

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT BRIDGET

Saint Bridget Campus

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21st Sunday Ordinary Time Aug. 27, 2017

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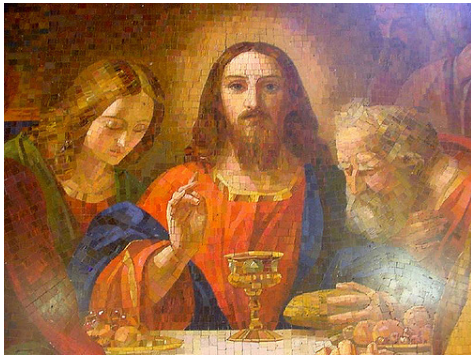
8:30 AM—4:00 PM

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CATHOLIC IMAGINATION

“Look beyond the bread you eat; see your savior and your Lord.” These beautiful words, which we often sing in a hymn during the communion of the mass, continue to both teach and challenge the faithful people who gather to worship and to give thanks. These simple but yet profound words teach the



truth of what we celebrate in the Eucharist, the presence of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the bread and the wine. The words of the hymn challenge us because they remind us to continue to

perceive the experience of life beyond what is in front of our face. They are words that invite us to enter fully into the mysterious and the sacred.

The ability to perceive life and to experience the Kingdom of God presupposes what I like to identify as the Catholic imagination. Catholics are called through the grace of their baptism to “look beyond” and to “see something more.” In this sense imagination is not to be understood as making something up, as a kind of fantasy, but rather in the fullness of the theological sense of the concept. Catholic imagination is the celebration of the “already” and the “not yet.” We understand that Christ and His kingdom have already come but we also understand that it has not yet been fully made manifested.

We use this graced skill when we celebrate Eucharist. We use this graced skill when we look at the crucified Christ that hangs in our churches and in our homes and see not the end of something but rather the beginning of a new creation. Unlike some Christian denominations that exhort their congregations to “take us to the cross, the life-giving blood of the Lamb,” Catholic congregations are led to the foot of the cross but do not remain standing there. A Catholic congregation of worship and faith looks beyond the cross and perceives something more. Yes, we celebrate the saving action of the cross, but we also take the saving action and expect to see it present in our world, in the lives and the experiences of the People of God. “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

It is not just a sacramental imagination. Catholics routinely look at the world around them and the experience of life and perceive something more, the manifestation of the Kingdom of God. It is Catholic imagination that permitted Mother Teresa to pick up the abandoned poor at her doorstep and bring them to an experience of dignity, if not in life at least in death. It is Catholic imagination that animates a school teacher, at work in the most abandoned school in the middle of the ghetto, who perceives the power of education and hope. It is Catholic imagination that gives the rural pastor, assigned as priest to four or five different parishes, the energy to make the long round trip of pastoral visitation Sunday after Sunday.

Identifying Catholic imagination at work in the lives of our brothers and sisters in faith does not presuppose or judge the motives of others. Celebrating the powerful manifestation of grace at work in the People of God does not in any way lessen or diminish the inspired efforts of other dedicated men and women. Rather it is a confident assertion of a quality that is essential to the fabric of what it means to be a Catholic. It is a recognition of the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst that calls us to perceive life as totally and fully blessed.



Catholic imagination permits the People of God to perceive the difficulties and the challenges that we face, some of which are extremely serious and call us to a deeper experience of faith, and expect that there will be a powerful manifestation of grace yet to come. This unique perception of life has given us the ability to weather many difficulties in the past and will continue to enable us to hope in the future that is yet to come. “Look beyond the bread you eat; see your savior and your Lord.”

~ Rev. Thomas M. Santa, C.Ss.R
For the Redemptorist Community who serves you



Mass Intentions

(All are Masses, unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, Aug. 28, St. Bridget
5:30PM People of the Parish
Tuesday, Aug. 29, St. Austin
8:00 AM Patricia Witte (Bernice King)
Wednesday, Aug. 30, St. Bridget
+ 8:00 AM Henry Backmann (Alice Wortman)
Thursday, Aug. 31, St. Austin
+ 8:00 AM Theresa Rose Schake (Pat Schake)
Friday, Sept. 1, St. Bridget
+ 8:00 AM Dorothy Kroll (Family)
Weekend Liturgies
Saturday, Sept. 2, St. Bridget
+ 4:30 PM Dorothy Kroll (Family)
Sunday, Sept 3, St. Austin
9:30 AM Joyce Solis (Family)

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Liturgy

Saturday Vigil—St. Bridget Campus 4:30 PM
Sunday—St. Austin Campus.....9:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
St. Bridget Campus.....8:00 AM
Tuesday & Thursday—St. Austin Campus8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Bridget Campus3:45-4:10 PM
(Doors of the Church open at 3:45 PM)

Seasonal Communal ServicesAdvent and Lent

Sacrament of Baptism, Marriage and Sick

Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Membership

The Parish Community of St. Bridget welcomes your active membership. If you are new to the area or looking for a place to nurture and celebrate your faith, please call the Parish Office.

Collection for August 20.....\$2,860.25
Assumption\$ 352.00

READINGS FOR September 3, 2017

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 2, 4:30 PM, St. Bridget

Altar Servers: Alice Wortman
Lector: Mike Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: Dc. Rich Heineman, Emily & Diane Weber
Usher/Greeter: Bonnie Moore, Joe Mullery, Dorothy & Kristine Vnuck

Sunday, September 3, 9:30 AM, St. Austin

Altar Servers: Quinlan Brogdon, Andrea Pfarr
Lector: Diane Liemandt-Reimann
Sacristan: Denise & Sharon Brisk
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Ashfeld, Dc. Rich Heineman, Jana & Terry Hale, Dan Lindquist
Ushers & Greeters: John Joyce, Bernice King, Marlene Longpre, Sam Pender

CHURCH CALENDAR

Mon. Aug. 28	Faithfully Fit	10:00AM	St. B
	Feast of St. Austin	5:30PM	St. A
	Pot Luck following		
Tues. Aug. 29	Arts & Crafts	9:00AM & 6:00PM	St. A
	Parish Council	6:30 - 8:00PM	St. B
Wed. Aug. 30			
Thur. Aug. 31			
Fri. Sept. 1			
Sat. Sept. 2	St. Austin Rummage	10:00AM - 2:00PM	St. A
	Sale Drop Off		
	Reconciliation	3:45PM	St. B
	Mass	4:30PM	St. B
	First Weekend Anointing		
Sun. Sept. 3	Mass	9:30AM	St. A



IN YOUR KINDNESS Please pray for the sick of our parish:
Emmett Mulcare, Glen Kroll, Robert Wirth, Francis Japs, Don Zenner, Rita Holmes, and Tim Dornfeld.

LECTIO DIVINA: You are invited to join our Lectio Divina gathering. We will be meeting for prayer on **Wednesday, September 20, and October 18, and November 15, at 8:30AM** in the St. Francis room to pray LECTIO DIVINA. Lectio Divina is a "Traditional practice of scripture reading, meditation, and prayer intended to promote communion with God." Please plan to join us.



FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE is on Monday, **August 28**. There will be a pot luck immediately following the **5:30PM** Mass in Brennan Hall. **Please join us.**

SOJOURNER FOOD PROJECT. Once again, St. Bridget's will partner with Sojourner Truth Academy to bring healthy, fresh groceries to families who may not have enough to make ends meet. Recalling the words of Jesus to "feed the hungry" St. Bridget's has committed \$4,000.00 to provide 20 families with \$50.00 worth of groceries four times during the school year. Working with Coborns Delivers, a grocery delivery service, families receive milk, bread, fresh meat, and assorted grocery items. The staff at Sojourner Truth provides the names of the families most in need. Obviously, there are more than 20 families who could genuinely use these groceries and this is where we invite you to help us alleviate hunger in our community. Parishioners are invited to sponsor one or more families by contributing to the Sojourner Food Project. Your gift of \$200.00 will help one family four times during the year. A gift of \$50.00 will sponsor one family for one month. However you can contribute to this project, will make a difference in the lives of those that receive these groceries. Last year, thanks to your generosity and good stewardship, we were able to help 36 families four times a year. This year we'd like to do more, but we need you! Simply place a check in the weekly collection or drop it off at the parish office during regular office hours and indicate on the memo line: Sojourner Food Project. The first food distribution takes place on **October 26**. In addition to your financial contribution, we also need volunteers to help with the sorting and distribution of the food at the school. It requires about two hours, four times during the school year, from 4:00 - 6:00PM. If you're able to help, contact Gerri Hare at 612-886-3527. Thank you for your generosity and consideration.



WOMEN'S GROUP: The Women's Group/SB-SACCW will kick off their service year with Mass on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm at the St. Austin campus. We will start in the church, go to Brennan Hall after where we will present Fr. Paul with a check for the parish, conduct a short business meeting and end with treats & fellowship. I am inviting all women of the parish to join us for Mass and the meeting.
~ Diane Weber, President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT. As previously noted there will not be a senior lunch program this year. We are however planned a onetime event for **Friday, September 15**. At the St. Austin Campus in Brennan Hall at 12:00 there will be soup, sandwiches, and dessert. We will play bingo and yes there will be prizes. Cost for lunch and bingo will be \$5. Everybody is invited and you can bring friends and neighbors. We do ask that reservations be made by calling the parish office later than Wednesday September 13.
~ Sister Gert

A NOTE FROM FR. ANTHONY, TOR Peace and Good Things! As you know, my confreres and I had a court appearance in Pennsylvania on June 14th. At that time, our attorneys had the opportunity to argue the various motions they put before the court, including a motion to drop the charges against us due to a misreading of the laws of the Commonwealth and a lack of evidence to support the charges. The judge took everything under advisement and said she would get back to us "as soon as possible." I have come to learn that in legal matters, phrases like that and "speedy trial" are very fluid! Consequently, we continue to wait in hope and draw strength from the prayers and support of people like you.

On July 31st, I was able to join the friars of our community for our annual retreat in West Virginia. It is a place where our community has gathered for many years and there is a sense of comfort and security about being there. In addition to the spiritual conference and times of prayer that we shared each day, we also had ample time to visit and share laughter. It was truly a renewing experience on several levels. I also share greetings from Fr. Terrance, Fr. Patrick, Fr. Robert, and Fr. Brad. They all asked about the good people of St. Bridget's and wanted to be remembered to you.

As I continue to wait---again---I am grateful for your thoughtfulness. Your prayers, support and notes are all tangible reminders of the nearness of God during what is sometimes a very dark time. Wishing you well as these summer days draw to an end.

~ Fr. Anthony, TOR

ADULT CHOIR: The start of the musical season is nearly upon us! Our rehearsals for the Adult Choir will start on Thursday, September 7th. They are held weekly at our St. Austin campus from 6:30-8:00pm. If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir, please contact our Director of Worship, Heather Johnson, at the parish office. No audition is required. The Adult Choir typically sings on Sunday mornings twice a month, with the Saturday Schola (a smaller subset of the Adult Choir) that sings at the 4:30pm vigil Mass.

We also have our Praise Ensemble, featuring more contemporary praise & worship style music. This group rehearses once a month and sings 1-2 times per month on Sundays. The starting rehearsal date is still to be determined, so be sure to watch future bulletins for more information.

As always, we welcome instrumentalists and cantors (song-leaders) in the ensemble. If you love to sing or play, consider offering your talents to one of these vibrant church groups!

AN INVITATION FOR YOU! R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, work specifically with three kinds of people who might want to join the Catholic Church: persons who have never been baptized, adults who were baptized but who received little or no instruction after baptism, and those who have been baptized into another denomination, but who would like to consider the Catholic Faith. If you fall into any of these groups and would like to know more, or you are Catholic and have not been Confirmed, please give me a call and I will give you more information!
~ Mary Majkozak Director of Faith Formation and R.C.I.A.
612-521-7454

THANK YOU to all those that donated school supplies for Sojourner Truth Academy and The Mastery School. The recipients of the supplies were very grateful and asked if we would thank our very generous parishioners. We are grateful for your generous hearts and continued support!
~ Gerri Hare, Trustee



THE OFFICE will be closed on September 4th, and open again Wednesday September 5th. **Have a Happy and safe Labor Day!**