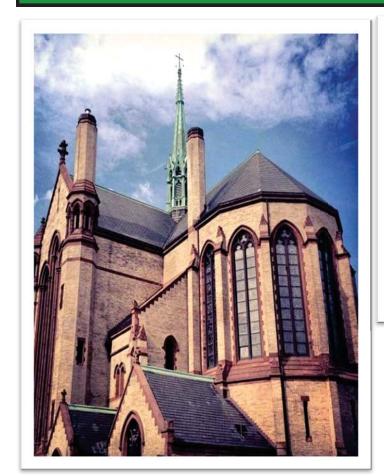
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021



Saturday, November 13th- Gate of Heaven Church



4:00PM - Mary Tynan

November 13th - St Augustine Cha

Saturday, November 13th ~ St. Augustine Chapel 5:00PM ~ John C. Manning

Sunday, November 14th - St Brigid Church

8:00AM - Hugh Ferriss, Jr. 10:30AM - Donna Holt

6:00PM - Elizabeth McCarthy

Sunday, November 14th - Gate of Heaven Church

9:00AM ~ Timothy & Bobby Blythe 12Noon ~ Arlene (Federico) Stanton

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Monday through Friday

St. Brigid Church (7AM) & Gate of Heaven Church (9AM)

Monday, November 15th

7:00 AM (SB) Mary J. Keaney

9:00AM (GH) Patricia Bartlett

Tuesday, November 16th

7:00 AM (SB) St. Brigid Memorial Sociaty

9:00 AM (GH) Mary Van Gordon & Daniel Sullivan

Wednesday, November 17th

7:00AM (SB) Eddie Ndreka

9:00AM (G OH) Krauss Family

Thursday, November 18th

7:00 AM (SB) Edna Morad Swanson

9:00 AM (GH) Buddy Earner

Friday, November 19th

7:00AM (SB) Nora Rushe

9:00AM (GOH) Harriet Ann Drinan

Saturday, November 20th- Gate of Heaven Church

4:00PM ~ John Greene

Saturday, November 20th - St. Augustine Chapel

5:00PM ~ Mary Alma Bryson

Sunday, November 21st - St Brigid Church

8:00AM - Elaine T. Flynn

10:30AM ~ William & Winifred Carney

6:00PM ~ Our Parishioners

Sunday, November 21st~ Gate of Heaven Church

9:00AM - Members of the Castle Island Association 12Noon - Margaret A. Vivian

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:30AM to 3:00PM

Friday: Closed

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# PARISH OFFERTORY SUPPORT

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH ~WEEKEND NOV. 7, 2021

Weekly Offertory: \$2,958.00
Online Giving: \$1,613.00
Total Giving: \$4,571.00

Needed each week to meet the budget. \$6,150.00

ST. BRIGID PARISH ~ WEEKEND NOV. 7, 2021

Weekly Offertory: \$2,414.00
Online Giving: \$814.00
Total Giving: \$3,228.00

Needed each week to meet the budget: \$6,150.00

St. Augustine Chapel
Weekly Offertory: \$389.00

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers all our parishioners who are sick, in the hospital or in a nursing home, especially Benjamin Cohen, Little Ava Considine, Eileen O'Connor, Maryanne Caputo, Willie Wilson, Ruth Barbara McGilvery, Margaret Kelly, Ed Byrne, Robert Messina, Sarah Robbins, Jane Santangelo, John Kenney, Mary Hegarty, Ron Rybka, Alan Joseph Flood, Lisa Drinan, Ian Lamos, John Mellace, Sonia Lopez, Jack McElhinney, Jack Kane, Vera Hynes, John Hollywood, William Riley, and Cathy Neal.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners, and especially for Mary Rose Mancuso, Susan Bailey, and Brian O'Hara whose Funeral Masses was celebrated this past week.

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please pray for all those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad, especially: BM3 Phil Allison, U.S. Coast Guard; Braedan Kerins, U.S. Army; Seaman Vincina Lonergan, U.S. Navy; U.S. Air Force; Senior Airman Melanie Signor, U.S. Air Force; Private Michael Doherty Walsh, U.S. Marine Corps; Seaman Aiden Sullivan Tobias, U.S. Navy; Seaman Casey Flaherty, U.S. Coast

Guard; Spc. Shane Dillon, U.S. Army; SN Alexis Byrne, U.S. Navy; P.F.C. Patrick McAloney, U.S. Marine Corps; Sgt. Ronnie Holmes, U.S. Army; Airman Emma Feeney, U.S. Air Force; Aaron Sampson, U.S. Army; Corporal Matthew McGuire, U.S. Marine Corps



#### Baptisms at our Parishes

The next <u>available</u> dates for Baptisms are:

<u>St. Brigid Church:</u>

Dec 12, Jan. 9

<u>Gate of Heaven Church:</u>

Nov. 21; Dec 19, Jan. 16

Baptism Preparation Classes at

Baptism Preparation Classes at 6:30PM at St. Brigid Upper Church:

November 22nd, December 13th

Please call the Parish Office during office hours at 617-268-2122/3344 to book a baptism. These baptisms are LIVE-STREAMED on our website.



Being a member of the people of God is a gift, a responsibility: the responsibility of witnessing by our deeds, not just our words, to God's wonderful works, which, once

known, help people to acknowledge his existence and to receive his salvation. ~ **Pope Francis** 

#### THE BELLS OF GATE OF HEAVEN

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Leonard O'Toole III

## GATE OF HEAVEN FLOWERS

In memory of

Marie LaMonica

### THE BELLS OF ST BRIGID

Ring in Memory of

**Donna Holt** 

# Bells at St Brigid and Gate of Heaven & Steeple Lights at Gate of Heaven In Memory of Loved Ones

It has been a long-standing tradition for parishioners to offer Masses, flowers, the bells, or steeple lights in memory of their deceased loved ones. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in offering any of these for a deceased family member or friend.

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# GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION November 2021

<u>UPDATE ON GRAND ANNUAL NEEDS</u> GOAL \$62,000 each Parish

St Brigid Donations: \$54,841
Gate of Heaven Donations: \$56,750

Thank you for your generosity!



#### Southie Neighborhood Prayer Meetings

Join friends, neighbors, city officials, & clergy to pray for the well-being of South Boston and it's residents. This will be an ecumenical neighborhood prayer service held on the LAST Monday of each month at designated places in and around South Boston from 5:30PM to 6:15PM.

Nov. 29: D6 Fire Dept.: 700 East 4th Street Dec. 27: Marion Manor Nursing Home: 130 Dorchester Street



## Banns Of Marriage

II. Catherine Ovwigho ~ Charles Akwari

#### THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - TAKE SHORT SURVEY

The "synod on synodality," Pope Francis' two-year effort to move the church toward a more collaborative and decentralized model, kicked off in Rome on Sunday with a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. In his pre-synod speech on Saturday, Pope Francis laid out his vision for the synod. The Synod, the pontiff said, offers an opportunity for the church to become "a listening" one, that sets routine aside and offers a break from routine pastoral concerns: "To listen to the Spirit in adoration

and prayer, to listen to our brothers and sisters speak of their hopes and of the crises of faith present in different parts of the world, of the need for a renewed pastoral life and of the signals we are receiving from those on the ground. "The church has an opportunity to become one of "closeness," not only in words but presence in society and the world, immersed in modern-day problems, "bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God."

Participate by taking the survey for The Archdiocese of Boston: Https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9







Grade 6 at South Boston Catholic
Academy celebrated Halloween 'Harry
Potter-style.' Students entered
Hogwarts and were sorted into their
houses. The sorting tradition was
followed by a visit to Ollivandar's





Wand Shop where they made wands. Refreshments of butterbeer and polyjuice potion were served. The

sixth grade had a fantastic time in both sixth grade

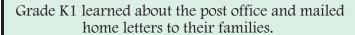
home rooms.



Student Council organized

candy drive to collect leftover Halloween candy for the troops and their

families. They are preparing for a crayon drive in Early December benefitting The Crayon Initiative







New applicants are welcome to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at J. Brown@SBCatholicAcademy.org to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.

# Interested in Joining the Catholic Church?

# Or for those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion.

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." These words, spoken by St. Peter, are the words of a person who has received an incredible gift – the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. If you are seeking full initiation into the life of the Catholic Church, or have a family member or friend who has

expressed interest in being welcomed into the Church, now is the time to consider the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA Program for our parishes will begin in November. This program will run through Easter, and prepare those who wish to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

#### Eligible adults include:

1.Those who have not been baptized; or2. those who have been baptized in other Christian traditions; or

3. those who were baptized Catholic, but never received Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know has questions or is interested, please email our coordinator Chance Hebert at SBGHParishesRelEd@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 617-268-3344.

# Registration is now open for Religious Education K-6 & Confirmation Grades 7-9

Visit the Religious Education web page (<a href="https://www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org/parish-life/education">https://www.gateofheavenstbrigid.org/parish-life/education</a>) to see the schedule and sign up!

Grade 7 - Classes start Nov 14 at 4:30PM Call the Parish Office with any questions!

Grade K-6 Religious Education Cushing Hall, Lower Hall of St. Brigid Church from 9AM - 10:15AM followed by 10:30 Mass

**Fall 2021:** Nov. 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12,19

# Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 Collecting Donations for Chelsea Soldiers Home

The soldier's homes have been hit very hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of support. The Fitzgerald Post at 715 East 4th Street will be collecting gift cards, hats, socks, scarves, toiletries, etc. on November 20th and December 4th.

Please drop all donations to the Fitzgerald Post on November 20th and December 4th at 715 East Fourth Street (behind Stop & Shop) between 9:00PM and 1:00PM

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#### Parking Restrictions at the Lot at St. Brigid Monday - Friday

Due to the construction vehicles moving in and out of the Lot during the renovation of the former St. Brigid Convent - we ask when attending the 7AM Mass or Funeral Masses at St. Brigid Church - that you not enter the Parking Lot. This is only Monday through Friday for the next few months. If visiting the Parish Office - please park on East Broadway. Parking will be available on Weekends for Masses/Weddings/Funerals.

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
Gate of Heaven Church ~ 6:30PM
November 22 and December 6

# Thanksgiving Week (Nov 22th-26th) Mass Schedule and Office Hours

#### Mass Schedule

Monday, Nov. 22nd - Wednesday, Nov. 24th:
7AM at St. Brigid and 9AM at Gate of Heaven
Thanksgiving Day (Thur., Nov. 25th)
and Friday, Nov. 26th:
8AM at St. Brigid and 9AM at Gate of Heaven

#### Parish Office Hours

Closed Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 12Noon until Monday, Nov. 29th

## South Boston Young Adults



Wednesday Evening
Holy Hour, Happy Hour
Join us on Wednesday
evenings, November
10th and 17th at

St. Brigid Church at 7PM for Adoration, followed by Happy Hour in Cushing Hall from 8PM to 9PM.

#### Lectors and Eucharistic

#### Ministers Needed

We are still in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Minsters for our Weekend Masses. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office (268-3344) and speak to Elaine Connolly. We are very flexible on schedules.

St Augustine Chapel Mass has resumed! All welcome! Saturday Evenings at 5:00PM

Training available.



November 14, 2021 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 | Heb 10:11-14, 18 | Mk 13:24-32

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

# GROW AS A DISCIPLE PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

My husband reads the obituaries regularly, as did my elderly Aunt Loretta. Me, I avoid them. I don't like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of Daniel: "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall "gather his elect." Yes, "heaven and earth will pass away," but the words of Jesus never shall. It is true, we don't know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus' words and turning our lives over to him in and through the sacramental life of the Church. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life – taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It's like moving through the day with blinders on. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near." In other words, "pay attention; be observant" – the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us – our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus, living as an example in word and deed. As the Book of Daniel so eloquently tells us, "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

PRAY Read the obituaries! Many of them contain inspiring examples of lives well lived. Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died. Make a conscious effort to be a specific example to another of Christ's love in the world that they, too, might be better prepared for Christ's return.

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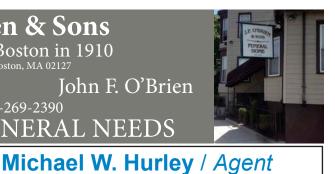
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