

Welcome to the
Church of Saint Brigid
Elmwood, West Hartford

"Come Holy Spirit ... kindle in us the fire of your love."



Reverend Monsignor Douglas P. Clancy, Pastor
Reverend Charles E. Ikwuegbu, Parochial Vicar

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www.stbrigidwesthartford.org

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Eucharist Holy Hour

Sunday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Mondays after 8:00 AM Mass

St. Brigid School

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(860) 561-2130 ph (860) 561-0011 fax
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Visit the School Website:

www.saintbrigidsschool.org

Masses:

Saturday Eve Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am
Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Religious Education Office

100 Mayflower Street
Elmwood, CT 06110
(860) 521-8523 or (860) 521-1231
Penny Hickey, Rel. Ed Coordinator

Visit the CCD Website:

www.stbrigidCCD.com

Music Ministry

Natasha Ulyanovsky, Organist
Kelly Boudreaux, Cantor
Jacqueline McKiernan, Cantor

***Pray the rosary
after all weekday masses.***

The Celebration of the Grace of God Through The Sacraments

Baptism: Third Sunday of the month, 12:15 PM. Please call the Rectory in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation: Monday after Mass; Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Communion: For parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized, contact the Rectory office.

Marriage: Please call the Rectory one year in advance of proposed marriage date to make arrangements.

Holy Orders: Please call the Office of Vocations (860) 761-7456 or www.vocationshartford.org.
You may also visit your parish priest or call the Rectory for more information.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

We all look forward to a vacation or the onset of holidays when we can sleep late and do whatever we wish. Strangely enough, most people long just as much for the return to their normal routine. Vacations and holidays are fine for a while but a life with some order seems to be equally desirable.

Most people take some time each day to say favorite prayers or devotions. Unfortunately, life's crises may occupy the vast majority of our day due to the serious illness of someone we love or even ourselves. These time-consuming situations may take us completely away from our own prayer routine. When spiritual normalcy finally returns, we find ourselves comforted and strengthened by the familiar words of prayers we've recited since childhood. Try to appreciate the value of your prayer life while you have it. It may be providing spiritual strength you don't even realize you'll need in the future.

~Monsignor Douglas Clancy

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly collection	\$3,216.00
Weekly goal	\$5,000.00

Thank you for your continued support.

ST. BRIGID SCHOOL NEWS

St. Brigid School announces the following additions to their faculty:

Cynthia Rook, Advancement and Marketing Coordinator and

Andrea Martin, Administrative Assistant

Please join in welcoming these two new faculty to the school.

THANK YOU!

The Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dale R. Hoyt, extends his deepest gratitude to all those who contributed to last week's Catholic High School Collection. "Your gifts will help us place more secondary students on the path to success by providing them with an excellent education imbued with faith. Your support of the educational mission of the Archdiocese of Hartford is sincerely appreciated."

HATS, GLOVES/MITTENS & WHITE ATHLETIC SOCKS DRIVE

Reminder: **The Hats, Gloves/Mittens & White Athletic Socks Drive ends this Sunday at 12:00 noon.** This joint effort of the West Hartford parishes will benefit 6 local elementary schools and 2 shelters. The Social Action Committee thanks those who already donated items or money. They also thank those in advance who will be donating this weekend. If you have any questions please contact Steve at 860-236-1475 or Rick at 860-236-4210.

PARISH COUNCIL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Education Committee's program, **Journey Deep Into the Faith** continues this Sunday, January 29nd at 2:00 pm in McMahon Hall. The program will consist of a 60 minute DVD, group discussion with Monsignor Clancy and refreshments. We request that you register so we can contact you in case of cancellation due to bad weather. To register, please call Nancy Kunak at 860 523-4773 or Betty Ferreira at 860 233-3422.

REST-REDISCOVER-BE RENEWED

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat March 23-25, 2012

Jesus gently calls us to surrender our burdens and come away and rest awhile. In the midst of our busy lives, full of so much "doing", it's easy to become lost in chaos. This year's theme invites us to reflect on ways we can slow down, quiet ourselves, ponder, and listen. In doing so, we will rediscover God's power, life, and energy within us. For it is only through opening ourselves to God's transforming love that we become who we are meant to be. As we are renewed in body, mind, and spirit, we commit ourselves "to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 8). As a first time retreatant said, "It's the one thing I never knew I always needed." So, come and join in an experience you will never forget. Contact Camilla 860-561-3703 or Penny 860-521-1231 for more information or call the retreat house at 860-677-8519 or find them online at olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or www.ourladyofcalvary.com

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

January 28 & 29--Last weekend for the Hats, Gloves/Mittens and White Athletic Socks Drive

January 29--Education Committee program continues at 2 p.m. in McMahon Hall

January 30--Ladies Guild Board Meeting--7 p.m. in McMahon Hall

February 1--March 31--CCD Adopted Families Easter Gift Collection

February 4 & 5--SAC Food Drive

February 5--Children's Mass at 9:00 a.m./Education Committee program continues at 2 p.m. in McMahon Hall

FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee is holding a Food Drive February 4 & 5. It will benefit St. Ann/Immaculate Conception Church and Catholic Charities Refugee Services. Both will distribute the food to those in most need. Please donate nonperishable food in plastic bags at our drop-off spot at the front of the church. The drive is on Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 7:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, tuna, sardines, coffee, tea, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta and sauce are greatly needed. (Please do not leave any donations in the church.)

LAST CALL FOR THE PARISH MEN'S RETREAT**Holy Family Retreat Weekend February 3-5, 2012**

Many men have been thinking about making a retreat--but they haven't done anything about it! Now is the time to make it happen. Join us for a weekend of rest, prayer, relaxations, and engaging conferences during the Parish Men's Retreat the weekend of February 3-5. For information call the retreat center at 860 521-0440 or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org. You can also call Mike Duffy at 860 678-9031 or Steve Masiuk at 860 236-1475.

SBLG TOURS IRELAND JUNE 18-26, 2012

It's not too late to join in on our fully escorted 9-day trip to Ireland June 18-26, 2012. Price of \$2,630 per person, double occupancy includes round-trip airfare from Boston, fully-escorted tour, lodging and most meals. Pick up flier from bulletin board in the vestibule for details. For more information or to sign up, please call *Sheila* (860 232-6915) or *Betty* (860 233-3422) as soon as possible.

ST. BRIGID LADIES GUILD BOARD MEETING

Attention all Ladies Guild Officers and Chairmen: We will meet on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in McMahon Hall. Be prepared to wrap up the events and programs from the first half of the Ladies Guild year, and to firm up plans for the New Year! Please be prompt so you can be included in a group picture! Please let Edie Parizo know if you will not be able to attend at 561-0238. Thank you.

FIESTA!

You are invited to join with St. Helenas families as they celebrate a fun family dinner catered by MOE'S Southwestern Grill on Friday, February 10. Enjoy delicious fajitas or tacos and all the fixings while relaxing with friends and neighbors. Reserve your table today! For more information, call Mary Alexander at 860-521-7109.



Grant eternal rest unto the souls of *David G. Ciszak*, and *Norma Kloten O Lord*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

HAPPENINGS OUTSIDE OUR PARISH:

1. People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Call **Fr. Michael Dolan**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary at 860 761-7456 or email vocations@stseminary.org or www.vocationshartford.org.
2. Upcoming program at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center Wednesday, February 1 "**How Have We Experienced the Changes in the Mass?**" Presenter: Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. Retreat Day 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. (includes lunch) Evening Retreat 6:00 – 9:00 pm (includes dinner) (same program offered both day and evening) Now that we have had some months to pray with the new words using the Revised Roman Missal, we will gather to assess our experience and to try to understand more of what the words of the mass mean in our lives as Christian people. The program will include the presentation, discussion, and Mass. Program Offering: \$35
3. Upcoming retreats at our Lady of Calvary include the following: Thursday, February 9th **Keeping the Faith, Keeping the Commitment:** An evening for married couples; February 16-19th - **Silent Retreat;** Tuesday, February 28th - **Women Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America** (evening and day program available). To register, call the retreat house at 860-677-8519 or email olcretreat@sbcglobal.net.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOUP KITCHEN

Members of the parish will be preparing and serving dinner to 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen next Tuesday, February 7. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to help with the cost, please put it in an envelope marked "soup kitchen" and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during normal business hours.

SAINT BRIGID SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saint Brigid School, located at 100 Mayflower Street in West Hartford will be hosting the following Open Houses in 2012.

January 31, 2012 – 8:30 – noon - Pre-K through Grade 8.

February 15, 2012: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. - Pre-K3, Pre-K4 & Kindergarten.

March 28, 2012 – 8:30 – noon – Pre-K through Grade 8.

April 25, 2012 – 8:30 – noon - Pre-K3, Pre-K4 & Kindergarten.

You are invited to visit and tour our school of excellence, offering outstanding programs for students in PK-3 through grade 8. For additional information, please call Saint Brigid School at 860-561-2130.

CCD NEWS

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COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and donuts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next Children's Mass will be next week, February 5th, at 9:00 a.m. Please make plans to join in this special liturgy prepared for the younger members of our parish!

February 1 through March 31 ~ Adopted Families Easter Gift Collection

Again this year we will be collecting gifts to help St. Brigid Ladies Guild Caring Hearts with our adopted families. There are more than 10 families just like yours and mine, and they need a little helping hand. Our Adopted Families have 5 boys, age 2 years, 7 years, 9 years, & 11 years old. We also have 3 girls, age 5, 16 and an 11 year old girl that is mentally challenged and is at the age of a 5 year old. We also have a Box Family from South Dakota with 2 boys age 17 and 19. And don't forget 12 sets of parents! Christmas is a wonderful times of the year to open up your heart and share the many things God has given you, with others that need a helping hand.

WINTER WEATHER A PROBLEM?

If CCD Classes are cancelled, we will post that on our web site, www.stbrigidccd.com, or announce it on TV Channels 30 and 3. Wednesday snow closings will follow the West Hartford Closing and Early School Closing announcements.

****CORRECTED NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL****

When we published the Honor Roll last week, Northwest Catholic has advised us that they inadvertently omitted the seniors from our listing. Here is the *corrected* listing of all the students who are members of our parish who have made the Northwest Catholic Honor Roll for the First Quarter: Gina Bettencourt, Daniel Errico, Evan Fox, Brennan Graham, Chritian Murphy, Colleen Goroshko, Meghan Grabowski and Victeria Vu. Congratulations on all their hard work!

-- MASS INTENTIONS --

SATURDAY, January 28, 2011

4:00 PM Veronica Droney by Her Daughter, Debbie
& Her Husband, Francis

SUNDAY, January 29, 2012

7:30 AM

9:00 AM Robert Randall by Jerry & Annarita Erwin

11:00 AM Joseph & Bridget Quinn by Their Family

MONDAY, January 30, 2012

8:00 AM For the People of St. Brigid Parish

TUESDAY, January 31, 2012

8:00 AM Adelaide Vida by the St. Brigid Ladies
Guild

WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2012

8:00 AM For St. Joseph, Patron of Workers, by
Mary Nagy

THURSDAY, February 2, 2012

8:00 AM For the Blessed Virgin Mary, by Mary
Nagy

FRIDAY, February 3, 2012

8:00 AM Carmen & Christina Peluso by Lucy
Peluso

SATURDAY, February 4, 2012

8:00 AM Alfred Santoro, 9th Anniversary, by Cara
Santoro

4:00 PM

SUNDAY, February 5, 2012

7:30 AM Dave & Diane Filipek, 40th Wedding
Anniversary, by Their Friends

9:00 AM Matthew Kurian by the Kurian Family

11:00 AM

THANK YOU!

The Social Action Committee thanks all those who made or brought sandwiches or contributed money toward "Sandwich Sunday" last weekend. A special thank you to our Knights of Columbus council who made 167 sandwiches. A total of 327 sandwiches and \$40.00 was given to the Immaculate Conception Shelter and the South Park Inn. We fed many hungry people at a very cold time in January.