

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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**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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Pamela Belury, Principal

*Visit the School Website:*

[www.saintbrigidsschool.org](http://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  
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(860) 521-8523 or (860) 521-1231  
Penny Hickey, Rel. Ed Coordinator

*Visit the CCD Website:*

[www.stbrigidCCD.com](http://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](http://www.vocationshartford.org).  
You may also visit your parish priest or call the Rectory for more information.



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Financial planning is practiced by many who wish to guarantee that they will have sufficient funds when they retire. Investments in stocks, bonds and annuities are also carefully monitored in an effort to leave some inheritance to those left behind. There is a comfort in knowing that we can make a financial contribution for the benefit of future generations.

Our Lord isn't so much interested in the financial fortune we leave behind as He is in the spiritual legacy we bequeath to those who follow us in life. He would like us to be remembered for who we were rather than what we earned. The Apostles left no worldly fortune behind but what they did leave guaranteed a place in heaven to those who listened to them. When people listen to us, will they learn what is important in this world or the next?

~Monsignor Douglas Clancy

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly collection	\$4,610.00
Weekly goal	\$5,000.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOUP KITCHEN**

Members of the parish will be preparing and serving dinner to 150 homeless men at the Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen this 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.

**St. BRIGID LADIES GUILD SUPPER CLUB**

Our monthly Supper Club will meet Monday February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fernwood Restaurant. Please call Sheila at 860 232-6915 by Sunday evening February 12 if you are interested in attending an evening of good food and

**MEAT LOAVES DUE FOR THE HOUSE OF BREAD**

The meat loaves for the House of Bread are due this Tuesday, February 7 and Wednesday February 8. The usual other items are needed as well. The kid's café also needs the usual items. Please deliver to 66 Hall Street or call 860 232-5954. As always, thank you for your generosity to this very worthwhile program.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES OFFERED**

Confirmation classes for baptized Roman Catholics who have made their First Communion and who are 18 years or older will be held at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 467 So. Quaker Lane, West Hartford. Contact Mary Marsan at 860 243-9465 ext 2678. Registration forms are available at the Rectory or at [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org). The Sacrament of Confirmation for those completing the 6 week class will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on May 22, 2012.

**PARISH COUNCIL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

This is the final weekend for the Education Committee's program, **Journey Deep Into the Faith**. The program will conclude this Sunday, February 5, at 2:00 pm in McMahon Hall. The program consists 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](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) or [www.ourladyofcalvary.com](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.com)

**PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

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

February 6--Ladies Guild Meeting--7 pm--McMahon Hall

February 7 & 8--Meat loaves due for the House of Bread

February 9--K of C Council Meeting 7 pm McMahon Hall

February 11 K of C Pizza & a Movie Night after the 4 pm Mass

**FOOD DRIVE**

The Social Action Committee is holding a Food Drive **this** weekend 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.)

**SBLG TOURS IRELAND JUNE 18-26, 2012**

Time is running out but there's still a little bit left to come along 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: TOWN-WIDE LENTEN MISSION**

A Collaborative Lenten Mission will be held at the Church of St. Helena. The Mission begins Sunday March 11th at 7:00 p.m. It continues March 12th--15 with Mass and Mission sessions at 9:00 a.m. and Mission sessions only at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday March 14th the 7:00 p.m. session will include the Town-wide Reconciliation Service.

**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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE THANK YOU**

In spite of the rain and the cold weather, the turnout for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual March For Life in our nation's capital exceeded last year's record number of participants. People came from all over the country to celebrate life and to protest the unfortunate decision by the Supreme Court in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion-on-demand. Special thanks to Marie Francies, Susan Okamoto, Stephanie Lucco, Isabel Lucco who joined the march in Washington D.C. with the Holy Apostles Seminary; and, many thanks to all who joined the Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford on January 21, followed by the March and Rally for Life at the Capitol in Hartford.

**HAPPENINGS OUTSIDE OUR PARISH:**

1. Healing, reconciling and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the tasks of the church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of good news? If the answer is "yes," call **Fr. Michael Dolan**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary at 860 761-7456 or email [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org) or [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).
2. Upcoming program at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center: February 14 Valentine's Day Eucharist and Gourmet Dinner. Offering \$65 per person. Centering Prayer Retreat February 17-19, Offering \$250-275. Ash Wednesday Day and Evening Retreat: Our Lenten Journey: Consumed by God. Offering \$35, includes a meal. To register, 860 521-0440 or [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).
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](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net).
4. **Archdiocesan Mass Celebrating Black History Month** - "Finding God in Deserted Places". Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph; Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT. Most Rev. Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford will preside. Most Rev. Martin Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, DC will be the Homilist.
5. **New Day 10 week bereavement seminar** at Fr. Crawford Hall, Incarnation Parish, Wethersfield, begins Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. To register, call (860)529-6765.
6. At Lourdes of Litchfield, for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th at 10:30, Mass will be held in the Grotto Chapel at the Shrine, 50 Montfort Rd, (Route 118) Litchfield. Immediately after Mass, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held.

**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.

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 Tracy & Neville Graham.

## **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! Easter is a wonderful time of the year to open up your heart and share the many things God has given you, with others that need a helping hand.

## **Saturday February 11 ~ Home Made Valentine Cards for the residents of Avery Heights Nursing Home and our Adopted Families and Valentine's Treat Bags for the Shelter**

Following CCD classes Grade 2 through 8 will meet after CCD classes to assemble the goodie bags and to make the cards. The residents of Avery Heights will love getting cards for Valentine's Day, so again, we will craft our own cards. CCD will supply the materials and the students will supply the love and creativity. We are also going to fill small baggies with goodies for the food shelter.

## **ST. BRIGID LADIES GUILD MEETING**

*Please join us for pizza on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. prior to our 7:00 Ladies Guild meeting.*

Coffee and dessert will be served following the meeting, and we will present a very special slide show: "St. Brigid Ladies Guild – Memories". It highlights St. Brigid Ladies Guild members through the years, so why not come and relive some enchanted memories of programs, events, and trips with your Ladies Guild friends! You will not want to miss this one!

*-- MASS INTENTIONS --*

*SATURDAY, February 4, 2011*

4:00 PM Alfred Santoro, 9th Anniversary, by Cara Santoro

*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

*MONDAY, February 6, 2012*

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

*TUESDAY, February 7, 2012*

8:00 AM Rev. George L. O'Brien by Roseanne & Peter Holland

*WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2012*

8:00 AM Francesco & Maria DiTaranto by Their Family

*THURSDAY, February 9, 2012*

8:00 AM Jean Norling by Marcia Rachy

*FRIDAY, February 10, 2012*

8:00 AM

*SATURDAY, February 11, 2012*

8:00 AM

4:00 PM Paolo Zullo by His Wife & Family

*SUNDAY, February 12, 2012*

7:30 AM

9:00 AM Michele Ragone by His Wife & Children

11:00 AM Frank Garofalo, 15th Anniversary, by His Wife & Children

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

**THANK YOU!**

West Hartford Parishes Outreach thanks all those who donated items or money during the Hat, Gloves/Mittens, & Socks Drive. During the drive St. Brigid donated many hats, numerous pairs of gloves/mittens, and pairs of socks, scarves and other items. With the joint effort of the other parishes we provided 6 elementary schools and two shelters with much needed items for the winter.