

Parish Announcements!

CHWC Announcements

One opening left on the Greensboro Mission Trip!

Either a high school student or adult can join. The trip is from July 17-23, 2011.
Contact Anne-Marie Condlin to register: amcondlin@verizon.net, 741.5305 or 426.5298.

Thank you for making the Cake Sale a success!

Thank you to all our parishioners who supported the mission trip in May by participating in the St. Bridget School Spirit Day and by buying cakes during the Mother's Day Cake Sale. Some parishioners even donated cakes to the Comboni Missionary Sisters and to the Little Sisters of the Poor. What a special way to help out two causes at the same time! Thank you again for your support. As we gear up for the mission trips in July, we are especially grateful to the St. Bridget community for making this experience possible for our youth and adult campers!

Vacation Bible School 2011

July 25-29th from 9 AM until 12 noon
Rising Pre-K thru 4th Grade
Rising 5th thru 12th graders can be Youth Helpers
Cost is \$35 per child (\$105 family max)
Registration began May 1st

Many adults are needed to help make VBS 2011 a success! Please consider volunteering!

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us on Saturday evening, September 24th, for the 2nd annual MANJE Dinner Party to celebrate our parish's sponsorship of students attending St. Paul School in Carissade, Haiti. More information will be printed in future Bridge and Bulletin publications. Also, please visit our website, www.thehaiticommitee.com, to learn more about this important St. Bridget/Cathedral of the Sacred Heart ministry.

BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS IN HAITI

Will be held at the Cathedral after the Saturday and Sunday Masses on June 11 & 12. Pick up some great reads for the summer! Mass times are Vigil: 5:15 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM; 5:15 PM.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING FOLLOWING ALL MASSES June 11 & 12

Members of St. Bridget Parish Nurse Ministry will be in the Chapel to check your blood pressure. Plan to stop by following Mass!

Help Us Communicate!

Contact the **Communications Office** (communications@saintbridgetchurch.org, 282.9511 ext. 351).

Bulletin

Send your announcement via e-mail or fax (285.7227) two Sundays prior to desired bulletin publication.

Bridge

Send your news by Noon on the 1st of the month prior to desired publication month.

E-News

Send your news to be distributed via e-mail as appropriate.

Web Site

Send your news noted to post in the appropriate section of the Web site.



A Message from Monsignor Carr

Dear Parishioners,

I pray that summer presents ample opportunity for you to enjoy God's creation. God "gave us the earth and all that is in it" and as we enjoy His creation, we use the beauty of the earth for our own re-creation. After an intense winter, summer is welcome and I beg God to grant you a special time and place to rediscover Him and grow in His love.

Summer does not absolve us from our spiritual duties and I know that somewhere near you Masses will be celebrated, confessions heard, and you will continue your daily prayers and charitable deeds. Our parish church is wide open during the summer of course, and we will hold you dear in our prayers at Masses.

Please come say "Thank you" to Father David Stanfill on June 19th at 6:00 PM. A reception will be held for Father David as he prepares to take up the duties of Pastor for Holy Rosary Parish here in Richmond.

Summer blessings,

Monsignor William H. Carr



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Parish Council Election Results

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS!

The following individuals were elected during the annual election, held May 14-15th:

Ellen Gilliam
Maria Morrison
Paula Murphy
Turtle Zaun

Thank you to all who ran and your commitment to St. Bridget Church.

It truly was a marvelous night for a Moon Dance!

Monsignor Carr graciously thanks all involved for a remarkable and memorable event!

A very special thank you to Tiff and Kelly Armstrong for opening their home to the parish for this festive evening.

Thank you to all our generous Sponsors:

Mr. Lloyd & Dr. Siobhan Dunnavant	Bob & Kathleen Redmond
Bundle of Joy Child Development Centers Inc.	Carrie Robeson REALTOR,
Michael & Cindy Joyce	Virginia Properties
Scott & Carolyn Luxton	Al & Leslie Strickler
Michael & Elizabeth Martin	Mark & Pamela Sweeney
Dr. & Mrs. David J. McGroarty	Birck & Christie Turnbull
Larry & Denise Miller	Jerry & Veronica Wauford
David & Kellie Murphy	and Cal & Katherine Whitehead
Duffy & Conchi Myrtetus	

Thank you to Direct Mail Solutions for providing printing and mailing services, Tommy's Garden for donating the beautiful floral arrangements, and the Knights of Columbus for volunteering with parking. A special thank you is also due to all those supporting the event including: Brown Distributing, Capital Waste Management, Vending Services, Rosemary McKnight, and Total Wine & More. A heartfelt thank you to Kristin Palumbo and the entire Moon Dance Committee: Melanie Davis; Regina Fuller; Kara Hart; Margaret Hilldrup; Jackie Moore; Kellie Murphy; Nina Patton; Carrie Robeson; Maureen Stengel; Katherine Whitehead and Ann Winchell for all their hard work in organizing the 2011 Moon Dance!

Confirmation Update

On Friday, May 13, 2011, 97 teens from St. Bridget received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary Catholic Church. Bishop Walter Sullivan celebrated the Liturgy with Msgr. William Carr and Fr. David Stanfill concelebrating. Three more teens from St. Bridget were confirmed on Thursday, May 26, 2011 with the Confirmation class at St. Mary's. Please continue to pray for these teens and rejoice with them as they celebrate this awesome gift from the Lord!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Confirmation such a success this year!

Summary of April 2011 Church Operating Fund Revenue & Expense Report

Easter Sunday Collection Comparison				
2011 = \$50,846	2010 = \$45,216	2009 = \$46,691	2008 = \$33,895	2007 = \$43,731

Revenue/Expenditure Comparison

For the month of April 2011, revenue exceeded expenditures by \$2,281. For the fiscal year to date, revenue exceeded expenditures by \$126,661. Historically, revenue exceeds expenditures for the fiscal year to date in April because of the Easter Collection (in 2010, revenue exceeded expenditures in April by \$95,853). Offertory income for the fiscal year to date was \$11,042 below budgeted income. The parish continued to support our ministries, in addition to paying for ongoing maintenance and utility costs.

Offertory

The weekly offertory for April 2011 averaged \$37,232 (compared to an average weekly collection of \$43,318 in March). Weekly offertory averaged \$31,385 in April 2010, \$32,728 in April 2009, and \$25,740 in April 2008.

Monthly & Year to Date Comparisons

The total monthly offertory for April 2011 was \$148,926 compared to the total monthly offertory for April 2010 of \$125,539 and a total offertory of \$130,912 in 2009. The total year to date offertory for this fiscal year is \$1,399,179 (compared to a total year to date offertory of \$1,419,086 for the 2009-10 fiscal year and \$1,377,249 for the 2008-09 fiscal year).

Holy Day Collections

Holy Day Collections for the fiscal year to date total \$16,291 (compared to \$8,352 for the 2009-10 fiscal year).

Memorials

Memorial donations were received in memory of Victor Dorr, Virginia Lee Bland Freeman & Anne Stouffs Kalafatis.

Human Concerns

We thank you for continuing to support the mission of Saint Bridget Catholic Church. \$1,714 was given to those in need of assistance in our community.

E-Giving

E-Giving offertory contributions in April totaled \$30,064 (compared to \$16,798 in E-Giving donations in April 2010 and \$9,280 in April 2009). More people are taking advantage of E-Giving: the total amount of E-Giving including offertory donations, Building Fund contributions, and all other collections for April was \$33,465.

Please consider E-Giving to make donations to the parish.

To make a contribution on-line, please visit our Web site: www.saintbridgetchurch.org and click on the blue "E-Giving" link. **E-Giving allows you to...** Conveniently use debit card, credit card or electronic funds transfer; to make a contribution to the various funds and special collections; and to access transaction history for record keeping requirements. Remember, you the "Contributor" exclusively control your activity. Please contact Kimberly Lapkin at 525.7888 or kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org with any questions about this E-Giving service.

Thank you for your gift of Stewardship

Who is a Christian Steward? A Christian Steward is defined as "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord." Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom and the source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. As Catholics, we are called to prayerfully reflect on our baptismal promise to follow Jesus and be an example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow.

Kimberly Lapkin, *Director of Stewardship*
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April 2011 Church Operating Fund Revenue and Expense Report

Revenue	Apr 2011	Year to Date
		Jul 10 - Apr 11
Parishioner Offertory Contributions & Cash Plate	\$ 118,862	\$1,161,167
E-Giving Offertory Contributions	30,064	238,012
Human Concerns Contributions	3,335	46,725
Haiti Contributions + Sponsor a Child	3,572	57,419
2nd Collections—Holy Land	1,548	20,999
Holy Day Collection	355	16,291
Wedding Fees	400	7,600
Religious Education Fees— collected for the 2010-11 year	822	50,949
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	3,520	48,680
Votive Candle Offerings	378	3,099
Hospitality Special Revenue	1,685	4,126
Bequests & Memorials - Helen Anthony Bequest of \$100,000 received Dec 2010	1,050	111,755
Special Donations & Catholic Virginian & Other Revenue	241	23,283
Flower Memorials and Donations	2,688	6,197
Campus Ministry Revenue & Diocesan Subsidy	1,291	15,333
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	5,430	21,424
Dividends & Interest	1,421	3,410
Endowment Fund Earnings Transfer	0	15,795
Total Revenue		\$ 176,662 \$1,852,264
Expenses		
Administrative Costs & Employee Benefits	\$ 50,357	\$ 444,407
Diocesan & Regional Assessments	15,807	142,689
Human Concerns/Social Ministry	1,714	69,433
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer	0	75,000
Development	0	1,648
Physical Plant Maintenance, Salaries, Utilities	18,340	199,073
Liturgy Ministries & Costs	18,077	161,855
Clergy/Religious Salaries & Benefits	10,548	111,957
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	9,185	112,272
Rectory Household Costs (Includes costs for four Priests in residence at the Rectory and all visiting Priests as well as Rectory living expenses, maintenance, household salaries and utilities.)	6,744	73,534
2nd Collections/Donations Disbursed	5,120	78,418
Membership/Hospitality	6,204	54,564
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	13,604	47,051
Campus Ministry	715	4,912
Catholic Virginian	1,716	18,790
Parish School Subsidy	16,250	130,000
Total Expenses		\$ 174,381 \$ 1,725,603

The Campaign for Saint Bridget School

Saint Bridget School Capital Campaign - April 30, 2011

Total Project Costs:	\$ 3,612,512
Campaign Pledges:	
Pledges	\$ 1,405,205
Matching Gifts Pledged	\$ 46,300
Total Pledged	\$ 1,451,505
Collections & Other Receipts:	
Pledges Collected	\$ 1,047,046
Matching Gifts Received	\$ 30,950
Non-Pledged Cash Contributions	\$ 207,419
St. Bridget School PTO Gift	\$ 50,000
School Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 725,290
Interest Earned	\$ 551
Total Received	\$ 2,061,256
Outstanding Collections:	
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 358,159
Outstanding Matching Gifts	\$ 15,350
Total Outstanding Collections Due	\$ 373,509
Remaining Capital Campaign Balance to be Funded:	\$ 1,177,747
PROJECT LOAN BALANCE as of April 30, 2011	
Total Borrowed	\$ 2,201,607
Amount Paid on Loan	\$ 851,948
Current Loan Balance	\$ 1,349,659



Saint Bridget School Building Fund
Thank you to those who have made a gift to this campaign!

- † School Building Fund donations totaled \$13,872 for the month of April.
- † Thank you for your much needed contributions to this campaign to make our interest and principle payments on the loan! Pledge payments are figured into the debt reduction—your help is needed by making timely payments on your pledge. Debt places an undue burden on our school's tuition and third-source funding, and this stresses our balanced budget. While our Finance Council is diligent in assuring that the loan is handled in the most cost effective manner, our goal is to eliminate a need to borrow.
- † \$614 was received in April from **E-Giving donations**. To make a contribution on-line via E-Giving, please visit our parish website: www.saintbridgetchurch.org and click on the blue "E-Giving" link.
- † You may contact our Director of Stewardship to discuss your gift: Kimberly Lapkin, kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org, 525.7888.

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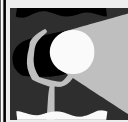
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Human Concerns Spotlight



Spotlight on Human Concerns Ministry – This month we highlight a justice concern of special interest in the midst of this great recession & looming budget cuts. Our Neighbor to Neighbor network was launched in January of 2009 in the midst of a recession that sent many folks to St. Bridget Catholic Church seeking assistance. ☩

The Network was set up with three goals in mind: 1) Help stem the tide of abortions which have been rising in the recession. We have sponsored baby showers to help mothers to be and assisted the Pregnancy Resource Center in their work to help women choose life. 2) We started a second collection the first weekend of the month to raise funds to help people coming to us for financial assistance. We have helped 36 families that have come to our doors seeking assistance since the start of our fiscal year in July and that does not include the many more families we helped through Catholic Charities. We also started selling fair trade coffee, tea, and cocoa on the fourth weekends of the month to raise even more funds and help meet our third goal. 3) Reach out to the world community since we know that all of us are God's children and that the recession is a world wide problem. We have placed a special emphasis on resettling refugees from Iraq. So far we have helped resettle three families. With that being said, Federal funding for the refugee program has been greatly reduced and it is unclear at this time if we will have an opportunity to sponsor another family.

The stories of the individuals that come to us are as different as the people who tell them. They are sometimes traumatic, sometimes desperate, always touching. There are too many stories to tell and confidentiality limits what can be told but one story I would like to share has elements of many of the others. An elderly widow who has been a parishioner for years finds herself always behind in her bills despite our best efforts to help, and decides she needs to go back to work to make ends meet. I tell her I will keep my eyes open for her as we make arrangements with Catholic Charities to help her make a budget to see how much she is short each month. In the meantime I get a call from the nephew of two elderly ladies who are parishioners and need a ride to church. He tells me he is willing to pay someone to take them to church. I connect the first lady looking for work with these two ladies and it ends up they were neighbors growing up and went to the same school and often played together as kids. Indeed it is good to have the Holy Spirit's help in this work, but it is too soon to say whether or not this story will have a happy ending as there are still more pages to be written.

Your efforts and donations have been the hands and heart of Christ to many in our community. Thank you, and may God continue to bless our community and cause us to grow in our faith and love; and open our hearts to the needy.

"Love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to the Church as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel."

- Pope Benedict

Paul Amrhein, Human Concerns & Pastoral Care Minister

Sacraments



Baptisms

Anna Katherine Augustin
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Griffin Francis Colin
Michael Stephen Cybulski
Charles Andrew Greer
Charles Conrad Hamann
Molly Ann-Margaret Hamner
Maria Alexandra Ivanchenko
Mary Augusta Lee
Natalie Anne McDermott
Grant Matthew Saufley
Anderson James Schneider
Evelyn Mirella Schoedel
Charlie James Smith
Violet Marchisa Stanwix
Helena Caroline Stites
Danielle Louise Strobach
Mary Catherine Annalese Willis

**Baptism, Confirmation,
& First Eucharist**

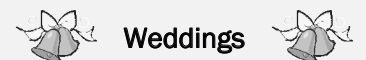
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Sarah Keissler

Confirmation & First Eucharist

Brittany Fraer
Cindy Foster
Mark Tripodi
Amy Williamson

Confirmation

Jana Chilton
Jonathan Grim



Weddings

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Brigette Booth & Davin Terrell
Alexandra Racanelli & Paul Bratten
Sarah Corley and James Krakowski

Deaths

Evelyn Binns
Michael Buseck
Ethel Huff
Joan Landrum
Margaret Shaia
Eleanor Tinsley
Selma Whitfield
Alexander Weyand

First Eucharist

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