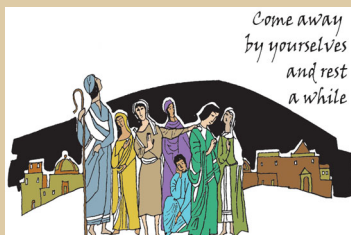


**Sunday,
July 19, 2015**

**16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Rev. Monsignor
Francis V. Strahan
Pastor

Rev. George Brown
Rev. Memo
Rev. Peter Shen
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**



CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

Financial News !

From the Business Office
June Offertory

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$41,005.68	\$45,000.00	(\$3,994.32)

The Sanctuary Lamp

is lit with Special Intention for

Richard Farley

Given by

Barbara Brennan



Coffee and Donut Sign Ups !!!!!

This program operates in Oct., Nov., Feb., April, May & June on the first Sunday of the month in the School Hall after the 9:30AM Mass until 11:00AM.

Preparing for the fall and families' busy schedules, we are going to try something different for the Coffee and Donut extravaganza. This year we will try a rotating schedule. What this means is that one family will sign up for one of the six Sundays listed. The sign up sheet is posted in the Upper Church Sacristy. Each family will be responsible for: **set up before the 9:30AM Mass/serving the coffee and donuts/clean up.** If you are interested or have any further questions please call the rectory at 508-875-5959.

Together, we can make this a great parish event!

**SIGN
UP
TODAY!**

Mass Intentions & Feast Days

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

9:00AM Paul Janda

Saturday, July 25, 2015

4:00PM Kathy Brehm

Sunday, July 26, 2015

11:30AM Anne Belem

A True Act of Christian Kindness Needed

The school is accepting a new family, for the 2015-16 academic year, with a very unique and confidential situation. The children **NEED** to be in our caring, safe, nurturing, loving, comforting, Christian environment, and I am asking for your help. To quote the school's Mission Statement:

"Saint Bridget School partners with families and our church to develop the whole person within a community of faith."

If you are able to help in any way, please send your tax-deductible donation for the family via the St. Bridget **Help-A-Student Fund** to the attention of Mrs. Sebastian in the tuition office at the rectory. Tuition is approximately \$5,000.00 per student and they have more than one child.

With God's Choicest Blessings for this family,
Msgr. Strahan

Please Note:

During past weeks the church custodian has come across a number of stains on the pew cushions due to fruit drinks. Similarly a number of pieces of snack items were scattered throughout the area. We ask parents to be kind enough to clean up after the Mass they have attended.



Saint Bridget School

Pre-K— Gr. 8

Now enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year

**3, 4 & 5 Full day Pre-K options
Full Day Kindergarten**

- ◆ SMARTboards in every classroom
- ◆ 2 mobile Chromebook labs
- ◆ Weekly Mass, gym, library, music, art and technology class
- ◆ After school program until 6:00pm
- ◆ After-school language, band, field trips, virtue of the month, service opportunities, chess club, scouting, Lego league, science club, craft club

Faith Formation • Traditional Values • Academic Excellence • Social Responsibility

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jennifer Ryan,
jryan@saintbridgetschool.info or 508-875-0181

Treasures from our Tradition

When Catholicism encounters a culture, it tends to approach the culture with a measure of respect for its key customs, especially those touching family life. Around the world, these long-established customs are often received into the liturgy, sometimes with a new level of interpretation. From Old Mexico, the custom of the lasso (“cord”) has migrated across borders, and is now firmly established in the marriage liturgy of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the United States. It’s a large cord, sometimes resembling rosary beads, looped around the necks of the newlyweds in a figure-eight shape. It is a great honor for a person, normally a godparent or close relative, to place the lasso around the shoulders of the couple, groom first. The lasso, a symbol of profound unity, remains in place throughout the liturgy until removed, usually by the priest. The bride keeps the lasso as a memento of the day, a sign of her ties of love to her husband in heart and home. The tender ministry of the godparent in this ceremony clearly links this sacrament of vocation with baptism. It’s not unusual to see the lasso made of fragrant orange blossoms, harking back to very ancient pre-Christian rituals seeking the blessings of fertility and happiness.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Looking Ahead to our Fall Mission!

Brother Michael Moran will be with us for three evenings October 12, 13 & 14. Each evening's service will require some help from parishioners. We are looking for people to do a reading each evening, a person to process with the prop needed for that evening's ritual and on the last evening we need ushers to take up the goodwill mission collection. We will be planning the mission over the summer so it's never too soon to volunteer!

If you are able to help contact:
Coordinator of Parish Ministries
Karen Mallozzi at kmallozzi@stbridgetparish.org
or 508-875-6009.



Michael Moran, C.P.

Michael Moran, a native of West Springfield, MA, professed his vows as a Brother of the Eastern Province of the Passionist community in 1974.

In 1977 he received a Master's Degree in theology from St. John's University in New York City, after which he worked in various retreat centers and other ministries of his province.

Though largely self-taught, he studied art with August Mosca, a noted Long Island artist, from 1984 to 1989. He attended the Art Students League in Manhattan from 1989 to 1990. One of his specialties is painting icons, translating this ancient art form of the Eastern Christian churches, into contemporary terms. His art can be seen on his web site www.angelstudiostore.com.



Brother Michael has also served as the chaplain of the Supportive Care Program of St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, a program that provides support for people with life threatening illnesses and their caregivers. He also conducts painting classes for senior citizens in New York.

A large part of Brother Michael's ministry is conducting creativity workshops, retreats which focus on meditation and the artistic process, as well as parish mission-retreats.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Family Promise Metrowest

Family Promise Metrowest includes parishes and churches in the area who provide housing and meals for a family in need. The weeks of **August 2 & 9**, First Parish on Vernon Street in Framingham, will host a family. Volunteers are welcome and training is provided. Two to four people serve the meal and receive training prior to that. Those who cook and deliver the meal to the church are not required to attend volunteer training. Volunteer trainings take place every two weeks. If you are interested in helping in this important effort contact Karen Mallozzi, Coordinator of Parish Ministries, for details about training dates and times and so on at 508-875-6009 or kmallozzi@stbridgetparish.org

Training could take place at St. Bridget Parish if enough people are interested.

Faith Communities which participate: Christ Lutheran Natick, Good Shepherd Wayland, Fisk Methodist Natick, UU Area Church Sherborn, First Cong. Natick, Dover Church Dover, First Parish Framingham.

Forming Disciples in Mission-A Workshop in Parish-Based Evangelization

Open to parishioners

The workshop is designed to give people the tools to understand the New Evangelization, embrace living as an intentional disciple, become comfortable with sharing your personal witness, form disciples, and work in your parish to form disciples. The day includes six core sessions on these topics, time in prayer together, a light breakfast and lunch.

Workshop dates:

August 29, 2015-Pastoral Center, Braintree

October 17-Pastoral Center, Braintree

December 12-to be announced

February 6, 2016-to be announced

March 5, 2016-to be announced

June 4, 2016 to be announced

August 27, 2016-to be announced

To register contact the Pastoral Center in Braintree at 617-254-0100

Websites worth visiting:

New on the USCCB website www.marriageuniqueforareason.org. Part short videos and part text, the importance of marriage is discussed by couples and covers sexual difference, children as gift, the common good, religious liberty, and El matrimonio.

Traveling this summer? To find a Catholic Mass while away from home: www.Masstimes.org

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 in mid-August. If you are interested drop this form off at the rectory as soon as possible. Each request will be honored in the order they are received.**

Please return to the rectory.

Donor's Name _____

In Loving Memory
of _____

Or Special Intention _____

Save the Date!

The Sebastian Family will host the DFCI / BWH Blood Mobile on **Saturday, August 22 from 8:30AM to 2:30PM at St. Bridget Parish**. All blood collected at the drive will benefit patients at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

A check-in table will be inside the brown door of the Sr. Mary Callahan Center (PRC) for donors to stop by before going to the blood mobile.

To schedule appointments please log on to <http://tinyurl.com/stbridgetblood>

For donation questions please email BloodDonor@partners.org or call 617-632-3206.

Donors will receive a DFCI/BWH t-shirt.

With so many people away on vacation during the summer season and unavailable to donate, hospital blood supplies can quickly drop to critical levels, but patients' needs remain the same. Your blood donation will help make sure Dana-Farber and Brigham and Women's patients have blood this summer.

We have a goal of **40 donors** signed up for the blood drive. All blood types are needed.



BLOOD DRIVE

Feast of St. Rocco

The 37th annual St. Rocco Festival at St. Mary Parish Franklin, corner of Queen and Pleasant St., will take place on August 14-16. This is a North End-style Italian festival with a wide selection of food, rides, midway, and entertainment. Friday, August 14 from 6-11; Saturday, August 15 from 11-11; Sunday, August 16 from noon-9:30pm.

For more information call 508-528-0020, check our website, www.stmarysfranklin.org or visit our Facebook page, Feast of Saint Rocco Franklin MA.

Feast of St. Rocco

Host an International Student

We are looking for a family near Marian HS
Reasons to become a host family:

- ◆ Stipend of \$1,000.00 per month
- ◆ Learn about another culture
- ◆ Share your own customs
- ◆ Build memories and friendships

The student is 15 years old, from China, and has good English skills. He will need a private bedroom with a bed and desk, and two meals per day.

If interested please contact:

Brittany Law

Director of Educational Programs

617-301-1237

info@colibriboston.org

Next Weekend's Liturgical Minister's

July 25th & 26th	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Usher	Celebrant
Saturday, 4:00PM	Joseph Horrigan Patricia Horrigan Harry Johnson Dan Caron Marilyn Hanley Mario Laferla Jeanne Walsh	Rene Myers	Jean Blanchard Catherine Matzilevich	Peter Hsieh John Mauritz Joseph Repole Chris Ryan	Fr. Shen
Sunday, 7:30AM	Ken Brisbois Margaret Garcia Kristian Piselli Maria Chaput Joseph Crisafulli	Merran Brisbois	Server Needed Server Needed	Joseph Kovalchin David McIntyre Frederick O'Connell Tony Suantengco	Fr. Shen
Sunday, 9:30AM Family Mass	Leslie Bishop Richard Bishop Tina Sparling	Alicia Leonard	Olivia Hermanspan Khloe Katende	Rudy Caballero Alfredo Canhoto Michael Pekkarinen	Msgr. Strahan
Confessions are heard this Saturday from 2-3 PM confessions. This week confessions will be heard by Msgr. Strahan.					
Sunday, 11:30AM	Yolanda Barbier Noreen Begley James Scamby Emilia Gordon Serafien Khokhar Natalie Mullen	Judith Ferrera	Jonathan Gordon Kelley Harris	Dave Borghi Edyta Konrad Paulette Murphy Betty O'Neil	Msgr. Strahan

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

Please Pray For:

Aubrey Baumbach	Zachary Kane
Jane Bratica	Lisa Lamare
JoMarie Bucantis	Robert Lew
Rick Bumann	Mary LoCicero
Linda Casella	George Meninno
Therese Cunningham	Valerie Montuori
Pierce Deane	Stephen Virdinlia
Kevin Forster	Walter Weldon

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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.