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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM (Portuguese)
Sunday: 7:30 9:30 & 11:30 AM

DAILY MASS: 9:00 AM - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

HOLY DAYS: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday - 3:15 to 3:45 PM

BAPTISMS: Second Weekend at 1:00 PM

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

BINGO: Every Friday - Doors open at 5:00 PM



“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” — Mt 5:43-45a

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If you would like to bring the gifts up at Communion, please let an usher know before Mass.

February 18-19

- 4:00 - Rose Marie Shaw
- 7:30 - Gerald DiGrappa
- 9:30 - Sister Constance Quinn
- 11:30 - S. Donald Ryan

DAILY 9:00 MASS

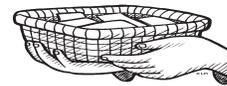
- Wed. February 22 - Betty Britt
- Thurs. February 23 - Carey Hudson
- Fri. February 24 - Joseph C. Connerney

February 25-26

- 4:00 - Al & Rita Carey
- 7:30 - Phillip Moreau
- 9:30 - Leo J. Hayes
- 11:30 - Joseph C. Connerney

CHOIR NEWS

St. Bridget Choir has been a special blessing to our church for over half a century. Our beloved Betty Britt passed away last year in the hopes that “her” choir would be forever a part of her church. In order to keep this tradition going, we need to replenish our numbers that have been fast dwindling in the last decade. So, Ron Chibaro, has put out an urgent call once again to join our ranks. We rehearse only once a week on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in order to participate at the 9:30 Mass on Sundays. If you have ever sung in a choir in your lifetime, you owe it to St. Bridget’s to share your experience and talent. Please join us on any Tuesday in the lower church at 7:30pm. We especially need men’s voices! Thank you.



Weekly Offertory for February 11-12: \$2907
 Maintenance & Repairs: \$2278
 I sincerely thank you for your generous support.
 Fr. Prusaitis

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Perfect? Seriously? Jesus is at it again – asking an awful lot of us: turn the other cheek, hand over your cloak as well as your tunic, asked to walk a mile?, walk two. All of this is building up to the big one: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES and PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU. But don’t despair, Saint Paul shows us that it is possible. We find hope in his letter to the Corinthians: “... you are the temple of God, ...the Spirit of God dwells in you..” We, you, can do anything if you are open to the power of God, the love of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



COLLABORATIVE LENTEN MISSION
SAVE THE DATE

Walking with the God of Second Chances
 Led by Fr. Mark Stelzer

- Sunday, March 5, 5pm: Teen Mass, Our Lady of Fatima
- Tuesday, March 7, 7pm: Evening Prayer, St Bridget
- Wednesday, March 8, 7pm: Reconciliation Service, Our Lady of Fatima
- Thursday, March 9, 7pm: Mass, St. Anselm

Rev. Mark Stelzer, S.T.D. is the College Chaplain and Associate Professor of Humanities at the College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, MA He speaks beautifully and powerfully from his life experience.



St. Bridget welcomes
 Evelina Mia Cruz
 To our Parish family.

PRAYER

The following prayer was submitted by an elderly parishioner.

Dear God, On this day I ask you to grant this request:

**May I know who I am and what I am,
every moment of everyday.**

**May I be a catalyst for light and love and bring
inspiration to those whose eyes I meet.**

**May I have strength to stand tall in the face of conflict,
even when I am scared.**

**May I have the humility to follow my heart, and
embrace with love my darkness as well as my light.**

May I choose faith over fear.

**Between the sacredness of my humanity and divinity,
may I be engulfed in holiness by your love, and may all
else melt away.**

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Our clergy and Eucharistic Ministers are happy to visit anyone who is seriously ill or who cannot come to Church to receive the Sacraments. If you or someone you know will be hospitalized, recuperating in a nursing facility or homebound and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office at 978-897-2171.

ROSARY SERVICE

Please join us for a Rosary for Peace service every **1st Saturday** of the month at **2:00 PM** in the lower church. The next service is on **March 4th**.

BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Mary Room at the school. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Barbara Currin at 978-78-897-8252.



**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

February 19th & 20th - No Classes - Winter Break
March 1 - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins
Thurs. March 2 - Grade 7 only - Hall - 7PM
Sat. March 4 - Grade 7 only - Hall - 9:30AM

**Please contact Barbara Cole if you have any questions
at 978-897-4612**

CCD CLASSES—STORM/CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of stormy weather:

ON SUNDAY MORNING: Call the CCD office (897-4612) after **8AM** for the updated voice mail message.

ON MONDAYS: If there is NO school, there are NO CCD classes. If there IS school during the day, and the weather has changed, call the CCD office after 2PM for the updated voice message. If the voice mail message has not been changed, classes are being held.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

- The Parish Council met on January 26, 2017. Fr. Prusaitis led the opening prayer, and updated the council on the collaborative. We are not in the current phase and no word yet as to when. Our collaborative initiatives nonetheless have gone very well, with excellent communication and cooperation among the three parishes. The pastors meet weekly for discussions. Our collaborative Lenten Mission begins with a teen Mass on March 5th at 5:00PM at Our Lady of Fatima and continues on March 7-9, alternating services among the churches. Father Mark Stelser will be the guest preacher.
- Our religious education program is going very well, with many positive comments from both students and parents. Several initiatives on Mass attendance, service projects, and socials have been well received. A teen Mass in Sudbury is scheduled for early March.
- The two year Annual Report was published. The parish is operating with minimum staff costs to allow for necessary maintenance and ministry expenses to run the parish. Costs are exceeding income at this point. Facility costs continue to rise as the toll of age requires frequent repairs, resulting in a continuing shortfall.
- The parish Holy Hour for Life was well attended by many parishioners from our pending collaborative; we had nearly 100 teens present.
- A discussion was initiated on more pending social activities, given proper planning and volunteers. A discussions ensued on ways to increase parishioner involvement by a parish ministry fair or better communication on the multiple ministries.
- Mass participation at Saint Bridget is similar, if not slightly higher, to all parishes in the archdiocese; about 1 in 6 who identify as Catholics attend regularly; of our religious education youngsters, about 1 in 3 attend Mass regularly; of these 100% of parent attend; of the 2 in 3 religious education students not attending Mass, 100% of their parents do not attend regularly, which is not surprising.
- Our youth programs continue; several fun events are planned for February and April vacation; in conjunction with our religious education program, movie nights are planned in March and April; several new leaders have volunteered to assist with our grade 7 program this March; an altar server mass is scheduled in April for graduating seniors; our high school students will assist with the Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Passion re-enactment.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer.



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Every Friday Night. All are welcome! Doors open at 5PM. Games start at 7PM. Food available at reasonable prices. For more information call Barbara at 978-897-8252.