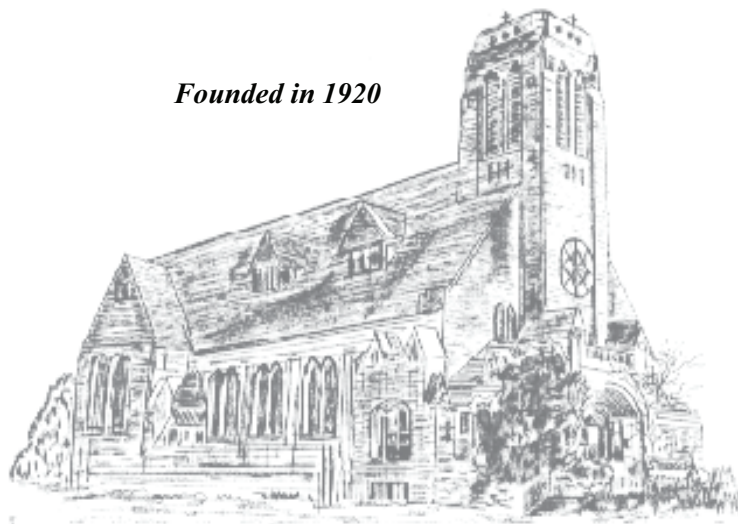


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Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

The scene of the temptation, which opens the public life of Jesus, declares in the Gospels in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that He introduces into the world by His work of redemption. Where Adam fell, Christ, the new Head of humanity, triumphs over the power of Satan: at the time of His passion "the prince of this world" will be cast out. The Gospel of the temptation heralds Christ's victory in advance.

THE SEASON OF LENT

As we begin this great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. We often associate Lent with fasting and penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that "nature abhors a vacuum." This leads us to the practice of "fasting and feasting" in Lent. Through this practice we can cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts. Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the ways that we can fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthens us.

The Vatican releases Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2020, in which the Holy Father invites the faithful to embrace the paschal mystery as the basis for conversion. To read Pope Francis' full Lenten Message, please visit: www.vaticannews.va/en.html

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 ShareLife and the Out of the Cold Program.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGHOUT LENT

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 3rd.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

The Day of Confessions for Lent for the Parish community will be taking place on **Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm.**

PANCAKE SUNDAY – MANY THANKS

Thank you to everyone that joined us for last Sunday's Pancake Sunday and to all those that helped us to sell tickets, cook, set-up, and clean up after the event. Special thanks to Luigi Racioppo for making more than 400 pancakes! We raised just over \$450. This will go towards the St. Brigid's building maintenance fund. **Our next event after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass will be taking place on Sunday, April 19th. All are welcome to join us!**

TEACHING MASS – MARCH 7 & 8

Next weekend - March 7th and 8th - we will be explaining The Mass as it pertains to the Liturgy of the Word. It is not too late to purchase your copy of the book titled *"The Mass - A Minute in the Church"*, this resource will help with a fuller and better understanding of the Mass.

WAVE AFTER WAVE YOUTH GROUP

If you are youth ages 13 to 18 and are interested in being a part of a community group that gets involved with many fun events, then our Wave After Wave Youth Group is for you!

Not only will you meet new people, you will make great friends and be an active member of our St. Brigid's community. The Church is in its centennial year and the youth group will be a big part of the celebrations. They meet every Friday evening at the Church Hall from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the Church office by email: stbrigid@rogers.com.

ACTORS ARE STILL NEEDED!

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY & PROCESSION

We are looking for actors of all ages, but most importantly those 11 years of age and older to fulfill the numerous roles for this year's Good Friday Passion Play. This is a great way to be a part of a memorable production, make long lasting friendships and most important, get all your volunteer hours! We serve pizza after each practice.

The Good Friday Passion Play & Procession will be taking place on April 10 starting at 6:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to offset production costs or If you would like to help us with this production in any way, please contact the Parish office.

ITALIAN FUNDRAISER DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 – 6:00 PM

Please join us on **Saturday, March 21st at 6:00 pm** in our Church Hall for our **Seventh Annual Fundraiser supporting the Good Friday Passion Play & Procession.** The dinner will include authentic Italian food made by the best home cooks in our community. **Tickets are now available! There is 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 contact the Parish Office.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP

Our weekly **Prayer & Life Workshop** will resume this **Wednesday, March 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Rectory Hall.** It is not too late to join. Please contact the Parish office if you would like to register.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 6

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. This year's focus will be on Zimbabwe.

ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

WE ARE LOOKING FOR KIDS WHO LOVE TO SING!

Our choir is looking for kids who love to sing! We rehearse every Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm. Some of the highlights included with participating in the children's choir are: Spring concert, field trip (Blue Jays game in the Spring), participation gifts, and much more. **The next practice will be taking place next Saturday, March 7th.**

ST. BRIGID'S CENTENNIAL CHOIR

NEXT REHEARSAL DATES – MARCH 7 & 14

The next rehearsal dates for the St. Brigid's Centennial Choir will take place on **Saturday, March 7th & Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 am in the Church.**

ST. BRIGID'S GOLDEN AGE CLUB

10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON – RECTORY HALL

The next session of the Golden Age Club will be taking place on **Wednesday, March 11th.** It is never too late to join. For more information or to register, please contact the Parish office at: (416) 696-8660.

SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – 7:00 pm

Please join us on **Thursday, 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.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on February 23 was **\$2,954.70**. The P.A.G. collection for the month of February was **\$4,570.82**. 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.).**

PRIMA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA / A

Questa prima domenica del «ciclo battesimale» celebra lo scontro vittorioso di Cristo sul maligno e il suo fedele «sì» alla volontà del Padre. Gesù che nel battesimo al Giordano è stato manifestato dal Padre come «Figlio diletto», subito dopo viene condotto dallo Spirito nel deserto per essere tentato.

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 **6 di Marzo.**

FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE – GIOVEDÌ, 19 MARZO

Giovedì, 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.**

DINNER DANCE PER AIUTARE IL PASSION PLAY E PROCESSIONE – SABATO, 21 MARZO

Unitevi a noi il Sabato 21 Marzo alle 6:00 pm nella nostra sala Parrocchiale per la festa annuale per aiutare la

produzione del Passion Play e Processione! La cena sarà autentici piatti Italiani. 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 26 MARZO

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a partecipare alle confessioni per la comunità che avranno luogo nella chiesa il **Giovedì, il 26 Marzo** alle ore **7:00 pm.**

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 23 Febbraio e' stata **\$2,954.70**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Febbraio è stata **\$4,570.82**. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia può essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

Saturday, February 29th

- 9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Parishioners in our Community
5:00 p.m. +Luciano & Giuseppe Ruggiero, req. by Nunzia Ruggiero
+Frank Rodrigues, req. by the Out of the Cold Family
+Damiano Calia, req. by the Family

Sunday, March 1st ~ First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**
9:30 a.m. Per Tutti Le Anime in Purgatorio, req. by Nicola & Chiara Grande
+Carmelo Grosso, req. by Nicolina Grosso
+Michelo & Carlos Doto, req. by the Doto Family
+Salvatore Biagini, req. by the Family
+Antonina, Carmelo & Tindaro Gumina, req. by the Family
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Melinda Modica, req. by Annalisa Loizzo
+Anna Fiore, req. by Giuseppe Fiore & Family
+Luisa Fiore, req. by Giuseppe Fiore & Family
+Roberto Spataro, req. by the Family
+Nick Lamacchia, req. by the Parish

- 11:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Enrico Caruso, req. by the Johnstons
+Nick Lamacchia, req. by the St. Brigid's Church Ushers

Monday, March 2nd

- 12:00 p.m. +James Monaghan, req. by Paul Monaghan
+Giuseppe Ruggiero, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

Tuesday, March 3rd

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased in the World, req. by Anna Totino

Wednesday, March 4th ~ St. Casimir

- 12:00 p.m. For All Members of Our Community Suffering with Illnesses
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 5th

- 12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Romano Family

Friday, March 6th ~ World Day of Prayer

- 12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Rocco Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

Saturday, March 7th ~ St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

- 9:00 a.m. For all the Deceased Parishioners in Our Community
5:00 p.m. For All the Souls in Purgatory, req. by Maria Calo & Family


Please pray for all our parishioners, friends and family suffering with illnesses and for those that care for them each day. May God protect them and care for them.

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