

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

Rectory Office

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Office hours: M-F 8:30am - 3:00pm

Visit the Parish Website:

www.stbrigidwesthartford.org

E-mail: stbrigidchurchwhct@sbcglobal.net

Eucharist Holy Hour

Sunday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Mondays after 8:00 AM Mass

St. Brigid School

100 Mayflower Street
Elmwood, CT 06110
(860) 561-2130 ph (860) 561-0011 fax
Pamela Belury, Principal

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

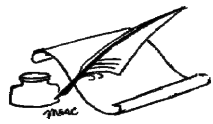
Baptism: Third Sunday of the month, 12:15 PM. Please call the Rectory in advance to make arrangements.

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

Ask anyone about their favorite novel, play or movie and they'll quickly recall the lead characters in the story. They might mention a few minor players but these are only remembered in terms of how they fulfilled a supporting role. For the most part, it's the main character that's really important.

The Christmas story and those following after in the Gospels are somewhat different. The shepherds were minor characters initially; yet Jesus would often compare Himself to one of them. A group of common fishermen served as more than supporting actors; they emerged as major leaders of the future Church. Poor widows, blind beggars and tax collectors all became legendary in the history of Christianity. It's fair to say that there were no minor characters in Jesus life on earth and neither are there any today. We are all made in the image of God. Remember that when you start to feel less about yourself; or anyone else for that matter.

~~Monsignor Douglas Clancy

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly collection	not available
Weekly goal	\$5,000.00

Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH UPDATE

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____
 Zip _____
 Phone # _____

Check:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes

Please cut out and drop in collection basket or mail to the Rectory, 1088 New Britain Avenue, WH CT 06110. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-3:00.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Mary

4:00 p.m. Saturday (vigil for Sunday January 1, 2012)

Sunday January 1, 2012

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

SBLG TOURS IRELAND JUNE 18-26, 2012

Say "Merry Christmas" to yourself! Join 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.

PARISH COUNCIL EDUCATION PROGRAM

St. Brigid's Parish Council established a new Education Committee this year. The Committee has been working on a program that begins January 2012. Fr. Barron, a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago, produced a series of DVDs to promote the Catholic faith and address the challenges the Church faces. We start the first part of **Journey Deep Into the Faith** on Sundays January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5 from 2-4 p.m. in McMahan Hall. Monsignor Clancy has agreed to be our facilitator. The program will consist of a 60 minute DVD showing, group discussion and refreshments. We request that you register so that we can contact you in case of cancellation due to bad weather. To register, please call Nancy Kunak at 860523-4773 or Betty Ferreira at 860 233-3422.

HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Or, do you know anyone over 18, who was baptized Catholic but did not receive First Communion or Confirmation and would now like to receive these sacraments? For further information please call the Rectory at 860 236-5695 or you may contact Deacon Bob Hilliard at 860-236-4347.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our fears, doubts and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving acceptance of our children.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

December 25--No Holy Hour

December 26--Rectory closed in observance of the Christmas holiday

CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS!

Did you know that your daughter is eligible to participate in one of four Catholic Girl Scout Recognition Programs? These programs are designed to enhance their faith with their peers through retreats, games, movies and even pilgrimages. The mandatory retreat to start the program is Saturday, January 14th at the St. Thomas Seminary. For more information, please contact Jennifer McClintock at the Office of Religious Education, 860 432-9645 or jmclintock@adh-ore.org. Pre-registration is required by January 8th.

HOMEBOUND?

If you know of a parishioner unable to attend Mass due to illness or infirmity who would like to have communion brought to him or her, please call the Rectory so we can arrange for Communion to be brought to that parishioner. Thank you.

CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER

Have you been waiting for the federal government to make it easier to give? If so, this may be your opportunity. Current tax legislation permits people 70 1/2 or older to donate from their IRA or Roth IRA to charitable institutions such as St. Brigid without paying the deferred income tax. Instead of taking the required minimum distribution, you can donate the amount direct to the church. Gifts must be transferred directly to the parish, are not treated as taxable income, and count toward the required minimum distribution for the year. If you have questions, please call the Rectory and we can put you in touch with people to help.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are a brotherhood of Roman Catholic men based on charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We perform charitable works on behalf of our Church and community. We urge you to join this brotherhood of Catholic men.

Name: _____
 Address _____

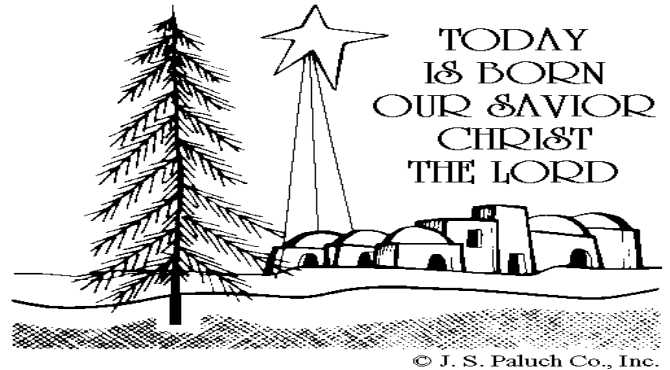
Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Best time to call: _____

New/Former member (circle one)

Please place in collection basket or mail to Chris Randall, Membership Chairman, 17 Elmfield St, Elmwood, CT 06110

HAPPENINGS OUTSIDE OUR PARISH:

1. *A child is born for us; a son is given to us.* Are we willing to proclaim the tidings of great joy to our world? If you are willing to proclaim God's word as a priest or religious, 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. **"ABCs of Annulments"**, an informational program designed to answer questions about the process of Annulments, will be held on Friday, January 13, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at St. Agnes Parish, 500 Merwin Avenue, Milford, in the church hall. Pre-registration is not required. Brother Larry Lussier, CSC, Pastoral Associate at St. Gabriel Church, Milford, will be the presenter. Questions will be accepted following the presentation. This presentation is open to all seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church. Attending this session is required to attend the follow up annulment writing sessions. For further information, please call 203-937-7040, or 203-467-3538. Sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford.



A THOUGHT FOR THE FUTURE

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made a bequest to St. Brigid in their will or estate plan. These charitable gifts build our parish endowment to help share our Catholic faith with future generations.

SHOPPING ANYWAY? RAISE FUNDS FOR SBS!

If you shop at Stop and Stop, you can register your loyalty card and raise money for the St. Brigid School! Simply go to the Stop and Shop web site (www.stopandshop.com/aplus)--or while you're in the store, stop by their courtesy desk and ask them to sign you up--or call 1-877-275-2758. This is a great way to raise cash that goes directly to the St. Brigid School--and best of all, you're doing it while doing something you'd be doing anyway--grocery shopping.

CCD NEWS

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COFFEE AND DONUTS

There will be no coffee and donuts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass this weekend.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR CCD BULLETIN BOARD!

For monthly CCD news and events including pictures of your children, take a look at our bulletin in the vestibule of the Church. A special thank you goes to Maureen Maloy for creating and putting together our board.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCEMENT

Saint Brigid School is pleased to announce our middle school honor roll for the first marking period:

GRADE EIGHT---Honors: Jack Grahm, Sierra Jackson, Roberta Linares, Elhan Mohamood, Lina O'Neill and Taheim Patterson.

Honorable Mention: Seyenah Lopez, Kaitlin McGuire, Zacharie Mega and Jefrin Thomas.

GRADE SEVEN---Honors: Olivia Craig, Jordan Gabbidon, Elliot Garcia, Maeve Kearns, Shane Kearns, Claudius McNish and Virgil Rona.

Honorable Mention: Catherine Pettit, Lorenzo Ross and Joshua Vallera.

GRADE SIX---Honors: Nicole Mealha, Kayla Midney, Panashe Mutsengi, Abena Obeng

Honorable Mention: Alexia Cuevas, Patrick McMahon, Xavier Rouleau, Savanna Sierra

Congratulations to our students for all their hard work!

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, December 24, 2011

4:00 PM

12:00 AM

SUNDAY, December 25, 2011

7:30 AM St. Brigid Parish Mothers

9:00 AM Living Parishioners of St. Brigid

11:00 AM Deceased Parishioners of St. Brigid

MONDAY, December 26, 2011

8:00 AM Angela Mancini by the Mancini and
Wolcott families

TUESDAY, December 27, 2011

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

WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2011

8:00 AM Abigail Corcoran by the Corcoran Family

THURSDAY, December 29, 2011

8:00 AM

FRIDAY, December 30, 2011

8:00 AM Josephine Santoro, 16th Anniversary, by
Her Children

SATURDAY, December 31, 2011

8:00 AM

4:00 PM Francisco Nunes by His Wife and Family

SUNDAY, January 1, 2012

7:30 AM

9:00 AM Robert O'Connor, 3rd Anniversary, by His
Family

11:00 AM James Richard, by His Family

*May they rest in peace
for their good deeds go with them.*

- Revelations 14:13