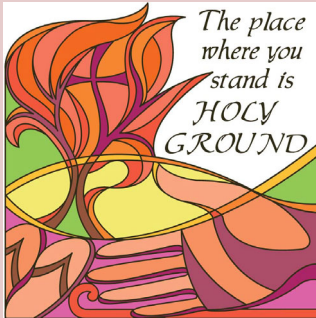


**Sunday,  
February 28, 2016**

**3rd Sunday of  
Lent**



Rev. Monsignor  
Francis V. Strahan  
**Pastor**

Rev. George Brown  
Rev. Frank Campo  
Rev. Memo Ochoa  
Rev. Peter Shen  
Deacon Phil Schulze  
**Part-Time Assistants**

**WEEKEND MASS  
SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
4:00PM

**Sunday Masses**  
**ALL MASSES IN THE  
UPPER CHURCH**  
7:30AM

9:30AM Family Mass  
11:30AM

**Daily Masses**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
9:00AM

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**  
Saturday **2:00 - 3:00PM**

# **ST. BRIDGET PARISH**

**Roman Catholic Church**  
**Route 9 East**  
**Framingham Centre, Massachusetts**  
**(508) 875-5959**



## **"I AM"**

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract "I AM" distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who "are not." They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

## A special Lenten mission will be just what you and your entire family need in this Year of Mercy!

Please join us in the Upper Church for one hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening during the second week of March with Fr. Bob Reed.



### Encountering the God of Mercy:

**Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30pm:** Encountering the Merciful Creator of All Things, Visible and Invisible (you will not leave empty-handed)

**Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30pm:** Encountering Jesus, the Face of the Father's Mercy **(with the opportunity for Confession, this will be in place of "The Light is on For You")**

**Thursday, March 10th at 7:30pm:** Encountering the Holy Spirit, the Very Breath of the Merciful God (with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament)

### Mass Intentions & Feast Days

#### Monday, February 29, 2016

9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving

#### Wednesday, March 2, 2016

6:30-8PM The Light Is On For You

#### Friday, March 4, 2016

7:30PM Stations of the Cross

#### Sunday, March 6, 2016

9:30AM Michael Gogliormella

11:30AM Cesar Brooks

### From the Business Office

#### Last Weekend's Offertory

\$6,002.00

#### Last Weekend's Second Collection

\$2,684.00 was received for Church Grounds and Maintenance, thank you for your generosity!

Christian Giving

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### Catholic Appeal Coming Soon...

Next week, Catholics across the Archdiocese will be invited to pledge their support to the ministries and programs supported by the Catholic Appeal that directly benefit St. Bridget Parish. We have a parish goal of **\$119,737.00** as well as an in-pew envelope goal of 111 on March 5th & 6th. As of February 23rd, we have 15% pledged for a total of \$17,375.00.



**Pledge weekend begins March 5th & 6th!**

### Don't forget St. Bridget's !

When making a new will or revising an old one, please consider leaving a gift to St. Bridget Parish. For information, please call Msgr. Strahan at 508-875-5959. Thank you.

### Restore our Church Campaign— Phase II Update

As of February 19, 2016 we have received \$94,743.00. If you have not yet made a contribution, please feel free to do so now.

***If your next pledge payment is due, please send it to the rectory or drop in the collection basket on the weekend.***

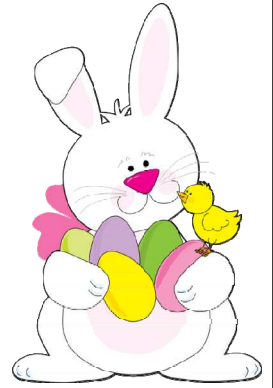
### Sign Up Now!

Holy Week and Easter signs-ups are now available in the Upper Church Sacristy. Please feel free before or after Mass to check out the schedule and sign up for a slot!

**SIGN-UP  
TODAY**

## Youth Ministry

### Mark your calendar for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny! Sponsored by Youth Ministry



**When:** Sunday, March 13, 2016

**When:** Following the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 Masses

**Where:** Saint Bridget School Hall

**Cost:** \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child, \$25.00 family maximum

**Menu:** eggs, pancakes, ham, fruit, juice, coffee, and tea

**\*Be sure to bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!\***

Please contact Samantha Ormond, Youth Minister, at [sormond@stbridgetparish.org](mailto:sormond@stbridgetparish.org) with any questions.

**DOOR PRIZE: 42" Sanyo LED TV to be given away that day !!!**

### St. Bridget Parish Youth Ministry Annual Fundraiser 2016

"Christ has confidence in young people and entrusts them with the very future of his mission,  
'Go and make disciples'".  
~ Pope Francis

As an independent ministry of the Parish, Youth Ministry relies on the generous donations of the parishioners. Donations can be made in the form of cash or check, made out to **St. Bridget Parish Apostolates**. The form and donation can be mailed to: Youth Ministry, 15 Wheeler Ave, Framingham, MA 01702; dropped off at the rectory, or placed in the collection basket at any Mass.

*Please return your donation no later than Sunday, March 6, 2016.*

Once your donation has been received a letter will be mailed to you for your records. Thank you for considering helping to support the St. Bridget Parish Youth Ministry Program!

If you have any questions please contact Samantha Ormond, Youth Minister, at [sormond@stbridgetparish.org](mailto:sormond@stbridgetparish.org) or 508-250-5028.

Please fill out the form below and return it with your donation:

Prefix (Check one): Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount (Please Circle or fill in): \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$75 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Paul Mahoney Memorial Food Drive March 13th & 14th

St. Bridget Food Pantry will be holding the Paul Mahoney Food Drive.  
Proceeds benefit our own Food Pantry.

*Please check expiration dates because we have to throw away any food that is out of date.*

### Suggested Donations:

Non-perishable food items, jelly, canned chicken,  
beef stew, pasta, bottled salad dressing, shelf-stable grated cheese,  
Ensure or Boost nutritional supplements.

*We also need Easter candy—Please no nuts!*  
**Thanks for your support.**



**EASTER FOOD DRIVE**

### Important March Dates

**Saturday & Sunday, March 5th & 6th**—Catholic Appeal Weekend

**Sunday, March 6th**—Confirmation at 2PM and 5:30PM, please pray for our Confirmandi

**Tuesday through Thursday, March 8th-10th**—Lenten Mission with Fr. Bob Reed at 7:30PM

**Saturday & Sunday, March 12th & 13th**—Paul Mahoney Food Drive

**Sunday, March 13th**—Breakfast with the Easter Bunny after all Masses in the School Hall

**Wednesday, March 16th**—Year of Mercy at 7:00PM in the PRC with our DRE, Regina O'Connor

**Thursday, March 17th**—Saint Patrick's Day 11:30AM concert & 12 Noon Mass (**No 9AM Mass**)

**Saturday, March 19th**—Youth Ministry Saver's Drive 9-4PM (back parking lot of Rectory)

**Sunday, March 20th**—Palm Sunday

### Holy Week

**Thursday, March 24th**—Holy Thursday 9AM prayer service & 7:30PM Mass of our Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 25th**—Holy Land Good Friday 9AM prayer service & 3PM Passion of our Lord

**Saturday, March 26th**—Holy Saturday 9AM prayer server & 7:30PM Easter Vigil

**Sunday, March 27th**—Easter Day 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Masses

### **The Sanctuary Lamp-Sign of the Lord's Presence**

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For all those who would like to memorialize a departed loved one, or a special intention, the Sanctuary Lamp (candle) in the lower Church is available for that purpose. The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn for 8 days. The cost of the candle is \$15.00. The name of the loved one will be listed in the bulletin (if so desired) or the "special intention" request. **There are weeks available for memorialization starting the beginning of March. If you are interested drop this form off at the rectory as soon as possible. Each request will be honored in the order it is received. Please return to the rectory.**

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory  
of \_\_\_\_\_

Or Special Intention \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound Workshops

Our Lady Help of Christians, Newton

Saturdays, April 2 & 9, 9am-3pm

Instructor Tim Duff

To register: Karen Farrell, kfarrell@rcab.org or 617-746-5843

### Protecting God's Children – Virtus Training for parish and school volunteers, catechists, and those in ministry

April 13, 6pm-8:30pm

St. Augustine Parish, Andover

978-475-0050, brao@staugustineparish.org

June 16, 7pm

St. Elizabeth, Acton

978-263-4305

October 15, 10AM

St. Bridget, Framingham

508-875-6009 or kmallozzi@stbridgetparish.org

## New Members

### New Parishioners

The following people have recently joined our Parish and we welcome them to our community!

- ♦ Jason & Mary Schickler with daughter Mabel



### February Baptisms at St. Bridget Parish

Please welcome the following new young members to our Parish!

- ♦ Luke Harley Buma
- ♦ Christopher James Ervin
- ♦ Savannah Ashlyn Spencer



## Vocation Chalice

The Vocation Chalice this week  
will be hosted by  
The Judge Family



## The Sanctuary Lamp

Is with special intention for  
The People of the Parish



## CHURCH SACRISTAN NEEDED

St. Bridget Parish is looking for a weekend Sacristan at the Church. The hours are approximately Saturdays 1-5:30 and Sundays from 6:30-1. Duties include: unlock the church; turn on heat and lights; prepare for the Mass; collect the linens after each Mass; pick up bulletins on pews from previous Mass; extinguish candles; turn heat down; turn off all lights and lock all doors. May require light shoveling and ice melting when necessary. If interested, please contact: Maria Sebastian 508-875-5959 or mssebastian@stbridgetparish.org

## Training sessions for new Altar Servers for grades 5 and up will begin shortly!!!

*Those interested should fill out the form below*

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the rectory as soon as possible !  
~We honor the first 12 who submit the form above~*

# Holy Week and Easter at St. Bridget's



## Passion (Palm) Sunday March 20th

### **"Commemoration of Our Lord's Entrance Into Jerusalem"**

The regular weekend schedule of Masses will be celebrated. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses.



## Holy Thursday March 24th

Morning Prayer -- 9:00 AM



### **"Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper"** 7:30 PM

**Rev. Msgr. Francis V. Strahan**  
**Celebrant & Homilist**

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to the lower chapel in solemn procession. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 11:00 PM. All are encouraged to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and adoration.



## **Good Friday** March 25th

Morning Prayer -- 9:00AM

### **"Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death"**

**3:00 PM**

**Fr. Peter Shen**  
**Celebrant & Homilist**

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:30 PM**

## Holy Saturday March 26th

Morning Prayer -- 9:00 AM

### **"The Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection"**

**7:30 PM**

**Rev. Msgr. Francis V. Strahan,**  
**Celebrant & Homilist**

This night, when we commemorate Jesus' passing from death to the glory of the resurrection, is charged with significance! It consists of the following rites:

- The Service of Light
- The Liturgy of the Word (telling our story)
- Liturgy of Christian Initiation (RCIA participants)
- Liturgy of the Eucharist



## Easter Sunday March 27th

**7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,  
& 11:30 AM**



## Next Weekend's Liturgical Minister's

March 5th & 6th	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Usher	Celebrant
<b>Saturday, 4:00PM</b>	Mary Avola Mary Stack Jeanne Walsh	Kevin Dillon	Kelley Harris Dominic Konrad	Peter Hsieh John Mauritz Joseph Repole Chris Ryan	Fr. Shen
<b>Sunday, 7:30AM</b>	Maria Chaput Joseph Crisafulli Sheila Flynn	Jimmy Hall	Shane Heron William Ryan	Paul Donahue Joseph Kovalchin David McIntyre Tony Suatengco	Fr. Shen
<b>Sunday, 9:30AM Family Mass</b>	Leslie Bishop Mary Gore Tina Sparling	Barrett Pearce	Juliana Jackson Shanice St. Fleur T.J. Nolan Charlie Nolan	Rudy Caballero Alfredo Canhoto Abraham Scaria	Msgr. Strahan
<b>Sunday, 11:30AM</b>  Confessions are heard this Saturday from 2-3 PM.  This week confessions will be heard by Msgr. Strahan.	Grayce DiCenzo Serafien Khokhar Natalie Mullen	Mark McClennan	Jonathan Gordon Lily Ryan	Tricia Cincotta John Gannon Edyta Konrad Betty O'Neil	Msgr. Strahan
<b>Friday, March 11 7:30PM Stations of the Cross</b>			Sue-Ling Gannon Maira McCarthy Ian McCarthy		Msgr. Strahan

### Next Week's Scripture Readings

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.  
Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.  
Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.  
Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

### Please Pray For:

Aubrey Baumbach	Marguerite LaMarque
Jane Bratica	Robert Lew
JoMarie Bucantis	Mary LoCicero
Linda Casella	Stephanie McComas
Pierce Deane	Tommy McDermott
Edward Duggan	George Meninno
Kevin Forster	Valerie Montuori
Maria Longo	Taryn Morris
Lisa Lamare	Stephen Virdinlia
Ryan	
LCPL Lorenzo Giovanella, USMC, Fort Devens	
Lt. Andrew Sweeney, US Navy	

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[www.stbridgetparish.org](http://www.stbridgetparish.org)

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By 4:00PM on Tuesday

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## Sacrament of Baptism

Before an infant baptism parents must attend a baptismal catechesis class. *Classes are held on the first Friday of each month at 7pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.* If there is a change due to bad weather parents will be notified. Participants should park in the Rectory parking lot and enter the door on that level. \*Dates for baptism are set once the class has been attended and all paperwork is received and complete. *Baptisms take place once a month on a Sunday at 2pm.* To register for class or to ask a question call 508-875-6009.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made with one of the priests at least *one year* prior to the intended date of marriage so that all requirements can be completed. Please Note: Saturday weddings can be celebrated from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the latest. Sunday weddings can be celebrated from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the latest.

## Pastoral Ministry

Visitations to the sick and the homebound are made by **Pastoral Visitors** who bring the Blessed Sacrament and offer spiritual befriending on a weekly basis. If a member of your family, or friend, or neighbor is in the hospital or is home-bound, we would appreciate hearing from you. Kindly call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 508-875-6009 to request assistance.