogni umana considerazione. Un Dio geloso della vita dei suoi figli al punto tale da restituire loro, con il suo perdono, la dignità, l'onorabilità, la vita, diventa annuncio liberante e giudizio su un mondo così spesso spietato e crudele. La comunità cristiana deve farsi portatrice di questo messaggio, consapevole di essere stata creata da un gesto di misericordia, che la rende debitrice nei confronti di Dio e di ogni fratello. Il perdono diventa responsabilità.

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 E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 31 Marzo e' stata **\$3,017.60**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Marzo è stata **\$4,880.82**. **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, April 6th

- 9:00 a.m. +Don Marren, req. by the Parish
12:00 p.m. **Wedding Mass:** Rosario Lorefica & Nancy Pugliese
5:00 p.m. +Michael Crum-Ewing, req. by Monica & Family
+Nancy Ferroni, req. by Alexandra Ferroni
+Peter Ferroni, req. by Ida Ferroni & Family
+Matilda Mary Chaisson, req. by the Parish

Sunday, April 7th ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Benedizione Speciale per George Gagner, req. by Lidia
+Carmela Avarino, req. by Vincenzo & Maria Camera
+Luigi & Rosina Spada, req. by Ita Spada
+Michelo & Carlo Doto, req. by the Doto Family
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Vincenzo Fragale, req. by Pietrina Fragale
+Antonina & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Donato Taggio, req. by the Family
+Arcangelo Palermo, req. by Lucia Loizzo
+Dora Turco Richichi, req. by the Parish
11:00 a.m. +Tony Naccarato, req. by the Arabia Family
+Antonio Mastrangelo, req. by the Family
+Joan Peters, req. by the Family
+Matilda Mary Chaisson, req. by the Parish
+Nicola, Corrado & Nicolina Messina, req. by the Parish

Monday, April 8th

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

Tuesday, April 9th

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

Wednesday, April 10th

- 12:00 p.m. +Pasqualina & Francesco Lavancha,
req. by Pasquale & Lucia Melino
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, April 11th ~ St. Stanislaus

- 8:45 a.m. **St. Brigid's School Confessions**
10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
12:00 p.m. +Vito & Brigida Tassone, req. by Rosa Viscomi
+Giuseppe Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande
+George Fernandes, req. by Monica Donovan
7:00 p.m. **Community Confessions in Preparation for Easter**

Friday, April 12th

- 12:00 p.m. +Onorino Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross / Stazione Della Croce**

Saturday, April 13th ~ St. Martin I

- 9:00 a.m. +Phyllis Forester, req. by the Out of the Cold Volunteers
5:00 p.m. +Joseph Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero


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, Eva Cioffi, Thomas Richardson and Maria Distasio.

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