



## A Message from Monsignor Carr

Dear Parishioners,

November finds us thankful for much. For our nation, November sees elections, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Throughout the Universal Church we celebrate All Saints and All Souls, the end of the Church year and new beginnings. Our parish celebrates and prays along with the Church and the world.

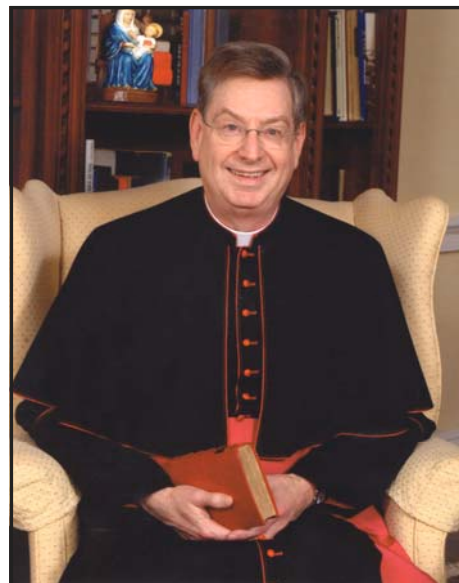
These sacred and secular events remind us that we are part of a big world. As a Church we praise and thank God with saints and angels, the living and those who are alive in Christ, our relatives and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

We have much to thank God for even in these difficult times: every breath and fresh breeze, all the colors and aromas of fall, the love of our loved ones and our own ability to give and share and do for others.

Father David Stanfill and our pastoral staff join me in wishing you the blessings of God and the peace of Christ.

Blessings,

Monsignor William H. Carr



Monsignor William H. Carr, Pastor

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We are cordially invited to a Community Thanksgiving Service at Reveille United Methodist Church, 4200 Cary Street Road, 23221 on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00pm. I will join clergy of other denominations in leading this service and I am excited to be part of it.

The Community Thanksgiving Service has been held for some years and recently our parish joined. It is a festive family event that inspires thanksgiving to God for blessing our nation and the world.

Some of the congregations participating are Grace Baptist Church, Temple Beth El, Sts. Helen and Constantine Cathedral, Seventh Street Christian and First Presbyterian Church.

See you there!

Monsignor William H.Carr

### November Special Masses

**November 1:** All Saints Day Masses: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

**November 2:** All Souls Day Mass, 8:10 a.m.;

All Souls Evening Prayer for those who died in the past year: 7:30 p.m.

**November 23:** Community Thanksgiving Service,

Reveille Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

**November 25:** Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9 a.m.

*Coming soon...  
Parish Census.  
Details p.3.*



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## Notes of Interest

### Parish Census To Take Place Beginning November

As part of the St. Bridget Church Strategic Planning Process, a census is taken from time to time to determine how many parishioners are being served by St. Bridget Church. Obtaining accurate information from the census is important so we may plan wisely for the present and future needs of our parishioners as well as for the physical needs of the church and its facilities. It has been a number of years since the last census was taken, so in order to bring our records up to date we will be undertaking a new census beginning in November. We hope to identify active members of the parish, inactive parishioners (perhaps due to health or location), and those who are no longer members.

We hope that all parishioners will complete the brief form which will be used to gather census information. Beginning in early November, a hard copy of the census form will be available at a station in the commons area of the church. Parishioners may pick up the form at their convenience and return it when completed. There will also be an opportunity to receive and complete the census at all Masses during the weekends of November 13<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the census will be sent via email to all parishioners on our email list. If you have yet to do so, please visit the "News, Events" page of saintbridgetchurch.org to sign up for "E-News" to get this and other important church information.

In addition to the census, St. Bridget Church is also in the process of upgrading our parish database software which will enable parishioners to securely view the personal information that is currently stored in the parish database whilst allowing edits to any outdated or inaccurate information online. More information about this exciting new capability will be provided via email as we approach the census process.

It is anticipated that the census will be completed by early 2011. Thank you in advance for your participation.

### Goodbye to Jerry the "Mailman" after 44 Years

Throughout the last 44 years, many things have changed around St. Bridget Church. Not only have there been obvious physical changes, but those present have changed as well. Many staff and clergy have come and gone with the exception of one vital part of the St. Bridget Church team who isn't actually from St. Bridget Church at all, Jerry Holder "Our Mailman." August 20th, 2010, marked the day Jerry completed his tenure after 44 years of delivering mail to Saint Bridget Church. We have asked Jerry to share with us some of his experiences with both Saint Bridget Church and the United States Postal Service.

#### **Q: What is your favorite part about working for the United States Postal Service?**

A: Meeting all the people on my route and seeing them over and over again. I developed many good relationships over the years. Some families on my route had children that went to St. Bridget School.

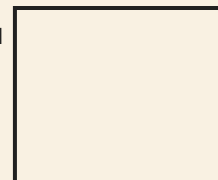
#### **Q: Why will you no longer be the mailman for St. Bridget Church?**

A: The Postal Service was reorganized, and St. Bridget Church and School were split up between two different routes. I was very upset to learn that I would not be visiting the church and school every day.

#### **Q: Since you have been a frequent visitor to SBC, what are some changes that you have witnessed?**

A: The variety of people that work in the school and church office. When I first started out, Monsignor Byrne was in charge. I have always enjoyed seeing the people and stopping to talk.

**Thank you Jerry Holder for your 44 years of dedicated service to Saint Bridget Church. We will miss seeing you every day and wish you well!**



Awaiting Jerry picture

# The Campaign for Saint Bridget School

## Saint Bridget School Capital Campaign - September 30, 2010

<b>Total Project Costs:</b>	<b>\$ 3,612,512</b>
<b>Campaign Pledges:</b>	
Pledges	\$ 1,405,205
Matching Gifts Pledged	\$ 46,300
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 1,451,505</b>
<b>Collections &amp; Other Receipts:</b>	
Pledges Collected	\$ 948,855
Matching Gifts Received	\$ 27,850
Non-Pledged Cash Contributions	\$ 186,347
St. Bridget School PTO Gift	\$ 50,000
School Capital Reserve Transfer	\$ 725,290
Interest Earned	\$ 547
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 1,938,889</b>
<b>Outstanding Collections:</b>	
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 460,547
Outstanding Matching Gifts	\$ 18,450
<b>Total Outstanding Collections Due</b>	<b>\$ 478,997</b>
<b>Remaining Capital Campaign Balance to be Funded:</b>	<b>\$ 1,194,626</b>
<b>PROJECT LOAN BALANCE as of September 30, 2010</b>	
<b>Total Borrowed</b>	<b>\$ 2,201,607</b>
<b>Amount Paid on Loan</b>	<b>\$ 721,570</b>
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,480,037</b>



### Saint Bridget School Building Fund

Thank you to those who have made a gift to this campaign!

- ♦ School Building Fund donations totaled \$6,452 for the month of September.
- ♦ Thank you for your much needed contributions to this campaign to make our interest and principle payments on the loan! In September, \$52,741 was paid in principal payments. 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.
- ♦ If you are still on the sidelines, please consider **now** how you can serve in this historic renovation project for our school – and act **this week** with your sacrificial gift.
- ♦ \$1,123 was received in September from **E-Giving donations**. To make a contribution on-line via E-Giving, please visit our parish website: [www.saintbridgetchurch.org](http://www.saintbridgetchurch.org) and click on the "Online Giving" link. Thank you to those using the Saint Bridget School Building Fund envelope found in the offertory envelope and Bridge newsletter packets to make donations to the School Building Fund!
- ♦ You may contact our Director of Stewardship to discuss your gift: Kimberly Lapkin, [kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org), 525.7888.

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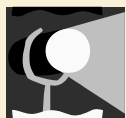
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## Human Concerns Ministry—Spotlight



**Spotlight on Human Concerns' Ministry** – This section will periodically highlight one of the ministries our parishioners support with their 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 **Hilliard House Ministry**. †

### Hilliard House

Hilliard House, a transitional housing facility for homeless women with children, is grateful for the financial support provided by St. Bridget Church Human Concerns Ministry. They have shared the following success story to illustrate how the members of the St. Bridget church congregation are making a difference in the lives of the families served by Hilliard House.

#### In a Client's Own Words

Less than one year ago, I entered Hilliard House from the CARITAS Program. Although not feeling very good about myself or my prospects for the future, my son and I welcomed our new room where I spent hours taking baths. It seemed like such a small thing, but for someone who's had to do without; it was a very big thing for me.

Soon, I was introduced to the staff and other Hilliard House residents. I realized very soon that we were most like a family (disagreements and all), and I started to feel safe. I was able to continue working, my son continued to go to his usual school through the help of Hilliard House's staff, and I began to repair my credit and address those things that led me to homelessness.

As I write this article for our Hilliard House newsletter, I am planning my move to my new home. I just signed my lease, and I am so excited about my next bath, in my own bathroom, in my own home.

The most important lesson I learned this past year is that life takes hard work! During my stay at Hilliard House, I worked hard with the staff to repay many outstanding debts. I was able to pay off past due utilities and a large judgment for past rent. I will continue to participate in Hilliard House's Aftercare Program while working to maintain my new home.

Hilliard House has shared not only my sad moments, but recently shared my joy when my son won 1st Place in the City of Richmond Public Schools Art Contest. His artwork was displayed at Hilliard House during the playground dedication. I saw his pride as visitors asked him questions about his artwork.

The journey is not over, but I have learned another valuable lesson, which is to say thank you to all the people who have supported my son and me through these past months. I wish I could invite all of Hilliard House's supporters to my new home. Since I cannot, I will take this time now to say thank you. Your support means so much to so many women and children who could not make it without you!

*As a volunteer with Hilliard House, you too can make a deep and lasting difference in the life of a family experiencing homelessness! The following opportunities, each lasting about two hours, are available to help us fulfill our mission.*

- Leading/sponsoring a group activity for children – crafts, recreation, tutoring
- Leading life skills sessions for adults – job readiness, financial education, parenting
- Front desk receptionist – greeting residents and guests, answering phones, help with small clerical duties

For more information about Hilliard House please visit [www.hilliardhouse.org](http://www.hilliardhouse.org) or call Ms. E. LaVon January at 236-5800 ext. 28.

## Sacraments



### Baptisms

Finnegan Mason Cannon  
Antoninus Proshonno D'Costa  
Cover Adelaide Glass  
Simon Cole Harik  
Kieran Paul Johnston  
Lucy Elizabeth Monaghan  
Caroline Izabella Palczynski  
Charles Bruner Reichert  
Blaise Mathew Tuttle



### Weddings



Kristin Mimm & Steven Gaberdiel  
Jennifer Winn & Brian Herbert  
Christie Coby & Chris Donaghy  
Ann Marie Portillano & Randy Boyd  
Blair Payne & Ronald Pack, Jr.  
Megan Wellford & Matthew Hollomon  
Elizabeth Brady & Nicholas Pohoreskey  
Brittany Collins & Kenny Moreland  
Theresa White & Leonard Mitchell

## Notes of Interest

### Haiti Adoption Update

A big thank you is due to the members of the parish who have decided to sponsor a child at Carissade School in Haiti, sponsored by St. Bridget Church. Thanks to you, these children will have a chance to succeed in their studies, be taught by qualified teachers, and have a nutritious meal while attending school.

While a number of these children have been "adopted," as of the beginning of October twenty-nine children are still in need of your support so that they can continue to reap the benefits of your sponsorship. To sponsor one of these remaining children please stop by the Pastoral Center Meeting Room (PCMR) to obtain a sponsorship form and see the children first hand as their pictures are displayed on the wall. You may also find all of the information that is needed for sponsorship, as well as flip through pictures of the children, by going to <http://www.saintbridgetchurch.org/haiti.htm>. On behalf of the children, thank you for your continued support & prayers!



Carissade School



Joseph Darlie, Kindergarten



Renard Junior, 2A

**September 2010 Church Operating Fund Revenue and Expense Report** Year to Date

Revenue	Sept 2010	Jul 10 – Sept 10
Parishioner Offertory Contributions & Cash Plate	\$ 82,273	\$ 256,657
E-Giving Offertory Contributions	18,611	55,656
Human Concerns Contributions	4,510	11,262
Haiti Contributions + Haiti Scholarship + Hinche	17,663	22,994
2nd Collections— Retired Religious	3,523	3,523
Holy Day Collection	125	1,519
Wedding Fees	800	2,000
Religious Education Fees— collected for the 2010-11 year	9,380	33,705
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	7,050	7,275
Votive Candle Offerings	321	939
Hospitality Special Events Revenue	101	336
Bequests & Memorials	1,785	7,405
Special Donations & Catholic Virginian & Other Revenue	716	10,131
Flower Memorials and Donations	0	230
Campus Ministry Revenue & Diocesan Subsidy	2,194	3,414
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	0	0
Dividends & Interest	0	47
Endowment Fund Earnings Transfer	0	15,795
	<i>Total Revenue</i> \$ 149,052	\$ 432,888
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administrative Costs & Employee Benefits	\$ 40,092	\$ 118,582
Diocesan & Regional Assessments	26,442	54,697
Human Concerns/Social Ministry	2,848	17,548
Capital Reserve Fund Transfer (no transfer made in September)	0	0
Development	55	1,207
Physical Plant Maintenance, Salaries, Utilities	13,709	58,289
Liturgy Ministries & Costs	16,016	38,704
Clergy/Religious Salaries & Benefits	11,074	32,499
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	14,449	29,754
Rectory Household Costs	7,384	23,808
2nd Collections/Donations Disbursed	21,186	26,517
Membership/Hospitality	3,901	11,724
Youth Mission Trip—Catholic Heart Work Camp	0	8,046
Campus Ministry	719	1,250
Catholic Virginian	4,084	6,126
Parish School Subsidy (10 monthly payments during the fiscal year)	0	0
	<i>Total Expenses</i> \$ 161,959	\$ 428,751

## Summary of September 2010 Church Operating Fund Revenue & Expense Report

### Revenue/Expenditure Comparison

For the period September 2010, expenditures exceeded income by \$12,907. For the fiscal year to date, income exceeded expenditures by \$4,137. The Church Savings Account Fund Balance is just over \$4,000. The parish continued to support our many ministries, in addition to paying for the ongoing maintenance and utility costs.

### Offertory

The weekly offertory for September 2010 averaged \$25,221 (compared to an average weekly collection of \$24,421 in August). Weekly offertory for September 2009 averaged \$26,373 and for September 2008 averaged \$31,533.

### Monthly and Year to Date Comparisons

The total monthly offertory for September 2010 was \$100,884 compared to the total monthly offertory for September 2009 of \$105,491 and a total offertory of \$126,211 of 2008. The total year to date offertory for this fiscal year is \$312,313 (compared to a total year to date offertory of \$320,480 for the 2009-10 fiscal year and to \$328,510 for the 2008-09 fiscal year).

### Holy Day Collections

Holy Day Collections for the fiscal year to date total 1,519 (compared to \$903 for the 2009-10 fiscal year).

### Memorials

Memorial donations were received in memory of Alison Griffin, Eugene Kastelberg and Mary Townsend.

### E-Giving

E-Giving offertory contributions in September totaled \$18,611 (compared to \$10,440 in e-giving donations in September 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 September was \$22,451.

Kimberly Lapkin, *Director of Stewardship*

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### Now is the time to consider E-Giving:

#### An easy & secure way to contribute your Offerings to God

Online E-Giving allows for secure and convenient offertory giving to Saint Bridget Church. You may use debit cards, credit cards or electronic funds transfer for contribution to various funds, ministries and special collections. Online E-Giving allows parishioners to give while away from home and also helps earn extra reward points with credit card programs. Online E-Giving helps the parish save funds in the printing and mailing of offertory envelopes and saves in processing



Go to [www.saintbridgetchurch.org](http://www.saintbridgetchurch.org)



Click on the "Online Giving" link



Follow the easy directions to set-up recurring or one-time donations

Thank you! 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. Your gifts never stop giving!

## Parish Announcements!

### Retreat Opportunity for Young Men

Are you a young man looking for some direction from God, trying to figure out how to strengthen your relationship with the Lord, or what Christ wants you to do with your life? If so, join us for the "Put out into the deep" retreat which is being hosted by the Office of Vocations. The retreat will take place November 5-7, 2010, at the Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond for men 18-29 years old. A team of priests & seminarians will lead reflections on how we can hear God's call in our lives through Scripture, prayer, sacraments and service. The cost is \$40 per person (scholarships available). Contact April McNulty in the Office of Vocations at 359-5661 or [amcnulty@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:amcnulty@richmonddiocese.org).

### Alpha News

St. Bridget Church Alpha Program will be hosting two events this Fall. We are excited to announce that Msgr. William Carr and Fr. Mike Boehling have both agreed to be our guest speakers at two evening events, which will include dessert. Msgr. Carr will be featured at an event on November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Fr. Boehling's event is TBA. Both events will focus on the "Alpha" theme, which focuses on your relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. R.S.V.P.: contact Michael Siewers at [Michael@Siewers.com](mailto:Michael@Siewers.com) or 353.7884. The Alpha Program will resume in January.

### St. Bridget School Building Fund



We recognize and thank all who have contributed to the campaign thus far. If you made a pledge with the intention of making payment on an annual basis, please accept this gentle reminder that a payment may be due.



*Please contact Joan Scarola at 525.7898, or [jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org). Also, please look for the Building Fund envelope in your monthly envelope packet.*

## Help Us Communicate!

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### **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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to desired publication month.

### **E-News**

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### **Website**

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