

# The *B*ridge



**ST. BRIDGET**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

I have been involved in many important projects in the life of our parish. Some of these have been about our spiritual development and some were about the maintenance and upkeep of our buildings and property. However, I think that the workshop “Where Two Or Three Are Gathered” is the beginning of what will be the most important spiritual renewal in our parish and will produce a deep and lasting effect upon our faith and worship.

Our parish liturgy committee and I urge you to attend our workshop “Where Two Or Three Are Gathered” on September 10 from 9am until 3pm. (Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM as usual and hospitality and registration will follow between 8:30-9:00 AM). During this gathering for all adults and teens in the parish, we will have the opportunity to review and renew our understanding of the Holy Eucharist by concentrating on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ among us.

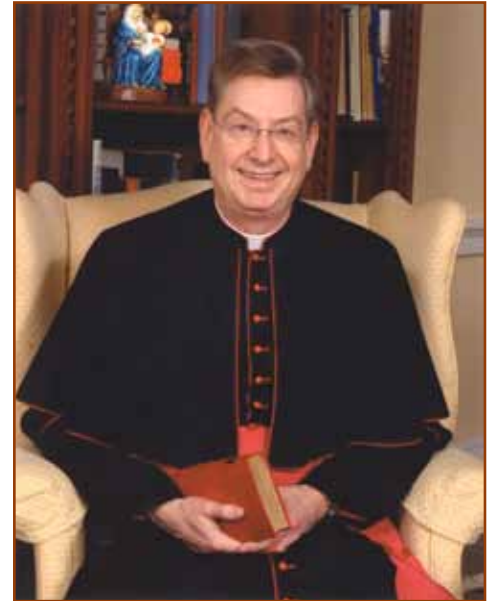
This workshop will be the first and most crucial step in embracing the coming changes to the liturgical language that the Church will introduce throughout the English speaking world on the First Sunday in Advent. Having you there will ensure that a deeper understanding of this core belief in Real Presence moves us into the new language together.

Part of this day will be prayerful, part educational and part conversational. It will include a look at the work the Liturgy Committee has been doing for the past 18 months to create a way to support liturgical ministers as they seek to share Christ’s Real Presence during our Masses.



I hope I can count on your participation in “Where Two Or Three Are Gathered.” We want to provide you with refreshments and lunch so it is essential that you contact us to let us know you will attend. Please call Joan Scarola at 525-7898 or email [jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org)

Father Capuano and I send our prayerful wishes to you and your family.



## At A Glance

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**St. Brigid**

# The Eucharist: The Most Important Thing We Do

“We need to remember that the Eucharist is the summit and source of our Christian life. Why? Because in the Eucharist is found the entire treasure of the Church—Jesus Christ.”<sup>1</sup> It is this very idea, that Jesus Christ is really present when we celebrate the Eucharist, that continues to animate the work of Saint Bridget’s Liturgy Committee. For the last 18 months they have been considering this gift of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ and how it might saturate celebrations of the Eucharist so that there is no doubt that He is with us.

During these 18 months, the Committee has reflected upon specific behaviors that reveal Christ’s presence and assessed Saint Bridget liturgies to see the extent to which these behaviors are already in place. They have also extensively considered the role liturgical ministers play in revealing Christ’s presence and have gone on retreat themselves, to grow intellectually and spiritually as well as to plan to assist the parish in meeting the Risen Christ in Mass. The parish is about to begin to experience some of the fruit of their work.

The first fruit of this work is a parish-wide event entitled “Where Two or Three are Gathered.” The title echoes Christ’s promise that where two or three are gathered in his name, He is present.<sup>2</sup> Since the assembly is the largest liturgical minister, “Where Two or Three are Gathered” is for all adults and teens in the parish. Its purpose is to deepen both the intellectual understanding of Christ’s Real Presence and the spiritual impact of an encounter with the Risen Christ. To be held on September 10, 2011, there is more about this event in this issue of The Bridge.

The second outgrowth of this focus on Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist will be for liturgy ministers, veteran and new. Entitled “Ministry Matters” this gathering will invite liturgy ministers into a deeper understanding of the critical role they play in making Christ really present in concrete ways through specific actions. The first Ministry Matters will be held on October

15, 2011 and will be accompanied by the offering of Handbooks for the ministers and a newly designed Liturgy website. It will become the cornerstone of liturgical minister formation, offered several times throughout each year and required of all who serve in the ministry.

While Saint Bridget’s Liturgy Committee has been at work focusing on how behaviors/actions reveal Christ’s presence to us, the International Commission on English in the Liturgy along with Vox Clara have been (for 10 years) focusing on the role the language we speak at Mass plays in revealing the Risen Christ to us. They have created a new translation of the language of the Mass for the English speaking churches in the world. It will begin being used on the first Sunday of Advent, 2011 (November 27th).

As part of the parish’s intentional focus on the Eucharist as the most important thing we do because it is there that we encounter Christ really present, Msgr. Carr and Msgr. Kevin Irwin will be offering parishioners a chance to learn more about

the changes to the language of the Mass. The first of these opportunities will be in October, and they will be open to all interested members of the parish. In addition, you may begin to gather information on your own from the official website for the new Roman Missal: [www.usccb/romanmissal.org](http://www.usccb/romanmissal.org)

Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian lives together because it is there that we are in intimate communion with Jesus Christ, through the Word proclaimed, the person of the priest, the assembly gathered to worship and pray and, most especially through the consecrated bread and wine we receive in communion. The forthcoming activities are the first steps in taking this promise of Christ to be in communion with us, to be really present to us, deep into our minds and hearts. Won’t you join us as together we explore the Mystery of Christ’s Real Presence?

<sup>1</sup> United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Washington, DC: USCCB Publishing, 2006. P. 228.

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 18:20.

## “Where Two Or Three Are Gathered” Agenda for September 10, 2011 Workshop

<b>Daily Mass</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Gathering &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>8:30-9:00 AM</b>	<b>MPH</b>
<b>Opening Prayer Service</b>	<b>9:00-9:30 AM</b>	<b>MPH</b>
<b>“The Four Real Presences of Christ”</b>	<b>9:45-11:00 AM</b>	<b>MPH</b>
<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>11:00-11:30 AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Lunch &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>1:00-2:00 PM</b>	<b>MPH</b>
“Is there really blood in that cup?” Talking about Real Presence with Children		
“I don’t get anything out of Mass!” Talking about Real Presence with Teens		
“Meeting Christ in the other sacraments” How He’s really there!		
“Where’s Christ in my daily life?” A conversation on Real Presence in Ordinary Life		
<b>Introduction of “Real Presence” Project</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>MPH</b>
A look at how the parish is going to be intentionally focusing on Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist with Msgr. Carr		
<b>Closing Prayer Service</b>		<b>MPH</b>

# Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC) 2011

## Faith, Service, Community

This past year has been a tremendous blessing for our teens and adult campers. Last September, we began a journey that would lead us to two trips to North Carolina. We spent the following months getting to know each other, fundraising and growing in faith. Our ability to serve was made possible through the tremendous generosity of the St. Bridget Parish and the commitment from our campers and their families. We have listed below our various activities and community sponsors that enabled us to go on our trips.

Your prayers, support, and encouragement throughout the entire year have empowered us to become more involved spiritually, prepared us to serve others in our mission trips this summer, and provided a living example of a Christian community. This past year provided many opportunities for our campers to serve in the parish and enrich their faith lives. Beginning in October, some of our teens began singing once a month at our 5 p.m., Sunday liturgy. They have added a vibrant spirit to the group and have been a joy to sing with and to listen to. In February, Fr. Geoff Rose and Andy Cloninger came to St. Bridget to lead a retreat for the middle school and high school students. Many local businesses helped to sponsor that event which was both inspiring and fun. Sean Prince returned in April to help our parish celebrate Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All of our campers are extremely grateful for the generosity of our parish and our community. Thank you.



Charlotte, NC Campers

sometimes unexpected moments and the relationships with those we served that made a big difference in our experience. We not only served, but also were spiritually renewed through daily Mass and the evening programs. We were challenged to “live soulfully” and to let our true selves shine through so that we may be effective ministers of Christ.

Our Next Level Up camp took place in Greensboro, NC. Eighty-one high school, college students and adults attended this camp. Over the week, eleven handicap ramps were built, many of our campers helped at several therapeutic horse farms, the elderly were treasured and enjoyed, houses and facilities were painted, yards were cleaned, zoos were maintained and items were sorted so that they could be used to help people improve their lives. I was personally moved by the way our youth were ministers to those they served and to each

was inspiring and the teens were amazing! Thank you to the entire Parish and the following sponsors who helped us achieve our goals:

- Spaghetti Dinner – Kent Alley, Tom Giannasi, Aziza’s on Main, Deluca Gelato, The Jefferson, Can Can Restaurant, Morton’s Steak House, Tommy’s Garden, Maury Place at Monument, Gearhart’s Fine Chocolates, Zeus Gallery Café, The Virginia Museum, and Vending Services of Richmond
- Retreat – St. Bridget Rosary Guild, Ledo’s Pizza, and Jason’s Deli
- Adoration – Domino’s Pizza at Willow Lawn, and Superstar’s Pizza
- Dance-A-Thon – The Gallagher Family, Chipotle @ Stony Point
- Other – Westwood Pharmacy, Virginia Diner, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Image Designers, Inc., St. Bridget School, and the St. Bridget Parish

More information about CHWC will be available after all masses on September 10th and 11th. We have a full year of activities planned for all the youth of the parish. Sign-ups for 2012 camps will take place at the Youth Ministry Mini-Retreat Kick-Off on September 18th.

— Anne-Marie Condlin



Greensboro, NC Campers

Our first trip was to Charlotte, NC. Thirty-three campers spent their July 4th week helping members of the Charlotte community. Everyone worked very hard throughout the week, from cleaning, organizing, weeding, and building, to community activities and social programs. It was the little and

other. Each camper truly served as God’s hands and feet. I witnessed their compassion and charity for each other and their thirst to grow in faith and devotion. There were fun moments and stories to remember as well as moments of awe when we shared in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The week

**2012 Camps**  
Lancaster, PA – June 17-23  
Open to current 7th graders to 21 year olds.  
Charleston, SC – July 15-21  
Open to current 8th graders to 21 year olds.

## Second Annual Manje Dinner Gala

Please join us for the second annual MANJE Festive and Casual Gala, Saturday evening, September 24, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at the home of Liz and Tom Benedetti on Monument Ave. Help us celebrate our parishes' sponsorship of students attending St. Paul school in Carissade, Haiti.

"Manje" means food for the mind, body, and spirit in Haitian Kreyol. Our Special guest will be Father Jean Navarre Bourdeau, pastor of St. Paul.

For only \$150 you can experience the joy of supporting a deserving child for a full year. This sponsorship entitles you to two invita-

tions to MANJE, or you can purchase tickets for \$60 each. (Those of you who have sponsored a child since June 1, 2011 will automatically receive two invitations.) If you sponsored last year, you may sponsor the same child this year or chose another. If you have not sponsored yet, we invite you into this ministry by your sponsorship.

Your gifts educate and provide nutritious lunches for 500 children, as well as support a modest, life-saving medical clinic!

In addition, you may purchase raffle tickets to win gift certificates to Richmond's finest restaurants - \$10 each or 3/\$25. The drawing will be held at the gala on Sept. 24th. One does not need to be present to win. To purchase raffle tickets see any Haiti Committee member, or e-mail Terry at [terrybullard52@gmail.com](mailto:terrybullard52@gmail.com).

To top it off, the gala will also include a silent auction where you can win some very nice prizes for this great cause.

The St. Bridget/Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Haiti Committee thanks you, the children of St. Paul thank you, and most of all our Dear Jesus Himself thanks you for caring for His children.

For more information on sponsoring a child or about this ministry in general, please visit our website at [www.thehaiti-committee.com](http://www.thehaiti-committee.com).

### Music Ministry: Opportunities Through Music

Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you looking to exercise your talent in ministry? Do you look for ways to be more aware of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and want to help others find that awareness through music? The Saint Bridget Music Ministry offers many opportunities for parishioners to be ministered to and to minister through music:



**Adult Choir:** a non-auditioned group for high school aged and adult singers.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9 PM

Musical Offerings: \*Sundays, 10:30 AM rehearsal, 11 AM Mass

*\*The Adult Choir's weekend schedule will be affected by the implementation of the New Roman Missal. If you attend another Mass and like to sing, contact Allen Bean at 282.9511 or at [abean@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:abean@saintbridgetchurch.org) for information about assisting in the implementation of new Mass music.*

**Boy Choir:** a non-auditioned choir for boys, grades 2-5.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 4 – 5 PM

Musical Offerings: 4th Weekends & Special Occasions

**Contemporary Ensemble:** a non-auditioned ensemble of singers and instrumentalists that focuses on current, folk and pop-style music.

Rehearsals: As announced, 1-2 times a month

Musical Offerings: Sundays, 3:30 PM Rehearsal, 5 PM Mass

**Gentlemen of Saint Bridget:** a group of adult male singers that participate in the monthly Men's Ministry events on Saturday mornings.

Rehearsals: as announced

Musical Offerings: National Holidays, Christmas and other Feast Days

**Girl Choir:** a non-auditioned choir for girls, grades 2-5.

Thursdays, 4 – 5 PM Rehearsal

4th Weekends & Special Occasions

**Instrumentalists:** violinists, clarinetists, cellists, etc.: Please let Allen Bean know about your availability so he can find opportunities for you to play. Guitarists and wind instrumentalists are encouraged to consider joining the Contemporary Ensemble.

For more information about any of these music ministries, please contact our Music Minister, Allen Bean (804.282.9511 or [abean@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:abean@saintbridgetchurch.org)).

### Come Join Us

2011-2012

Youth Ministry Kick-Off

September 18th

Mini-Retreat from 10 am to 6 pm

### Featuring POPPLE

Enjoy great music and inspiring talks

Retreat sign-up for Middle and High School students will be after all masses September 10-11 or email [amcondlin@verizon.net](mailto:amcondlin@verizon.net) with your child's names, gender and grade.

CHWC 2012 Sign-ups ill be during retreat

# Financial Update

## Summary of Fiscal Year-End June 30, 2011 Church Operating Fund Revenue & Expense Report

**Income/Expenditure** Total Revenue for the year ended June 30, 2011 was \$2,114,538 and expenditures totaled \$1,983,482. Income exceeded expenditures by \$131,056. Due to the generosity of our parishioners and a most successful pledge drive, offertory income exceeded budget for the fiscal year by nearly \$60,000. Included in total income are \$39,150 in additional unbudgeted income or fees; an unrealized stock gain of \$24,600; and an additional \$7,300 in Endowment Earnings transferred.

**Human Concerns:** We thank you for continuing to support the mission of Saint Bridget Catholic Church. Donations were made in the 2010-11 fiscal year to benefit many ministries: CARITAS, Catholic Charities HELP, Freedom House, Habitat for Humanity, Haiti, Hilliard House, Home Again, Micah Initiative, Blackwell School, Neighbor to Neighbor, Outreach in Love, St. Francis Home, VA Society for Human Life, and to those in need of assistance in our community just to name a few.

**E-Giving:** 394 people took advantage of E-Giving: offertory contributions for fiscal Year-End June 30, 2011 totaled \$301,533 which is an increase over the \$190,669 received in e-giving donations for fiscal year 2009-10.

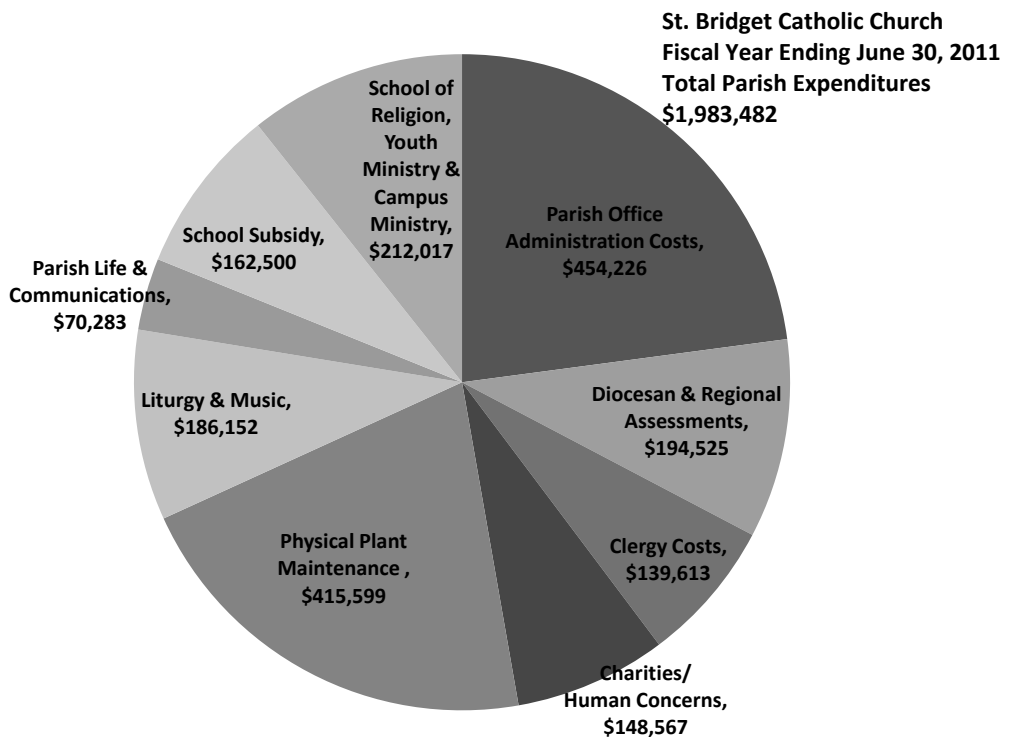
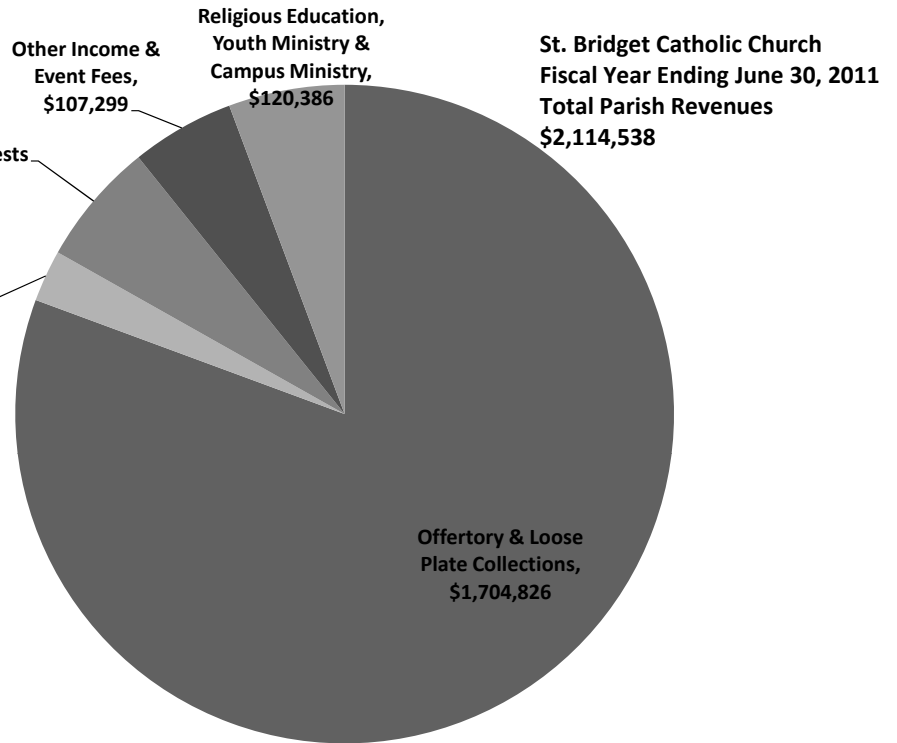
**Fiscal Year-End: June 30, 2010**

Saint Bridget Church has an absolute commitment to financial transparency and accountability. Monthly Income and Expense Reports are on file in the parish center office and are available for review during regular office hours.

**Thank you for your gift of Stewardship**

We thank all the parish families for their many gifts that support God's work here at Saint Bridget Catholic Church. The financial gifts you return to God by sharing with your parish family have a tremendous impact. Your sacrifice makes it possible to operate our parish and reach out at home and abroad to help Christ's poor. Thank you! Your gifts never stop giving!

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## Parish Announcements



**Saint Bridget River Roast - Please join us on October 1, 2011 from 6:00pm-11:00pm at Willow Oaks Country Club for a casual night of fun by the River! You will enjoy live music by The Fredds, southern style cuisine, raffles, and silent & live auctions to support our Bulldogs. For more information, please visit [www.saintbridget.org](http://www.saintbridget.org).**

### Open House for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

You are cordially invited to an Open House for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on September 17 & 18, 2011. With great excitement, the Cathedral welcomes all families of the diocese to this weekend event. The doors will be open for parishioners and guests to tour the entire complex. This will be a festive gathering with interactive activities for children, prizes for adults and food for everyone.

As the Mother Church of the Diocese of Richmond and the home of the Museum of Virginia Catholic History, the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart hopes this will be a time of fellowship among Catholics across the region. Two special features for this year are a video of Bishop Walter Sullivan recounting his memories of his time at the Cathedral and the new exhibit in the Museum of Virginia Catholic History entitled, "Let Thy Will Be Done: Catholic Chaplains and the Daughters of Charity in Civil War Richmond." Doors are open following all masses: Saturday Vigil 5:15 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:15 PM. For more information, please contact Jayne Hushen, [jhushen@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jhushen@richmondcathedral.org)

### Youth of the Parish are Invited!

**The youth of the parish are invited to sing with the contemporary choir. Please come and join us. All are welcome. A larger group of youth will be singing once a month. Our next mass will be on September 11, 2011. An unofficial practice and get together will take place on September 10th. Please contact Anne-Marie Conlin for more information. Phone- 426-5298.**

**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) 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](mailto:kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org) with any questions about this E-Giving service.

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Samuel Charles Corry  
Gavin Anthony Daly  
Lillian Marie Davalle  
McKinley Christian Dodson  
William Henry Earle  
Anna Riley Ferguson  
Vivian Grace Fitzpatrick  
Ethan James Ford  
Eleanor Jane Hager  
Alice Rachel Kennedy  
James Corbett Kessel  
James Michael Lucien McGrath  
John Michael Finnegan McGrath  
Andrew James McGuire  
Emma Helen Menefee  
Elizabeth Marjorie Moore  
Henry Chastain Nichols  
Luca Filippo Pappert  
Rachel Nicole Payne  
Henry Edward Rotter  
Charlie James Samitt  
Anne Lang Siebert  
Liam Christopher Taylor  
Carson Claire Lyse Thomas  
Braxton Michael Trak  
Emily Margaret Mary Walsh  
Zane Andres Zetto

### New Parishioners

Steve and Jennifer Burris (children: Emma and Sarah)  
Betty Mills  
Donald & Kimberly Mulligan (children: Owen & Amelia)  
Cynthia Ryan Robertson  
Jeffrey & Kimberly Lunardi  
Michael & Christine Francesca (children: Olivia, Jacob, & Isabella)  
Amy Williamson  
Jeff & Marisa Vaiksnoras (children: Evan & Elena)  
Maryellen Walsh  
Jeff Czyzewski  
Kerri & Brad Crosby (children: Will & Genevieve)  
Eric Stehle  
Michelle Todd

### First Eucharist and Confirmation

Carl Leppert  
Adam Russell  
Holly Slimak

### Confirmation

Noelle Loving

### Marriages

Kelly Thompson and Greyson Leftwich  
Krissey Taylor and Ryan Keener  
Morgan Kitchen and William Looney  
Amanda Wright and Colin Burns

### Deaths

Ida Pardini Saxby  
Purie Du Engels  
Janet Wilson Alston

# Great First Day!

August 23, 2011 was the first day of school for St Bridget students. Faculty, students, as well as many parents joined us for the Opening Day of School Prayer Service. The rest of the day was spent getting settled in preparing for the school year. Just before 2 p.m. the day took an unexpected turn with a 5.8 earthquake. Despite being the first day of school everyone — teachers, students, and staff remained calm and did an amazing job responding to the emergency. As Principal Honeycutt remarked to teachers and staff, “We began the day AND ended the day with prayer! Everyone did an amazing job remaining calm and providing our children with a secure and comforting presence during the afternoon challenge, Thank you!” It was a dramatic and thankfully safe beginning to the 2011/2012 year. Blessings and success throughout the school year.



## Vacation Bible School 2011

The last week of July brought pandas, bamboo, Chinese lanterns and a lot of fun to Saint Bridget Parish. About 106 children sang songs, played games, tie-dyed t-shirts and ate snacks, all while learning how much God loves them. The children heard the stories Elijah, Jonah and Hannah, and crawled into the “belly of a whale.” They met St. Peter in a “secret” place to hear the story of Jesus’ resurrection. During the week, the children brought in school supplies to donate to Blackwell School.

*Blackwell appreciate what you have done and send their thanks to you!” — Alicia Meyer*

**Thank you to all of the adults and youth who helped to make Pandamia a wild success!**

*“You all are the greatest!! The school supplies that were donated by the Vacation Bible School participants are AMAZING! I really am humbled and overwhelmed by all the wonderful school supplies that were donated to the children of Blackwell. Believe me, they will be put to good use. Please tell all your participants that the staff, students and parents of the students of*

