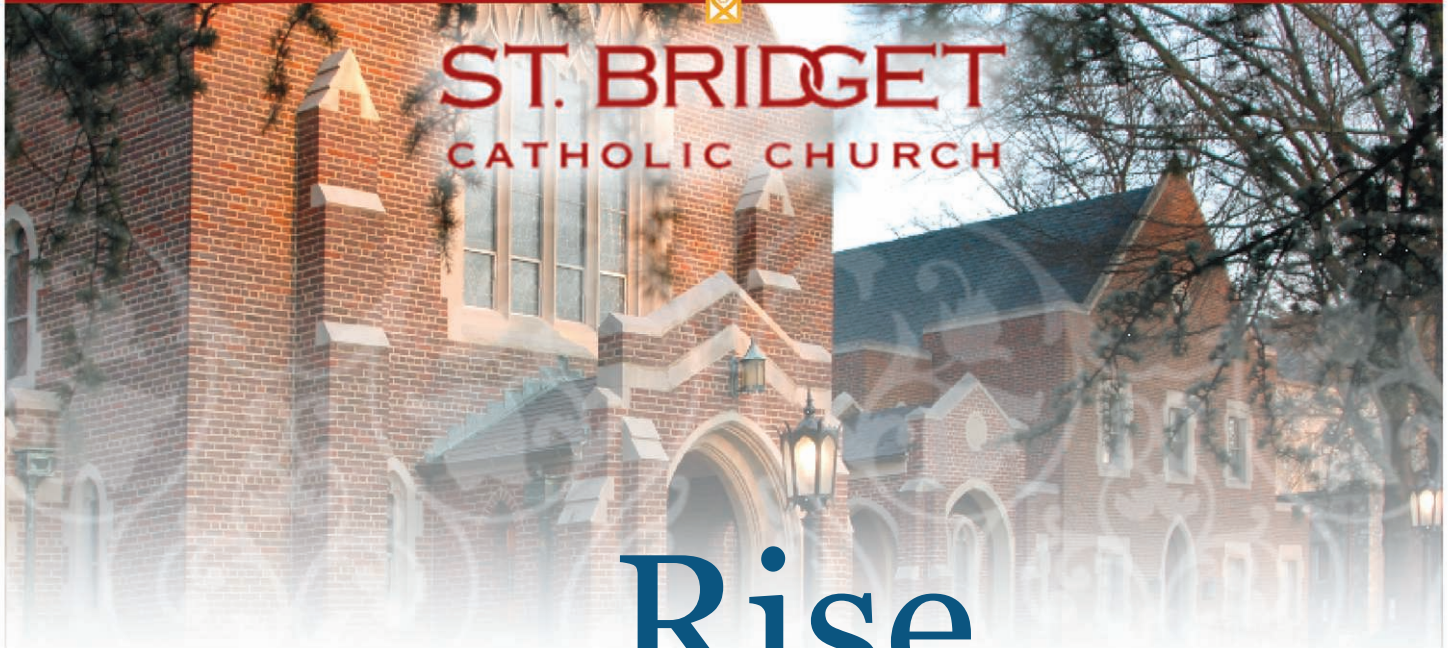


December 26, 2010  
Holy Family Sunday



# Bulletin



ST. BRIDGET  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Rise, let us be on our way

### WORSHIP at SAINT BRIDGET

#### Winter Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon,  
5:00 p.m.

Nursery, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

#### Daily Mass

Monday to Saturday, 8:10 a.m.

#### Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & by appointment

**Following Jesus' example**, Saint Bridget Parish recognizes the inherent value of each member of our community as we travel on our faith journey. Just as Christ did, our parish welcomes and supports one another in love as we share our talents and resources with those in need.

## Believe: Inspire, Educate, Serve

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to join our Parish Family. Please join us for *Second Sundays*. The second Sunday of each month we will be hosting a new member orientation in the Parish Center Meeting Room after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The next *Second Sunday* will be January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Catholic faith inquires and those seeking to join the Catholic Church are welcome! Contact RCIA Coordinator Deacon John Arkesteyn, 804. 264.0386, ark6565@comcast.net.

### INFANT BAPTISM

Parents attend a preparation session prior to scheduling baptism. Call office for the schedule.

### OUTREACH SUNDAY

On the third Sunday of the month, baskets are placed at exits of Church for food and money donations.

### MARRIAGE

Couples should contact Wedding Coordinator, Pat Morrison, at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding.

### VISITING THE SICK

Call the parish office re: Communion and/ or for Anointing of the Sick.

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**REFLECTION**

Fearful things can sometimes happen in family life. The local evening news often has stories about the struggles a family may be facing. Maybe it's a fire that drove a family from its home. Or it may be an illness that strikes a child and severely affects the entire family. Or the news story may be about an accident that incapacitates the wage-earner in the household. These kinds of problems seem even more tragic at this time of year, when families gather together and often feel a certain security and warmth in being united.

The Gospel today certainly reminds us that family tragedy can strike anywhere, even the family of Mary and Joseph and Jesus. Living in Bethlehem, and having just received visitors from afar, the family is suddenly uprooted and forced to flee from the wrath of Herod who is out to destroy the newborn child. Mary and Joseph become political refugees, forced to live in a foreign land and dependent on the kindness of strangers because they feared for their lives and the life of their child. This is not the picture we usually paint when we imagine the Holy Family.

For some families today, the flight from persecution is just as real as the flight into Egypt was for the Holy Family. Others seek to flee hardship of a different kind: illness, job loss, despair, fractured relationships. When the evening news presents stories about families with problems there is often a suggestion of a way to help, such as a place to make a donation. When families in the Christian community are hurting, it is an invitation from God for the rest of us to reach out with our love and care. Sometimes that is through a listening ear, at other times through a donation to an organization that can help, such as Catholic Charities or the local St. Vincent de Paul conference. In the end, we are all one family in the faith.

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2010**

<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m.: Charles and Evelyn Valdrighi 9:00 a.m.: Frank Silveri 11:00 a.m.: Garland Lee and Margaret M. March
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.: Kevin McFadzen, 9:00 a.m.: Karen Burke Poh, 10:30 a.m.: The DeCarrlucia-Ferrara Family, 12:00 p.m.: Bernard C. Lawson, 5:00 p.m.: The Glasser-Roberts Family
<b>Monday</b>	Reese Weber
<b>Tuesday</b>	Frank Uvanni
<b>Wednesday</b>	F. Vernon McCracken
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Msgr. John J. Little
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 a.m.: The People, 5:30 p.m.: Inez Wiggins
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.: Joseph and Edith Kane, 5:30 p.m.: Penelope Best
<b>Next Sunday</b>	7:30 a.m.: Martha Stoppie, 9:00 a.m.: Mary Townsend, 10:30 a.m.: Joseph Sroboda, 12:00 p.m.: Joyce Doyle, 5:00 p.m.: Stephen Casey

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, INFIRM & THOSE IN NEED****OUR PARISHIONERS**

Angel Presti, Bonnie Ware, Lethe Kazi, Evelyn Binns, Janet Alston, John Dannehooffer, Mary Jo McRoberts, Jackie Glasscock, Charles L. Sweeney, Evelyn Whitlock, Ida Saxby, Michael Buseck, Joe Jowaisas, those facing long term illness and disability

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**St. Bridget's Blood Drive**— Has been rescheduled for January 2, 8:30 to 1:30 in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

**Human Concerns Second Collection Next Weekend**- Please remember we are still getting calls for help from parishioners and the many ministries we work with need your financial assistance now more than ever with so many people in our community out of work and in need of assistance. Thanks to your giving many folks who are unemployed, underemployed or sick and unable to work will have a brighter Christmas.

**World Day of Peace Message**— Pick up the Pope's statement in the commons next weekend or read it on our website.

**World Day of Peace Liturgy**— will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Walter Sullivan on Friday, December 31st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8th & Grace. This year's theme is "Religious Freedom, the Path to Peace." There will be a reception immediately following the liturgy.

**Are you grieving? Last chance to register for GriefShare**— The Holidays are often the time we miss the most our loved ones who have gone home to God. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. While everyone grieves differently, you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare seminars & support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through, and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. The first group will begin the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> and will meet once a week for 13 weeks. If you are interested in joining a group here at St. Bridget Church contact Paul Amrhein at 525.7902 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org. **Please register ASAP** so that we can order the necessary materials for everyone.

**BeFriender Needed**—Our BeFriender Ministers are all busy, and we are in urgent need of men and women to help with the ministry. There will be a training session tentatively set to start February 14. BeFriender Ministry is a national, ecumenical organization that provides leadership training for a listening ministry of lay pastoral care— always in the strictest confidence. Who are the people in your faith community who need a BeFriender? Maybe it is a person like yourself in the hospital, a single parent struggling with raising children, or a person living with a chronic illness. BeFrienders provide pastoral care for people in all kinds of difficult or transitional situations. They are trained lay volunteers who extend the care of a faith community. The cost will be picked up by the parish. The training for this ministry will help you become a better spouse, parent and friend. If you are interested in attending the training or speaking with one of our current ministers contact Paul Amrhein paul@saintbridgetchurch.org or 525.7902.

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**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Micah Initiative New Mentor Training**— Thursday, January 27, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 5404 Monument Avenue, 23226. Contact person, Diane Munsey 285-6500. Bring a brown bag supper; beverages & dessert provided. RSVP by January 25 to Mary Hetzel hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872 - indicate name of your faith community & school (St. Bridget and Blackwell)

**Freedom House Help Wanted**— Freedom House is a ministry that cooks Sloppy Joes on the first Tuesday of each month and delivers them to the Conrad Center to feed the homeless of the city. We are in need of substitute cooks who arrive at St. Bridget in teams of four at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. We need a large list of substitutes that can be called upon the night before cooking in case someone has an emergency & cannot make it. If you are interested in being a sub for the Freedom House ministry contact Paul Amrhein at 525.7902 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org.

**Haiti Committee—Help Wanted**— Our Haiti committee has had a very successful year that has seen students obtain text books for the first time, much needed renovations and repairs, beginning of a school nurse program, and a great fund raiser with student sponsorships. The only thing missing is you. Our committee is a combined one with Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Cathedral has many more volunteers than St. Bridget. We could really use your support on the Haiti committee. We need all skills, the most important thing is a heart for the people of Haiti. Next meeting: Jan. 10, 7 p.m., in the chapel here at St. Bridget. See you then.

**March for Life & Respect Life Holy Hour**

On Monday, January 24, 2011, the Knights of Columbus will provide bus transportation to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. The busses depart the Columbian Center on Pump Rd. at approximately 7:45 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us in this powerful nationwide witness to the sanctity of unborn life. To reserve seats on the bus, or for further information, please contact Mike Kozak at ckoz654@aol.com.

In conjunction with the annual March for Life, there will be a Respect Life Holy Hour at St. Bridget's Church on January 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please join the Church in prayer for the success of our pro-life efforts and for the protection of all life, from conception to natural death.

**Saints and Sinners** sponsors an interesting program by Dr. Hugo Seibel titled "Anecdotes in Medical Anatomy". Dr. Seibel is presently Professor Emeritus at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. He will begin his presentation 1 pm on Thursday, January 13, 2011. Coffee and desserts will be served. Sign up today on the Saints and Sinners bulletin board in the Commons Corridor.

**Alpha**— Saint Bridget is the first Catholic church in Richmond to offer Alpha, a class that delves into the meaning of Christianity. Over the course of ten weeks of relaxed dinner & video meetings, participants learn more about their personal relationship with Jesus & the Holy Spirit. Alpha will begin on Thursday, January 13th, 6:00 p.m. To register or learn more about Alpha contact Michael Siewers at 804.353.7884.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS**

**Help Welcome a Parishioner with Special Needs**— We need more parishioners to help with giving rides to a blind parishioner with a seeing eye dog. You can be an integral part of this person feeling welcome & at home in our faith community. If you would like to help please contact Paul Amrhein at 525.7802 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org.

**Upcoming Retreats at Shalom House Retreat Center**— February 4-5, 2011: Couples Retreat led by Mike and Joan Schlosser; March 4-6, 2011: Silent Weekend Retreat; March 18-20, 2011: Myers Briggs Personality Inventory/Prayer and Temperament with Msgr. Chester Michael and Jean Radford. For more information call Shalom House at 883.6149 or go to [www.shalomhouseretreatcenter.com](http://www.shalomhouseretreatcenter.com) to register.

**JAM Orientation**— Responding to Jesus' exhortation to feed His sheep, the Jobs Assistance Ministry provides a variety of resources and services to support job searchers in identifying and obtaining employment that meet their skills and needs. JAM collaborates with neighboring parishes and other ministries to share resources. Weekly networking meetings are held at St. Michael Catholic Church in the church hall and JAM services are available to all job searchers. Newcomers orientation meetings are scheduled through the end of January. All newcomer meetings are at St. Michael's Catholic Church in room 105. The next meeting date is January 19.

**JAM NOTICE**— Because of holiday and scheduling conflicts, there will be no weekly meetings for the St. Michael's Jobs Assistance Ministry on 12/29 and 1/5.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion**— A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be held January 14-16th, 2011, at The Well Retreat Center in Smithfield, VA, sponsored by St. Joan of Arc Church. The weekend retreat includes spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service & a Mass of Entrustment and is available to women, men, & any person who may have been adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential & offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. Contact Linda Riva at 757.887.3144 or [lindajr2@yahoo.com](mailto:lindajr2@yahoo.com) to register. Cost is \$185 for meals, a private room, & all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden assistance is available.

**Rebecca St. James - Sanctity of Human Life Event**— January 23, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at West End Presbyterian Church (9008 Quioccasin Road Richmond, Virginia). Come join us to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center. Rebecca St. James will lead a time of praise and worship followed by a special viewing of her new film, Sarah's Choice. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00. Tickets may be ordered by going online to [www.rebeccatickets.com](http://www.rebeccatickets.com), calling 804.673.4150 or ordered in-person at the PRC. Gold ticket holders will meet Rebecca, have their picture taken with Rebecca, and receive an autographed CD. Gold tickets are \$50.



Happy New Year from our Parish Family to yours.  
May 2011 be filled with many blessings for you & your loved ones.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2010****SUNDAY, 12.26—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS  
AFTER NOON MASS**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.: Mass—Church  
3:15 p.m.: Youth Choir/Band Rehearsal—Church

**MONDAY, 12.27**

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

**TUESDAY, 12.28**

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

**WEDNESDAY, 12.29**

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

**THURSDAY, 12.30**

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

8:30 a.m.: Scripture Study—Church Hall

**FRIDAY, 12.31—NEW YEARS EVE**

8:10 a.m.: Daily Mass—Church

5:30 p.m.: Solemnity of Mary Vigil—Church

**SATURDAY, 1.1—NEW YEARS DAY**

9:00 a.m.: Solemnity of Mary Mass—Church

5:30 p.m.: Feast of the Epiphany—Church

**SUNDAY, 1.2—EPIPHANY****SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY OF THIS AREA**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.: Mass—Church

7:00 a.m.: Blood Drive—PCMR

10:30 a.m.: RCIA Dismissal—Chapel

3:15 p.m.: Youth Choir/Band Rehearsal—Church

**December-January Special Masses****Sunday, December 26:**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.

**Solemnity of Mary Vigil Friday, December 31:** 5:30 p.m.

**Solemnity of Mary Mass, Saturday, January 1:** 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, January 1, Feast of the Epiphany:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 2, Feast of the Epiphany:**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE!****ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Training sessions are as follows for any St. Bridget parishioner in the 5th grade and above who would like to be an altar server.

Friday, January 28, 2011 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Friday, February 4, 2011 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, February 12, 2011 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, February 18, 2011 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, February 20, 2011 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

If interested you must attend ANY 3 COMPLETE (no late arrivals or dismissals) sessions from the above dates. Tack on ½ hour to your 3rd session for evaluation. More information and registration forms will be available in January.

**ATTENTION ALL VETERAN ALTAR SERVERS!**

THURIFER TRAINING will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. If you have been altar serving for 2 or more years and would like to become a thurifer (incense bearer), mark March 12th on your calendar and look for more information in the January and February bulletins.

**Readings for Week of December 26, 2010**

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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