

BRIDGET  
RELIGIOUS (1303?-1373)

JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>



From age seven on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity - always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favor.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children (the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden), she lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and for women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines (still in existence).

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373.

In 1999, she, Saints Catherine of Siena and Edith Stein were named co-patronesses of Europe.

**COMMENT:** Bridget's visions, rather than isolating her from the affairs of the world, involved her in many contemporary issues, whether they be royal policy or the Avignon papacy. She saw no contradiction between mystical experience and secular activity, and her life is a testimony to the possibility of a holy life in the marketplace.

**QUOTE:** Despite the hardships of life and wayward children (not all became saints), Margery Kemp of Lynn says Bridget was "kind and meek to every creature" and "she had a laughing face."


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PARISH NEWS

Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, is open. Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children at all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Vincent  *Rest in Peace* Giordano and Marion DeMuro.



St. Bartholomew's Parish and Hudson Valley Blood Services (HVBS) express sincere appreciation to the 87 donors and 14 dedicated volunteers, including 7 school children, who participated in the Blood Drive on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, donating 84 units of blood - 64 regular, and 10 ALYX (double red cell). St. Bartholomew's has now collected 5103 units in 69 drives since 1981. There were 7 new donors and 15 walk-ins. St. Bartholomew's parishioners and friends have consistently recognized the critical need for donations during the holiday seasons. Our next Blood Drive will be held the day after Thanksgiving. Any donors who could not come to the drive can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling the HVBS at 1 800 933-2566. Please ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's Group # 7747.

REMINDER!

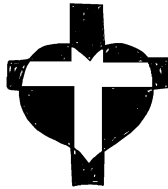
**APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:** The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.



*Sow good seeds of quality time into your marriage.* Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and see the harvest you can reap. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 12-14. Please register early; call toll free 1- 877 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org) for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a life style. **For more information call toll free (877) 697-9963.**

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need**, for cereal, pasta, canned fish/meat, canned vegetables, and especially canned fruits, rice, jelly, boxed meal setups (such as Macaroni & Cheese or *Rice-a-Roni*), juices and beverage mixes. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



**HELP WANTED:** The **Sisters of Charity of New York** are seeking:

*Administrative Assistant to Leadership Team Members*

- Prepare correspondence & documents
- Maintain accurate records & organize material
- Type Council minutes, Vigils, Funeral Masses & booklets
- Manage various postal & e-mail lists via Access

*Administrative Assistant to Property Management Office*

- Maintain accurate & up to date property files
- Receive, transmit & track maintenance requests
- Maintain service contracts & inspections for properties

For further information or to submit a resume, contact Sharon Dosing, director of Human Resources, 6301 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471, [sdosing@scny.org](mailto:sdosing@scny.org), (718) 549-8156.

*The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877 820-0541, or on the internet, at [www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY](http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY). Both are available 24 hours per day.*

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



**LAST 2 WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

- **The Collection for Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, was \$5508.35.**
- **The Collection in support of our School totaled \$1263.00.**
- **The Collection for Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, was \$4890.35.**
- **Collection in support of Catholic Missions among Black & Indian People totaled \$1477.55.**

We thank everyone for their generosity to St. Bartholomew's Church. May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Amadeu Amorim, Grace Raguso, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamarena, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Francis Farrell, Mark Baum, Frank Marra, Christine Bellino, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, John & Gary Roth, Lena Castaldo, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Carmella DelBene, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Paul Montalbano, Marge Muraik, and Eve Gammino.

**THE 2012 MASS BOOK IS OPEN**

The Mass Book for 2012 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

**BLESSING FOR TRAVELERS**

May God bless you with every blessing and give you a safe journey; wherever life leads you, may you find God there to protect you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ADOPTION:** Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Older parents and singles welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at (845) 623-5277.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers. **Relax and Laugh with Loretta.** Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Saturday, July 16 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 PM Charles & Stefana Barba +

**Sunday, July 17**

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +

10:00 AM All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Susie & Vincent Streva +

5:00 PM Anna & Dina Legio (living)

**Monday, July 18**

Weekday

7:00 AM Attracta Mulligan (living)

9:00 AM No Intention

**Tuesday, July 19**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joanne & Paul Moscarella (living)

**Wednesday, July 20**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anne Normile +

**Thursday, July 21**

Weekday

7:00 AM Anna Pakiela +

9:00 AM Mary Brewus +

**Friday, July 22**

Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM Virginia & Raymond Thomas +

9:00 AM Margaret & Michael Hickey +

**Saturday, July 23**

Weekday

9:00 AM Robert Shannon (living)

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**Saturday, July 23 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 PM William Bulinski +

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**Sunday, July 24**

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Lorenzo Marchionno +

10:00 AM Carmela Romagnoli +

11:30 AM Carmelo & Maria Terrusa & Family

5:00 PM All the People of Our Parish



## SUMMERTIME PRAYER

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for this summer season.  
During this time, may we remember  
The gift of the world You have given us.  
For while each summer of our lives is different,  
It is their similarities that bring joyful anticipation.  
For You, there is no beginning or end,  
And all things are eternal and at one time.  
Yet we, who are bound to time,  
See and learn all things through beginnings and endings.  
As spring ends and summer begins,  
May we see Your reflection in this and every summer.  
For though You are unchanging and eternal,  
There is always more to discover, experience, and learn.  
Amen.



## AN E-MAIL FROM GOD



One day God was looking down at earth and saw all the evil that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to earth to check it out. So He called one of His best angels and sent the angel to earth for a time. When the angel returned she told God, yes, it is bad on earth, 95% is bad and 5% is good.

Well, God thought for a moment and said, "Maybe, I had better send down a second angel, to get another point of view." So God called another angel and sent her to earth for a time, too. When the angel returned, she went to God and told Him yes, the earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good. God said this was not good.

So He decided to e-mail the 5% that were good. He wanted to encourage them and give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

You didn't get one either, huh?

