

**Parish Announcements!**

**Catholic Heart Work Camp Updates**

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the generous support of St. Bridget Parishioners! Now it is time for our ever-popular...

**Mother's Day Cake Sale  
May 7 & 8, 2011 (after ALL Masses)**

A wonderful assortment of confections will be available for purchase! Do you know a special Mom who would love a sweet treat on her special day? Why not surprise her with a beautiful cake while supporting our Parish Youth & the important work they will be doing this summer on the Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission Trip! Interested in making a cake to donate? We would love to take you up on the offer! Please contact Anne Fitzsimmons @ 360-1402, afitz1992@aol.com.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE MISSION TRIP BUT THOUGHT YOU WERE TOO LATE?**

You are in luck. We have a couple of spaces open for youth & adults. Please contact Anne-Marie Condlin immediately if you are interested. Spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. This is a fabulous experience. I look forward to hearing from our newest campers! God Bless. Anne-Marie Condlin home 741-5305 or cell 426-5298.

**The Saint Bridget Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is seeking active parishioners interested in volunteering to help guide us over the next three years.** The PPC represents the many perspectives that make up our parish & works to develop its goals & help guide the course we take. If you are interested in serving in this leadership role or know of someone who would be an asset to the PPC, please contact John Smith for more information. He can be reached by email at smithrnr@verizon.net or by phone at 804.512.1393.

A sample ballot of nominees will be distributed in the Bulletin the weekend of May 7-8, with elections the following weekend. Please prayerfully consider how you can help lead our parish community by serving on the PPC.

You are invited to **Music for a Cathedral Space: A Community Concert**, Friday, May 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. For information about tickets, group reservations, & sponsorships: [concerts@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:concerts@richmondcathedral.org); [www.richmondcathedralconcerts.com](http://www.richmondcathedralconcerts.com); (804) 359-5651 ext. 102.

**27th Annual Lebanese Food Festival**

Sponsored by St. Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church, this is one of the best ethnic food festivals in the Richmond area. There will be a wide variety of Lebanese foods and desserts, as well as live music and folk dancing! The festival is from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Friday & Saturday, May 13 & 14 & 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. 4611 Sadler Road, Glen Allen. For more information call 270.7234 or visit [www.stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://www.stanthonymaronitechurch.org).

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Contact the **Communications Office** ([communications@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto: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**

**The Real Presence**

Like a shot and before her mother could grab her, the little one stepped out of the pew and made a dash down the aisle to the altar. We were coming to the Consecration of the Mass and all else was silent. What to do as her mother went after her as she, screaming with glee continued her sprint?

All around were exasperated. The solemn words moved to the Consecration. Her mother, red faced caught the protesting child, fun now over, and carried her across the front and out the side door. It didn't sound pretty in the vestibule, the sound of chastising counter pointed with: "Christ has died...."

It's true and we celebrate it with the deepest love and reverence: Jesus Christ is really present in the Blessed Sacrament. And the Church also teaches that Jesus Christ is really present in other ways during the Mass: the Word proclaimed; the priest himself; and the congregation.

The little one making her way to the altar and her mortified mother bear the Real Presence of Christ within them as well. So we ask The Lord to redeem our frustration and transform our anxiety when things are not perfect in a room where five hundred people gather to praise the Lord.

We also appreciate parents who recognize how precious this one hour is to so many people, each one around you another bearer of Christ the Lord's Real Presence. May we all let charity prevail and love one another. Yes, look up and find Him. And, look around.

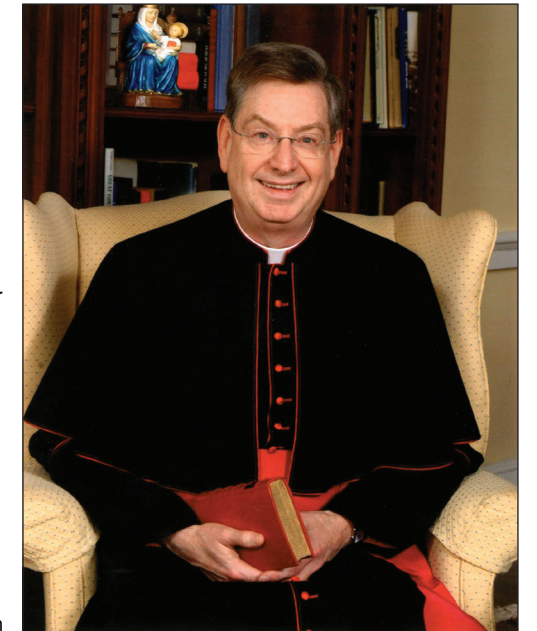
Blessings of the Easter Season!

Monsignor William H. Carr

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to our Parochial Vicar Father David Stanfill upon being appointed Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish here in Richmond. Father's appointment takes effect July 1, 2011. Please save the date, June 19 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass & come to a Farewell Reception for Father Stanfill. I have valued Father's fine priestly ministry among us & enjoyed his companionship in the rectory. Bishop DiLorenzo's office tells me there will be a Parochial Vicar assigned to us & announced after priesthood ordinations & effective July 1 as well.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Monsignor Carr



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St. Brigid

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**100 Parish Teens to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 marks a very big day in the lives of 100 teens from St. Bridget Church. These young men & women will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church. Since September, they have been preparing for this Sacrament by attending classes, retreats, & by spending time volunteering to serve those in need. Please pray for them as they approach their Confirmation on May 13, 2011. Come, Holy Spirit!

Timothy James Ansell	Chelsea Ann Glowacki	Madison Riley Mugford
Ana Elizabeth Astruc	Garrison Mitchell Gore	Alexandra Louise Murillo
Michael Connor Bailey	Katharine Anthony Graham	Alaina Kate Murphy
Kelby Shewbridge Berling	Pasquale Joseph Graziosi	Caroline May Myrtetus
Andrew Yates Bond	Catherine Elizabeth Green	Sean Edward Myrtetus
Ann Elizabeth Bordwine	Evelyn Berry Harper	Elizabeth Blair Nelsen
Karen Christine Bordwine	Kemp Russell Harper	Cameron Joseph O'Connor
Carson Lange Boyd	William Cole Hawkins	Clayton Francis O'Keefe
Shawn Elizabeth Brady	Alexander Brooks Hock	Andrew David Peabody
Connor Lillian Brewer	Gregory Joseph Hollis Jr.	Matthew Paul Quinan
John Ford Burke	Matthew Alexander Hourigan	Samuel James Quinan
Samuel Joseph Cadden	Robert Keith Janis	Joseph Michael Redmond
John Patrick Calamita	Alexander Stephen Kaplan	Lucas Thomas Rosman
James Andrew Carleton	Matthew Robert Keane	Kristine Elizabeth Scherger
John Mason Carli	Wilson Augusta Keller	Hannah Marie Shadowen
Timothy Patrick Cejka	Christopher Scott Knaysi	Elizabeth Briggs Shands
Woodrow Foley Chapman	Ryan Charles LaMura	Renae Oliver Slough
Alexandra Catherine Chrupcala	Natalie Rose Lerch	Rachel Elaine Smith
John Grayot Clark III	Kyle Elizabeth Liggan	Sadie Marie Smith
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Adam Charles Donohoe	James Paul Marshall	Mark Harrison Tharp
Helen Gray Dunnivant	Lauren Anne Marshall	William Grayson Thomas
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Connor Robert Fad	Kevin Michael McCarthy	Evan Emerson Vranian
John Richard Fadus	Allyson Pearce McCune	Michael Aidan Waddell
Peter Angelo Ferramosca	Troy Anthony McDermott	Elizabeth Reeves Wayland
Megan Gennette Fitzsimmons	Reid Francis McNally	Christian Valenti Wilder
Griffin Lee Flinn	Allie Davis McVeigh	Catherine Ellis Wood
Jake Patrick Franko	Pilar Carol Moore	Zachary Bazan Woodruff
Amy Catherine Gill	Caitlin McAllister Morris	Jared Earl Yazdgerdi
Andrew Charles Gilmore	Patrick McCaney Mosman	Carmen Pelcorso Zanetti

**Welcome New Parishioners!**

**The following parishioners joined the Parish in the month of April:**

Tony & Donna Angelo  
Terra Balla & her son Matthias  
Steven & Claudia Ford, & their son Ethan  
Robert & Diane Guagliardo  
Daniel & Valeria Maluf, & their children Lara & Tobias  
Neil & Lori-Ann Miller, & their son Bobby  
Lisa Payne  
Jeff & Stacey Samitt, & their children Charlie, Jada, & John

**Summary of March 2011 Church Operating Fund Revenue & Expense Report**

**† Revenue/Expenditure Comparison**

For the period March 2011, expenditures exceeded revenue by \$68,739. For the fiscal year to date, income exceeded expenditures by \$124,380. Historically, revenue exceeds expenditures for the fiscal year to date in March (in 2010, revenue exceeded expenditures in March by \$119,035 and March 2009 year to date income exceeded expenditures by \$50,391). Offertory income for the fiscal year to date was \$33,033 below budget. The parish continued to support our ministries, in addition to paying for the ongoing maintenance & utility costs.

**† Offertory**

The weekly offertory for March 2011 averaged \$43,318 (compared to an average weekly collection of \$31,617 in February). Weekly offertory for March 2010 averaged \$39,745, weekly offertory for March 2009 averaged \$29,432, & for March 2008 the average was \$33,450.

**† Monthly & Year To Date Comparisons**

The total monthly offertory for March 2011 was \$173,272 compared to \$158,980 in March 2010 and \$147,164 in 2009. The total year to date offertory for this fiscal year is \$1,250,253 (compared to \$1,292,548 in the 2009-10 fiscal year which included three weekends of inclement weather, and \$1,246,337 in the 2008-09 fiscal year).

**† Holy Day Collections**

Holy Day Collections for the fiscal year to date total \$15,936 (compared to \$7,275 for the 2009-10 fiscal year).

**† Special Collections**

Thank you for your generous response! \$7,502 was collected for the Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami Catholic Relief Services Fund.

**† Memorials**

Memorial donations were received in memory of Victor Dorr, Mae M. Fortner and Anne Stouffs Kalafatis.

**† Human Concerns**

We thank you for continuing to support the mission of Saint Bridget Catholic Church. The following donations were made in March: \$2,500 to Catholic Charities HELP; \$1,312 to CrossOver Ministry; \$1,150 to St. Francis Home; \$787 to Hilliard House; \$1,125 to Pregnancy Resource Center; \$750 to Virginia Interfaith Center; \$750 to St. Peter's Church; \$625 to CARITAS; \$625 to Home Again; \$550 to the William Byrd Center; \$525 to Freedom House; \$500 to Richmond Hill; \$200 to Coal Pit Learning Center; and \$2,100 was given to those in need of assistance in our community, including the CARITAS ministry served by Saint Bridget parish at the end of February.

**† E-Giving**

E-Giving offertory contributions in March totaled \$29,313 (compared to \$17,986 in E-Giving donations in March 2010 & \$10,577 in March 2009). More people are taking advantage of E-Giving: the total amount of E-Giving including offertory donations, Building Fund contributions, & all other collections for March was \$36,234.

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

To make a contribution on-line, please visit our Web site: [www.saintbridgetchurch.org](http://www.saintbridgetchurch.org) & 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 & special collections; & to access transaction history for record keeping purposes. Remember, you the "Contributor" exclusively control your activity. Please contact Kimberly Lapkin at 525.7888 or [kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org) with any questions about this E-Giving service.

**† Thank you for your gift of Stewardship**

Stewardship reminds us of all the wonderful gifts given to us by God and the challenge to tend to them well, but then we are to also share everything we have in justice and love with others. In our inventory of gratitude at Saint Bridget Church, the parish constantly shows that it cares in many ways for all that is given to us, and makes these gifts available to the larger community as well as those in need around the world. The parish Stewardship program is the most important foundation to a comprehensive program of parish development. Thank you for your continued giving of your time, talent and treasure to Saint Bridget parish.

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**March 2011 Church Operating Fund Revenue and Expense Report**

Revenue	Mar 2011	Year to Date Jul 10 - Mar 11
Parishioner Offertory Contributions & Cash Plate	\$ 143,959	\$1,042,305
E-Giving Offertory Contributions	29,313	207,948
Human Concerns Contributions	4,697	43,390
Haiti Contributions + Sponsor a Child	2,491	53,847
2nd Collections—Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami Catholic Relief Services Fund	7,502	19,451
Holy Day Collection	95	15,936
Wedding Fees	400	7,200
Religious Education Fees— collected for the 2010-11 school year	2,964	50,127
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	4,807	45,160
Votive Candle Offerings	166	2,721
Hospitality Special Revenue	3,100	2,441
Bequests & Memorials - Helen Anthony Bequest of \$100,000 received Dec 2010	595	110,705
Special Donations & Catholic Virginian & Other Revenue	3,356	22,177
Flower Memorials & Donations	45	3,509
Campus Ministry Revenue & Diocesan Subsidy	1,264	14,042
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	0	15,994
Dividends & Interest	0	2,854
Endowment Fund Earnings Transfer	0	15,795
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 204,754</b>	<b>\$1,675,602</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administrative Costs & Employee Benefits	\$ 49,515	\$ 394,050
Diocesan & Regional Assessments	9,785	126,882
Human Concerns/Social Ministry	13,915	67,719
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer	75,000	75,000
Development	135	1,648
Physical Plant Maintenance, Salaries, Utilities	30,200	180,733
Liturgy Ministries & Costs	15,677	143,778
Clergy/Religious Salaries & Benefits	11,342	101,409
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	17,648	103,087
Rectory Household Costs (Includes costs for four Priests in residence at the Rectory & all visiting Priests as well as Rectory living expenses, maintenance, household salaries & utilities.)	8,230	66,790
2nd Collections/Donations Disbursed	9,993	73,298
Membership/Hospitality	12,103	48,360
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	268	33,447
Campus Ministry		4,197
Catholic Virginian (two payments made in March)	3,432	17,074
Parish School Subsidy	16,250	113,750
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 273,493</b>	<b>\$ 1,551,222</b>



**SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH**

**ANNUAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Monsignor Carr, Father Stanfill, our parish councils & staff, & your fellow parishioners of St. Bridget Church extend their most appreciative

**THANK YOU**

to all parishioners who responded to this year's Parish Stewardship Appeal with your pledge of financial support. It is deeply gratifying to see the growing numbers of our parishioners that are responding to God's call to be active stewards of their faith & the good works of St. Bridget Parish.

We thank as well the members of the 2011 Stewardship Committee for their thoughtful & committed work:

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Leslie Blackwell  
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Charlie Giovannetti  
Ellen Knerr  
John McCulla  
Michael Siewers

**Parish Staff**

Terry Anderson  
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Kimberly Lapkin  
Joan Scarola

**2011 Annual Parish Stewardship Appeal  
Parishioner Pledges to Date**

\$1,900,000	Annual Parish Budget
\$1,538,085	Pledged To Date
2,300	Registered Families
1,103	Pledges
315	New Pledges
360	Increased Pledges
\$27	Average Weekly Pledge

**Please make your Stewardship Pledge to St. Bridget Parish.**

**WHAT SHALL I RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS TO ME?  
PSALM 116:12**

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**St. Bridget Parish Staff Takes a Day for Retreat**

If you tried to call any of our staff members on March 29 you probably got our voice mail. That's because all of the staff, including Msgr. Carr & Fr. David, were attending the annual staff retreat, located at Roslyn retreat center on River Rd. Our retreat was led by Dennis Beeman, who has worked in the Diocese for almost to 30 years. Dennis' presentation included 4 areas of spirituality:

- † An Awareness of God's personal & unconditional love for both us & humanity (revealed through Jesus Christ)
- † God's Invitation to grow into fullness of life (revealed through Jesus Christ) in God's Spirit.
- † A desire & ability to Respond to God's invitation in circumstances of daily life (family, work, world)
- † A faith Community which supports and enables individuals to live out the response.

During the presentation we listened to what Dennis had to say, then spent time either in reflection or carrying out an exercise. We also had time in small groups & as an entire staff to discuss the reflections we made. This exchange provided us with the perfect opportunity to get to know each other on a deeper level while at the same time helping us to focus on our various ministries to the parishioners of St. Bridget. We ended the day with a beautiful Mass remembering the five staff members who were called home to God over the course of the past four years as well as the deceased family members of our staff. The retreat ended with a daily examen which many of us thought was very useful, and perhaps you will too:

**Step One** – Praying in gratitude for all the gifts that God has given us. Instead of taking God for granted, we reflect on our many blessings. We glance back at the past 24 hours (places, events, persons), thanking God for every gift we have experienced.

**Step Two** – Praying for God's enlightenment so that the Spirit will help us see ourselves more clearly, freed from defensiveness & blind spots. Praying for Spirit-guided insight into our actions & our hearts.

**Step Three** – Paying attention to our feelings, moods, thoughts, & urgings as a way of getting a sense of what is going on in our lives. (It is important not to judge our feelings, but to acknowledge & accept them.) What is the call or nudging of God in these feelings, moods, thought?

**Step Four** – Praying for forgiveness for the ways we have not lived up to the requirements of love in our relationship to God, ourselves, & others. Glean the lessons of love embedded in yesterday's experiences & move on with the new opportunities contained in the gift of tomorrow.

**Step Five** – Asking God's help to live with renewed hope & increased love of God & others. Let our minds consider briefly what lies ahead in the immediate future (events, tasks, appointments). We pay attention to the feelings that spontaneously arise & share them with God in prayer, like one friend speaking to another.

At the end of the day, we departed Roslyn with a deeper understanding of each other & with a renewed sense of service that lay ahead for each staff member.

**Sacraments**



**Baptisms**

Brody Cain Agee  
Luke Charles Fournier  
Olivia McCaslin Gee  
Daniel Edward Hinchman IV  
Siena Maria Hornik  
Charles Carter Hutchens, Jr.  
Gunner Wolfe Mann  
William Grayson Noble  
Madelyn Louise Quinn  
John Walsh Van der Waag



**Weddings**



Emily Butler  
&  
Nicholas Perry

**Deaths**

Mildred Stanford

**THE MOON DANCE .. only two weeks away!**



**It's a Marvelous Night for a Moon Dance!**

Please join St. Bridget Church for a casual evening of dinner, drinks, & dancing under the stars to the music of "Rockfish Willie" on Saturday, May 14, 2011 on the lawn of Tiff & Kelly Armstrong, 8701 River Rd. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, & can be purchased online at <http://e-giving.org/start.asp?id=1403>. Or send a check to St. Bridget Church c/o Kimberly Lapkin, 6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, Virginia 23226. Please note "Moon Dance Tickets" in check memo line. Questions? Call Kimberly Lapkin, 525-7888. We hope you join us for this fun, community-building



On Saturday, April 16, St. Bridget School celebrated its second annual Bulldog Blast. The morning began over 300 people participating in the 5k run/walk & Kids 1mile Fun Run, followed by the carnival held inside the school & church due to the weather. Children enjoyed participating in the Talent Show, Cakewalk, & all of the numerous games setup throughout Mother Presentation Hall & the hallways of the school while the parents enjoyed perusing the silent auction. Food was provided by Flinn's Restaurant, Chic-Fil-A (Parham Road), & Pizza Express. Drinks were provided by Flinn's Restaurant, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Starbucks (Village), Pepsico, & Michael Calkins. A fun time was had by all as we joined together to support the students of St. Bridget School. We are so very grateful to the numerous sponsors & volunteers who made this day possible!