



A Message from Monsignor Carr

Dear Parishioners,

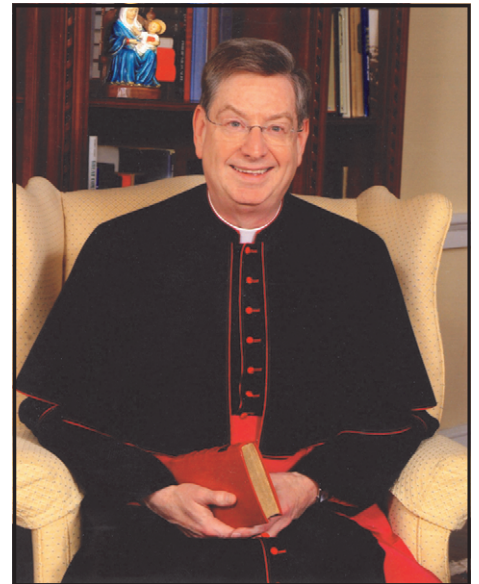
Lent invites us to participate in Jesus' own preparation for the start of His public ministry. A good beginning is important to the whole journey. Lent is a powerful reminder that to be baptized is to walk with Jesus. How important our faith is to us!

We have those wonderful mountain-top experiences like Jesus did and we also experience the temptations and the torments like He did. Through it all, faith sustains us, faith helps us see the truth, and faith turns us back to God when we are in need.

Father Stanfill and I pray that you will have a blessed Lent and that Ash Wednesday's ashes will signal your increased prayer and sacrifice. Our prayers and sacrifices will lead us to a Happy Easter and please God.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor William H. Carr



Monsignor William H. Carr, Pastor

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Lenten Mass and Devotions

**Ash Wednesday
March 9, 2011**

Mass & Distribution of Ashes: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Midday Prayer & Distribution of Ashes: Noon

Daily Mass

Mon-Sat: 8:00 a.m.
Fridays of Lent also at 6:15 p.m.

Devotions

Way of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament,
Fridays of Lent, 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

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Lenten Regulations for Fast & Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Welcome New Parishioners!

The following parishioners joined the Parish in the month of February:

Jana Chicton

Alex Copeland

Paul and Lauren Hepper and their daughter Caroline

Jason and Katie Olson and their children Ava, Sarah and Benjamin

Gregory and Tina Webster

Kara Wilson

Mark you calendar! Women's Ministry Retreat

**St. Bridget's Women's Ministry Presents:
"Empowered by the Invisible"
A retreat with guest speaker Sharon Glasgow
April 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

During the retreat Sharon will enthusiastically teach what God's Word says about being empowered by the Spirit. Ephesians Ch. 1 is the launching pad from which she shows that the exceeding greatness of God's power is available to those who believe. During lunch Siobhan Dunnivant, O.B.G.Y.N will talk about current women's health issues.

You can register online through e-giving or in the Parish Office. Questions? Contact Lisa Brennan (921-0913), Shannon Garbett (399-0821), or Kim Hulcher (426-3815).

The Campaign for Saint Bridget School

Saint Bridget School Capital Campaign - January 31, 2010

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	\$ 1,008,502
Matching Gifts Received	\$ 30,700
Non-Pledged Cash Contributions	\$ 200,477
St. Bridget School PTO Gift	\$ 50,000
School Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 725,290
Interest Earned	\$ 547
Total Received	\$ 2,015,516
Outstanding Collections:	
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 396,703
Outstanding Matching Gifts	\$ 15,600
Total Outstanding Collections Due	\$ 412,303
Remaining Capital Campaign Balance to be Funded:	\$ 1,184,693
PROJECT LOAN BALANCE as of January 31, 2010	
Total Borrowed	\$ 2,201,607
Amount Paid on Loan	\$ 831,679
Current Loan Balance	\$ 1,369,928



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

- ◆ School Building Fund donations totaled \$3,825 for the month of January.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ \$969 was received in January 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 "Online Giving" link.
- ◆ You may contact our Director of Stewardship to discuss your gift: Kimberly Lapkin, kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org, 525.7888.

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Human Concerns Ministry—Spotlight



Spotlight on Human Concerns Ministry – This section will periodically highlight one of the ministries our parishioners support with their tithe of time, talent and treasure. Sometimes we will explain what they do and other times we will provide stories of our ministers in action.

Our focus this month is on **REBUILDING TOGETHER.** †

A big “Thank You” goes out to all of the parishioners who volunteered for the Rebuilding Together Project in 2010. Rebuilding Together is a nationwide program in which volunteer organizations repair and maintain houses owned by elderly or disabled persons in need. The project day last year was on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Approximately 50 homes in the Richmond area were included in the Rebuilding Together program. St. Bridget Church participated in the program for the 8th consecutive year. We repaired a sidewalk and a ceiling; caulked and painted all exterior windows; painted the front porch; and constructed a handrail. Our homeowner also received a new water heater. The homeowner had been very ill, and was incredibly grateful for our assistance. A special debt of gratitude to Phil Baxa, who was our house captain for the past several years. Phil passed away suddenly just before Thanksgiving last year. This year’s project will be in Phil’s memory as we will once again sponsor a house on April 30th. If you would like to volunteer contact Paul Amrhein at 525-7902 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org.



The St. Bridget Rebuilding Together Team, 2010

Sacraments



Baptisms

Gardener Albert Campbell
Sophie Anne Campbell
Elle Lansing Duset
Thomas Joseph Gallagher
Nathaniel Joseph Kuriger



Weddings



Claire Jackson and Greg Elingburg

Deaths

Betty Bliley
Raymond Charles Cullen
Anne Stouffs Kalafatis
Carol Moore
Rick Anthony Smith

New opportunities to expand your faith!

Catholic 101

Monsignor Carr will present a series of talks entitled "Catholic 101" every Tuesday at 7 p.m. until April 5th. This is a survey of Catholic history, governance, sacramental theology, liturgy, and moral and social teaching. All are welcome to attend!

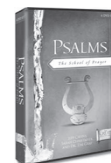


"PSALMS, A STUDY OF PRAYER"

A DVD study series featuring Jeff Cavins will be presented every Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for 11 weeks starting March 10, in the Church Hall at Saint Bridget.

In the study you will:

- † Discover a rich school of prayer for all of life's circumstances.
- † Experience the transforming power of Responsorial Psalms in the Mass.
- † Learn how to meditate fruitfully on the Psalms.
- † Study the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus.
- † See how the Psalms can empower your prayer to become honest as well as your personal dialogue with God.



A registration fee of \$23 includes all materials.

For more information contact: Dante or Jeanette Pellei (741-7413), Kath Thompson (338-2956), or Teresa Lee (525-7896).

Catholic Heart Work Camp News & Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Dinner – The annual mission trip spaghetti dinner will be here before you know it! Save the date—

March 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy great spaghetti from Tom Giannasi with music by Kent Alley and his band. Let the Mission trip campers serve you a wonderful Italian meal and celebrate community with the parish. Adult dinners are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door, Child dinners (3-6 years old) are \$5, Under 3 years old are free, Family tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.



January 2011 Church Operating Fund Revenue and Expense Report

Revenue	Jan 2011	Year to Date Jul 10 - Jan 11
Parishioner Offertory Contributions & Cash Plate	\$ 113,254	\$ 792,201
E-Giving Offertory Contributions	21,049	158,311
Human Concerns Contributions	5,973	35,719
Haiti Contributions + Sponsor a Child	4,211	47,075
2nd Collections— Respect Life Collection	2,775	11,949
Holy Day Collection	1,898	15,786
Wedding Fees	600	6,000
Religious Education Fees— collected for the 2010-11 year	1,335	46,450
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	1,608	35,217
Votive Candle Offerings	318	2,254
Hospitality Special Revenue—designated monies disbursed for parish center kitchen renovation	(1,025)	(659)
Bequests & Memorials - Helen Anthony Bequest of \$100,000 received Dec 2010	315	109,695
Special Donations & Catholic Virginian & Other Revenue	2,142	17,927
Flower Memorials and Donations	0	3,444
Campus Ministry Revenue & Diocesan Subsidy	1,067	12,186
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	0	15,994
Dividends & Interest	0	2,854
Endowment Fund Earnings Transfer	0	15,795
Expenses	Total Revenue \$ 155,520 \$ 1,328,198	
Administrative Costs & Employee Benefits	\$ 60,937	\$ 307,107
Diocesan & Regional Assessments	14,807	102,290
Human Concerns/Social Ministry	2,668	51,283
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer (no transfers made to date)	0	0
Development	0	1,513
Physical Plant Maintenance, Salaries, Utilities	20,128	136,776
Liturgy Ministries & Costs	13,439	113,181
Clergy/Religious Salaries & Benefits	10,712	79,165
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	7,872	72,567
Rectory Household Costs	6,029	50,251
2nd Collections/Donations Disbursed	6,986	59,024
Membership/Hospitality	3,530	29,986
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	118	17,563
Campus Ministry	575	3,722
Catholic Virginian	1,716	13,642
Parish School Subsidy	16,250	81,250
	Total Expenses \$ 165,767 \$ 1,119,320	

Summary of January 2011 Church Operating Fund Revenue & Expense Report

Annual Diocesan Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to your participation, the 2010 Appeal has truly been historic. The Diocesan Appeal has eclipsed the \$3.4 million mark. St. Bridget parish has generously given over \$90,500 in cash donations and pledges combined. The Diocese anticipates being able to return over \$1,000,000 to the parishes through the parish sharing formula. St. Bridget Church received the first installment totaling \$12,958 from the Diocesan parish sharing program: \$11,662 was designated to increase the Church Capital Reserve Fund and \$1,296 was designated to Church Human Concerns Ministry. Additional payments from the Diocese are anticipated in April and July.

Revenue/Expenditure Comparison

For the period January 2011, expenditures exceeded revenue by \$10,247. For the fiscal year to date, income exceeded expenditures by \$208,878. Historically, revenue exceeds expenditures for the fiscal year to date in January (in 2010, revenue exceeded expenditures in January by \$171,566 and January 2009 year to date income exceeded expenditures by \$95,639). Offertory income for the fiscal year to date was \$56,693 below budget. The parish continued to support our ministries, in addition to paying for the ongoing maintenance and utility costs.

Offertory

The weekly offertory for January 2011 averaged \$26,861 (compared to an average weekly collection of \$63,215 in December). Weekly offertory for January 2010 averaged \$26,219 and for January 2009 averaged \$30,425.

Monthly and Year to Date Comparisons

The total monthly offertory for January 2011 was \$134,303 compared to the total monthly offertory for January 2010 of \$131,096 and a total offertory of \$121,702 in 2009. The total year to date offertory for this fiscal year is \$950,512 (compared to a total year to date offertory of \$1,016,221 for the 2009-10 fiscal year and to \$990,825 for the 2008-09 fiscal year).

Holy Day Collections

Holy Day Collections for the fiscal year to date total \$15,786 (compared to \$7,101 for the 2009-10 fiscal year).

Memorials

Memorial donations were received in memory of Victor Dorr and Peggy Williams.

Human Concerns

We thank you for continuing to support the mission of Saint Bridget Catholic Church. \$1,562 was given to those in need of assistance in our community.

E-Giving

E-Giving offertory contributions in January totaled \$21,049 (compared to \$16,953 in e-giving donations in January 2010 and \$8,477 in January 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 January was \$25,925.

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 "Donate" 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

We thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission of Saint Bridget Catholic Church and we want you to know that you are making a difference. 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.

Kimberly Lapkin, *Director of Stewardship*
kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org

Parish Announcements!

**Saint Gertrude High School hosts its 60th Annual Song Contest
Friday, March 4th at 7:30 PM at the Richmond Landmark Theatre
6 N. Laurel Street**

The annual event features a musical competition among the grade levels. Each class performs words and motions to familiar tunes. The performances are completely written, arranged and rehearsed by the students. Three music professionals judge the contest. Alumnae and their families are invited to a reception at 6:00 p.m. This year all former Song Contest Leaders are invited back for special recognition. Admission is free and open to the public; alumnae and Song Contest Leaders are asked to RSVP to the reception. For more information, call Margie Shibley 358-9114 or email mshibley@saintgertrude.org.

Saints and Sinners invites EVERYONE to attend the Mass for the Anointing of the Sick on Thursday, March 10. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. and a luncheon will be served at noon. Please sign up on the Saints and Sinners bulletin board in the Commons Corridor.

Little Sisters of the Poor Breakfast – Sr. Teresa will host another one of her popular Waffle and Omelet Breakfasts to benefit the elderly residents entrusted to the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Come join her at 1503 Michaels Road on Sunday, March 6, 2011, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Enjoy two delicious waffles with your choice of toppings (cherry, blueberry, apple, or ice cream) and sausage OR 1 tasty omelet with choice of fillings (mushrooms, tomatoes, cheese, onions, peppers) and a croissant or bagel. Coffee, tea, milk or juice is included with each \$7 meal. Please call 288-6245 for additional information.

Rebuilding Together— St. Bridget is once again participating in the “Rebuilding Together” project, which is a nationwide, one-day project in which volunteers repair and maintain houses owned by elderly or disabled persons in need. This year’s project will be in honor of Phil Baxa, long time team captain for the project who passed away in November. Project Day is Saturday, April 30, 2011. We need volunteers to help with skilled and unskilled labor, and with food and drinks for our working group. Please contact Matthew Smith, (804) 543-7417, magnoliaconstruction@comcast.net for further details. Thank you for your support!

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers

The March 5- May 22, 2011, Liturgical Minister schedule has been emailed and paper copies are available in the church library (next to the Commons.) This schedule begins with the weekend of March 5/6, 2011. Note – Paper copies are printed at the time the schedule is first distributed. As the schedule is actively changing online, the printed copies will not reflect the ongoing changes. For the most current schedule, log in to the scheduling program and click the Full schedule tab. Sign in sheets are printed each Friday, so they will only reflect the changes that have taken place prior to printing. NOT AVAILABLE requests for May 28 – Sept.4, 2011 schedule are due by MAY 10th. Questions? Contact Carolyn Luxton at scheduler@saintbridgetchurch.org or St. Bridget voicemail: 282 9511, ext. 502.

Devout Catholic Needs A Ride to Mass – An elderly gentleman who now lives at Morningside Assisted Living on Skipwith and is in the habit of attending daily Mass needs a ride to Mass anytime someone is willing to pick him up. If you are interested in helping him (he is ambulatory – he just cannot drive) contact Paul Amrhein at 525-7902 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org.

Help Us Communicate!

Contact the Communications Office (communications@saintbridgetchurch.org, 525.7899).

Bulletin

Send your announcement via e-mail or fax (285.7227) by Noon, two Wednesdays prior to desired bulletin publication.

Bridge

Send your news by Noon on the 10th of the month prior to desired publication month.

E-News

Send your news by Noon on the 10th of the month prior to desired publication month.

Website

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