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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm, *Sunday 9:30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon., Thur. & Fri. at 9:00am

Wednesday at 6:30pm

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SACRAMENTS

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CONFIRMATION & R.C.I.A.

Please contact

Sarah & Alex Chopyak

MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. William Heric

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:45pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

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SCRIPTURE READINGS & DAILY SAINTS

SEPTEMBER 17

R1, Sir 27:30—28:7
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
R2, Rom 14:7-9
Gospel, Mt 18:21-35
Saint Robert Bellarmine

SEPTEMBER 18

R1, 1 Tm 2:1-8
Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9
Gospel, Lk 7:1-10
Saint Joseph of Cupertino

SEPTEMBER 19

R1, 1 Tm 3:1-13
Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6
Gospel, Lk 7:11-17
Saint Januarius

SEPTEMBER 20

R1, 1 Tm 3:14-16
Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Gospel, Lk 7:31-35
Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions

SEPTEMBER 21

R1, Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Gospel, Mt 9:9-13
Saint Matthew

SEPTEMBER 22

R1, 1 Tm 6:2c-12
Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20
Gospel, Lk 8:1-3
Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions

SEPTEMBER 23

R1, 1 Tm 6:13-16
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
Gospel, Lk 8:4-15
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

SEPTEMBER 24

R1, Is 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
R2, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Gospel, Mt 20:1-16a
Saint John Henry Newman

A REFLECTION BY FR. WILLIAM HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the first things we teach our children is to say, **“Thank you.”** So, I want to offer a public thank you to the following in our St. Bridget's Community. First thanks to **Sarah Chopyak** and **Alex Kostadinov** for the beautiful music they have offered for the numerous funerals we have had in the last couple of months. Thanks as well to **Christine Kelly** for helping with the many details surrounding the funerals, and to **Luanne Johnson** for her great work in putting on such lovely receptions. Thanks also to those who helped Luanne by serving at these receptions.



At our **“Kick-off Sunday,”** we made a special effort to invite all our parish families to commit to volunteering for various ministries here at St. Bridget's. A big thanks to our staff program coordinators **Melissa Malley** and **Anne Lovinger Earhart** who orchestrated the celebration. Thank you also to those of you who expressed a willingness to serve in our parish. Let's encourage each other to be good stewards of our time and talent in serving the Lord through our parish ministries.

A final thank you goes to **Manon Cypher** for the fine reflection she offered at Masses last weekend as part of our **St. Phoebe Day** celebration. She is a living example of a Catholic woman who has been graced with gifts for ministry and leadership in our church. The role of women in our church is an issue that is growing in importance. Thanks to Manon for encouraging our consideration of it.

St. Therese of Lisieux once said, **“All is grace, a gift of God.”** Please join me in giving thanks for all God's grace given to us lately at St. Bridget's.

Blessings of peace,

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS (CST)

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC VALUES THROUGH ADVOCACY

To an outsider, an orphanage is a last resort. But that's not always true. 80% to 90% of kids living in orphanages have a living parent who would like to take care of them but often can't because they're too poor. Visit www.crs.org to find out more information and to see what you can do to help!

THANK YOU TRACY READ!

Tracy Read has been the President of the Assumption St. Bridget Saint Vincent de Paul Conference for the past six years. We share our sincere thanks for the dedication and wisdom she has shown in leading our conference as we help our neighbors in need.

When Tracy began her leadership role in 2017, she led the Assumption (only) SVdP Conference. Tracy worked closely with Father Bill Heric at St. Bridget parish to oversee the alliance of our two parishes in supporting a single SVdP Conference. We have all benefitted by the synergy of having two parishes and the addition of more Vincentians to assist our neighbors.

Then came Covid... In March 2020, Tracy established new home visit protocols to keep us all safe. Rather than the traditional "home visits" that are the cornerstone of the Vincentian ministry, we transitioned to phone calls whenever possible. And Zoom meetings took the place of our in-person meetings.

Through these ups and downs, Tracy has provided strong leadership for our conference. Her enthusiasm and high energy levels are contagious and have helped us all to be better Christians and Vincentians. Tracy has consistently brought a

good "business sense" to the leadership decisions that she makes – balancing compassion for our neighbors in need with ensuring good stewardship of the funds from our generous parishioners.



In summary, Tracy has been an outstanding leader for our SVdP Conference for the past six years. Thank you Tracy, for putting your heart and soul into this ministry, and helping your fellow Vincentians and parishioners to see and understand what it means to love our neighbors.

A SVDP NARRATIVE

Norman and Elaine had 3 grown children and one grandchild, who was clearly the apple of Elaine's eye. But they came across some hard times and are now living in low-income housing.

Norman called SVdP to request help with his car registration. It seemed like a simple enough request, but it was not the type of assistance we typically provide. Norman had estimated that the registration would cost \$416. This was more than we felt able to pay for this type of expense. So, Norman suggested that SVdP pay for a portion of the car registration, and he would find a way to pay the rest. It took a day, but Norman and Elaine were able to come up with \$95 in cash.

I met Norman and Elaine at the licensing agency. As I stood with them at the counter, I learned a few more details about their situation. They had purchased the car about one year ago from a private party, who, it turns out, had sold the car to two different people. The seller gave one buyer the title and gave Norman and Elaine the car. As soon as Norman and Elaine tried to register their new car, they encountered legal issues, and the seller was nowhere to be found. In the meantime, Elaine was driving the car and was stopped by police and arrested. She had been to court and needed to resolve the legal ownership issue within a week of when I met her, or she would be charged with

a felony.

We spent a long time at the licensing agency. The agent needed to confirm several reports from the police and check policies for enabling a temporary registration when the title was not available. In the end, the agent approved the temporary registration. On behalf of SVdP, I paid the registration fee, and we walked out of the office.

Elaine hugged me once we were outside the office. She told me that this has been a nightmare for her for the past year, and she was so happy to have the ownership issues and threats of a felony charge behind her.

As I drove home, it occurred to me how the deck is stacked against the poor people in this world. The price of the car was \$500 – but it was all they could afford. They could not afford to visit a reputable dealer who would have been honest in the sales process. This case of a dishonest seller had caused Elaine a year of misery, worrying about how she would find her way out of this mess.

When I got home, I counted the stack of bills, and I also counted my blessings – which were innumerable. And for the day, I felt blessed that God had chosen me and our SVdP Conference to assist this couple in their time of need. And I also felt very blessed by the generosity of our parishioners whose donations paid for the car registration. Thank you so much!!

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18 - 24

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 19	SEPTEMBER 20	SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 24
9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 3:00pm-10:00pm Adoration 6:00pm Sacristan Training 7:00pm BPSG	9:00am-5:00pm Church is open 9:00am Word and Communion Service 6:00pm Lector Training 7:00pm Choir Practice	9:00am-7:00pm Church is open 5:30pm Holy Rosary 6:00pm Altar Server Training 6:30pm OCIA Meeting 6:30pm Daily Mass	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass 6:00pm Eucharistic Minister Training	9:00am - 9:00pm Church is open 9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am - 10:00pm Church is open 3:45-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	9:00am - 3:00pm Church is open 9:30am+ Sunday Mass 10:30am Coffee and Donuts 10:45am Confirmation Class #2

+Live-streamed

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL LISTENING SESSIONS



Mark your calendar to join us on **October 1 and 3**, for our Partners in the Gospel Listening Sessions around proposed placement of St. Bridget's in a local parish family. This is an important gathering around the future of our parish family. Your opinion matters, we hope you'll join us or consider taking the online survey coming soon.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING



Sacristan: Monday, Sept 18th from 6-6:30pm

Lector: Tuesday, Sept 19th from 6-6:30pm

Altar Servers: Wednesday, Sept 20th from 6-6:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Thursday, Sept 21st from 6-6:30pm

Please contact Alex Chopyak to reserve your spot.

COME TO OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING!

Are you a social butterfly looking to immerse yourself in the vibrant community life here at St. Bridget's? We have an exciting opportunity just for you – our Social Committee. This committee is responsible for overseeing six fantastic sub-groups:

1. Welcome Committee
2. Events
3. Enrichment Classes
4. Coffee & Donut Crew
5. Social Seniors
6. Mom's Group

Social Committee

We're actively seeking volunteers to lend their support to these diverse ministries. Come and be part of the excitement at our kick-off meeting on **Tuesday, September 26th**, starting at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Melissa Malley at melissa@stbridgetchurch.org.

PARISH INFORMATION

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!

Classes will continue on **Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.** All are welcome! For information please contact Alex Chopyak at RCIA@Stbridgetchurch.org

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Betty Coady
Joseph Daniel
Marilyn Davis
Irene Dunphy
John Ernest
Mary Gibson
Linda Lovinger
Daisy Lu
Catherine Lubatti
Henry Lubatti
Sharon MacTavish
Fr. Tim Sauer
Jeanne Shields
Jonathan Spencer
The patients in Seattle
Children's Hospital

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Sept.	18	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Tuesday	Sept.	19	9:00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	Sept.	20	6:30pm	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Thursday	Sept.	21	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Sept.	22	9:00am	Daily Mass	For the Parish
Saturday	Sept.	23	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Sunday	Sept.	24	9:30am	Sunday Mass	For the Parish

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Pray

On Tuesdays in October, **join the global community** in prayer for our church during the synod in Rome. Join us online at 12pm ET.



Discern

Host a witness circle or distribute a witness survey to connect your faith community with the synodal discernment about women's roles.



Witness

Write a letter to Pope Francis and the Vatican Synod office sharing your feedback on the questions on the agenda for October's synod.

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