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One Percival Street Maynard, Massachusetts 01754

WEEKEND MASSES:

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

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

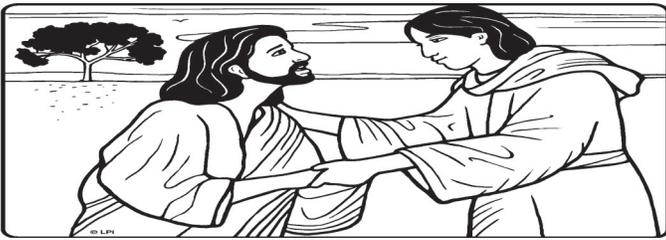
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’” — Mt 18:15-16

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

September 9-10

- 4:00 - Vinnie & Connie Stigiliani
67th Wedding Anniversary
- 7:30 - Luigi & Concetta DiGrappa
- 9:30 - Bronia, Jan, Joseph Sr. & Joseph Micholc

DAILY 9:00 MASS

- Wed. September 13 - Charles Kelley
- Thurs. September 14 - Alda Lawn
- Fri. September 15 - Parishioners of St Bridget Parish

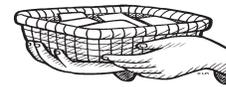
September 16-17

- 4:00 - Peg Racine
- 7:30 - Victoria & George Acheson
- 9:30 - Deceased Members of the Dineen Family

Wedding  **Banns**
III Wedding Banns
 Bret Manning & Stephanie LaGrassa

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” These words are hope-filled words but they are also challenging. We know Christ is present when we are gathered for Eucharist. We believe he is present when we are with friends and family. Are we aware that Christ is present when we are with people who may hold opposing views? Does Christ’s presence make a difference in those situations? Take some time this week to consider these words of Jesus, asking for the grace to be aware of Christ’s presence in all interactions and conversations.



Weekly Offertory for September 2-3: \$2591
Catholic University: \$792

This week’s second collection is for Maintenance & Repairs
Next week’s Special Collection is for the victims of Hurricane Harvey

We need a minimum of \$5,000 a week to cover operating expenses.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Cardinal Seán has authorized a special collection, in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, in support of the relief efforts to those areas devastated by Hurricane Harvey. This will be taken up next weekend September 16 & 17th. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal will be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief of the U.S. Catholic Church, and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to dioceses in those areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The hurricane has affected southeast Texas, including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and could also strike Louisiana.

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

In two weeks, the diocese-wide collection will support the health and well-being of our 590 Boston priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ’s good news, joyfully perform good works, and spread good faith to all they encounter. Show your gratitude by giving generously to the collection on September 16/17. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support of our priests through the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust.

RCIA and Adult Confirmation

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you want to know more about the Catholic Church but didn’t know who to ask? Or were you baptized as a Catholic but never received Confirmation? St. Bridget Parish will sponsor the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and a Confirmation preparation program for adults who want to be confirmed in the faith. The program will begin in October and end in March. The meeting schedule will be determined after an initial meeting with interested candidates, and will involve meeting twice a month to discuss the Catholic faith. If you are interested, call Denise Dineen in the Parish Office and leave your name and telephone number or, if you prefer, contact Deacon John Pepi. Someone will call you to discuss your interest and to set up a meeting. If you know a family member or friend who is interested in becoming Catholic or in asking questions about becoming Catholic, or if you know an adult who has not been confirmed, please let him or her know about our program at St. Bridget Parish.

FUND RAISER EVENT

On Sunday September 17th - “Music Together” will entertain our younger audience from 5-6PM and older audience from 6-10PM at the Battle Road Brewery at 5 Mill & Main in Maynard. Proceeds will benefit the Katherine K. Lalli Memorial Scholarship Fund. Katherine’s parents, Vic & Pat, and various musicians who have played with them, will provide entertainment. Katherine, a parishioner here with her family, passed away last Christmas Eve in an automobile accident. The scholarship benefits students who are pursuing a degree in childhood or Special education. Donations can be made to the Town of Maynard, 195 Main St., attention treasurer Cheryl Kane. Please note Katherine K. Lalli Scholarship on the memo line.

An acknowledgement will be forwarded to the family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Sun. Sept. 10 - Grades 2-10 classes begin
 Mon. Sept. 11 - Grades 7-8-10 classes begin
 Wed. Sept. 13 - Grade 10 Parent Meeting - 7PM - Hall
 Sun. Sept. 17 - Grade 1 classes begin
 Sept. 25 Grade 9 Parent Meeting - 7PM - Hall
 October 1 - Grade 1 Liturgy - 9:30 Mass

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A FIRST GRADE
 TEACHER FOR SUNDAYS AT 10:30**

If you have any question, please contact
 Barbara Cole at 978-897-4612

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
 100th Anniversary
 1917-2017**

Our Lady of Fatima Parish welcomes you as we continue to honor Our Lady on the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary on **Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm** followed by the celebration of **Mass at 7:00pm** with Fr. Paul Tougas. Fr. Tougas has written a series of articles about the apparitions and the historical events that occurred during the 20th century and how the message of Our Lady of Fatima continues to have significant meaning for us today. Following Mass there will be a gathering in Hurley Hall and refreshments will be served. Come and join us, **160 Concord Road, Sudbury.**

TEENS ON CATHOLIC TV

Five members of last year's Confirmation class sang the Alleluia Song at their Confirmation with Bishop Reed, who has invited them to sing at the annual Catholic TV telethon. It will be broadcast live at their studio in Watertown at 2PM on September 16, and also taped and rebroadcast for regular post viewing and on the Internet website. We will inform you of links but encourage you to watch, as we are very proud of our teens!

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all who have already pledged their support. St. Bridget Parish has raised \$29,113 toward our 2017 Catholic Appeal goal of \$30,328. We have \$1,215 left to go. If you would like to give, but haven't already, please complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.



Please join us this Sunday, September 10th, in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 Mass for coffee and donuts and friendly conversation with old and new friends.

**From the
 Pastor's Desk**



Dear Parishioners:

I want to inform you of the very difficult decision that I have made to discontinue the 11:30 Mass on Sunday after Labor Day.

This decision was made after much prayer, reflection and in consultation with our Parish Pastoral Council who unanimously supported the decision.

Let me share with you some feedback from one of our parish council members:

“Considering the lack of available priest help and the multiple Mass schedule for one priest, I think this is the only choice under the circumstances. Since Mass attendance is not full at any of the Masses, it is best to combine them. The 11:30 Mass is least attended, and while change is difficult, options are limited.”

For those who wish to attend an 11:30 Mass on Sunday, our Collaborative has an 11:30 Mass at Our Lady of Fatima in Sudbury.

May God continue to abundantly bless St. Bridget Parish and our Collaborative.

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Prusaitis

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please be sure to introduce yourselves to Fr. Prusaitis after Mass. Also, please call the Parish Office so we can send you a registration form and include you in our database. We're so glad you're here

USING ENVELOPES HELPS OUR PARISH

If you would like to be included in our collection envelope system, please complete the following and drop it into the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

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 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE # _____
 E-MAIL _____



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