

# The *Bridge*



**ST. BRIDGET**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## A Message from Monsignor Carr

Dear Parishioners,

It's good to take vacations and rest. The Lord Himself rested from time to time and recuperated from His busy life. God gives His saints rest. St. Augustine said that we are restless until our souls rest in God.

God loves His people getting the rest and recreation we need. Father Stefan and I pray that you get a good vacation and find renewed vigor for your vocation. Keep going to Mass wherever you are, keep praying, keep giving, keep on sharing the Good News of Jesus to all you meet. We all have much to be thankful for, especially for the ability and the means to take vacations. Take your gratitude to the altar every Sunday.

And please know of our blessing and prayers for you this summer and always.

Monsignor Carr



## First Eucharist Celebration



The Second grade at St. Bridget School celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist with a Mass. Please look inside for a full list of all the children who have made their First Eucharist - God Bless them.

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**Saint Bridget**  
(Saint Brigid of Ireland, the Abbess of Kildare)

## Better Opportunities, Better Futures

**St. Bridgets parish and the Human Concerns Committee are excited to announce our growing participation in the Armstrong Priorities Freshman Academy.**

Two-thirds of the students who enter Armstrong High School in the east end of Richmond are at least two grade levels behind in reading and math. The goal of Freshman Academy is to help these students make up this lost ground so that they can graduate with their class and have the opportunity to go on to college. The Academy provides tutoring in small group settings; one-on-one mentoring by volunteers; and after school programs and activities for both students and their parents.

Armstrong High School has a proud heritage. It was the first public school in Richmond to serve the educational needs of African American young people after the Civil War. The school has produced many prominent African American citizens of Richmond. The reasons that current students often fall behind are not hard to understand. Most are poor. The school serves the highest concentration of low-income students in the Richmond area. Over 75% of the students qualify for free or reduced priced

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lunches. Five housing projects feed into the school. Unemployment in those projects often reaches 50%. Many students come from single-parent homes. The lure of the streets is constant. The highest drop-out rate is between the ninth and tenth grades, which is why the Academy concentrates on freshmen.

Despite many obstacles, these students want the same opportunities all young people want. Many want to become doctors, lawyers, and business people. Some are talented





and driven and will make their dreams come true. Many, however, will struggle unless they have help.

The faith communities of the east end want to provide that help. Over a dozen churches are involved, including Richmond Hill, the ecumenical faith center housed in the former Monte Maria convent in Church Hill, and Holy Rosary parish, the Catholic parish closest to Armstrong. St. Bridget has already begun to participate in the program in partnership with Holy Rosary, Richmond's oldest existing African American Roman Catholic Church. Of course, we work with good people from all of the denominations, but particularly through this program, we hope to build an ever-deepening relationship with our fellow Catholics at Holy Rosary.



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The Armstrong Priorities Freshman Academy is just finishing its first year. This school year we identified and worked with 60 students who we judged to be at most risk academically. Some are beginning to make impressive strides. Others still struggle. But all are seeing opportunities, and all are seeing that people care about them. In the students' own words:


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*“The group sessions helped me understand my work and what I am doing.”*

*“My tutor is cool, funny and he really helped me do my stuff and get what I had to do, done.”*

**Ready to volunteer? Please contact Paul Amrhein [paul@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:paul@saintbridgetchurch.org) or 525-7902.**

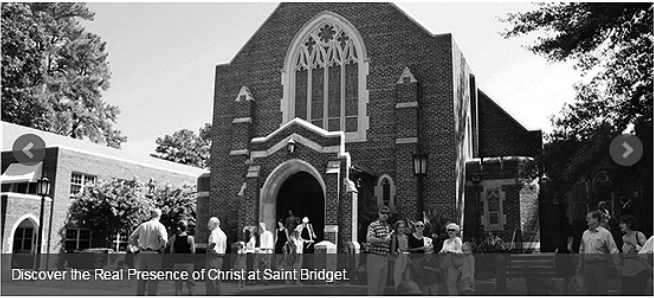
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**Announcements**

Announcing Armstrong Academy - A new human concerns initiative supported by the

**Upcoming Events**

Tue - May 26 RCIA  
Wed - May 27 Training dates for thurifer/

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday**  
Reconciliation at 4:00 pm and by appointment  
Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm

**Sunday**  
7:30 am, \*9:00 am, \*11:00 am, 5:00 pm  
\*Child care offered in nursery.

**Daily**  
8:00 am, except holidays as scheduled

**Pastor**

Rev. Msgr. William H. Carr

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**Parish Links**

Church Calendar  
Diocese of Richmond website

The address is the same but our parish website is new and improved. More information and announcements upfront, easy to find quick links, calendar of events. Please subscribe on the website to receive a weekly email blast of special events, Mass times for the holidays and other parish news. Visit the site, click around, let us know what you think... Please send comments to [communications@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:communications@saintbridgetchurch.org) - thank you!

- ① Up-front Announcements - click to read more...
- ② At-A-Glance dates from the calendar
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# First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

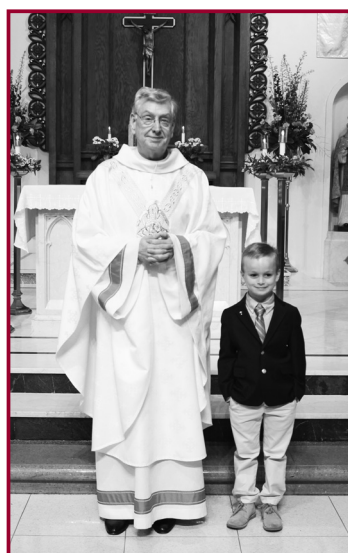
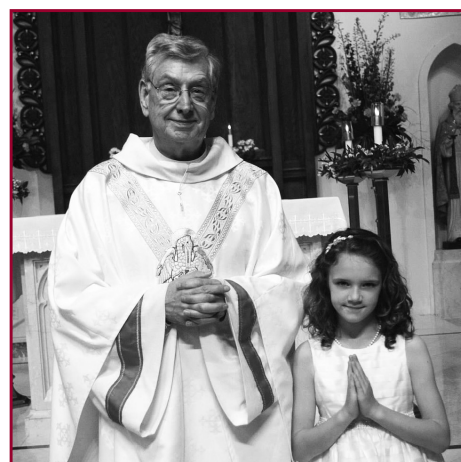


Each year in the fall, the children at Saint Bridget Parish begin their preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. During the Easter season, we celebrated the culmination of this preparation process as these children were welcomed to the table of the Lord for the first time. The names of all the children who have completed their First Eucharist are below – God bless them!

Mac Bargatze  
Thomas Bernhardt  
Jacob Bickford  
Wyatt Billups  
Bridget Blaszak  
Leo Boehling  
Anthony Borghi  
Claire Bowersox  
Colin Boyle  
Owen Bradley  
Ainsley Braun  
Lukas Bula  
Greta Campbell  
Brynn Cason  
Lucas Chun  
Sophie Clark  
Anne Clarke  
Bryan Coates  
Eila Crumlish  
Aubrey Cuevas  
Gabrielle Dembeck  
Max DeWitt  
Elle Domson  
Ryan Eager  
Georgia Eastep  
Luke Fawell  
Lillian Grace Ferguson  
Ann Marie Frink  
Jacob Gallagher  
Thomas Gasperini  
Betsy Haas  
James Halstead

Margaret Harrison  
Lillian Haymore  
Amelia Hess  
Julia Hicks  
Brian Horan  
Anne Hoyle  
Henry Hubbard  
Patrick Jenkins  
David Jennings  
Charlotte Johnson  
Patrick Kemp  
Luke Kessen  
William Knutson  
Nicholas Kuriger  
Melania Lambert  
Claire Lareau  
Gabriela Linkonis  
Taegan Logan  
Victor MacLaughlin  
Sophia McCormick  
Norah McCullagh  
Grace McDonough  
Abigail McEvoy  
Patrick McGowan  
Benjamin McLemore  
Landon Mezzenga  
Katherine Mitchell  
Laura Monger  
Karol Nachman  
Blaine Nelson  
Matthew Noble  
Grady O'Donnell

Liam O'Neil  
Shannon Patnaude  
Anthony Payne  
Anthony Pennock  
Isabella Puccinelli  
Jackson Richter  
Matthew Richter  
Claire Riley  
Jackson Rogish  
Mary Grace Rotter  
Campbell Rowe  
Roman Sancilio  
Emma Schlusler  
Ben Schneider



Bridgette Schutt  
Charles Seaman  
Sophia Shaw  
Joseph Singleton  
Anna Sleeker  
Lauren Slyh  
Claire Smith  
Davis Smith  
Jack Smith  
Perry Smith  
Katherine Stocks  
Lydia Stumpf  
Kenna Tomillon  
George Townley  
Michael Townley  
Sarah Turnbull

Porter Valerie  
Grace Vaughan  
Nora Wallace  
Charlie White  
Susanna Whitehead  
Matthew Wilson  
Madoc Winters  
Nate Winters  
Matthew Wozniak  
Will Wright

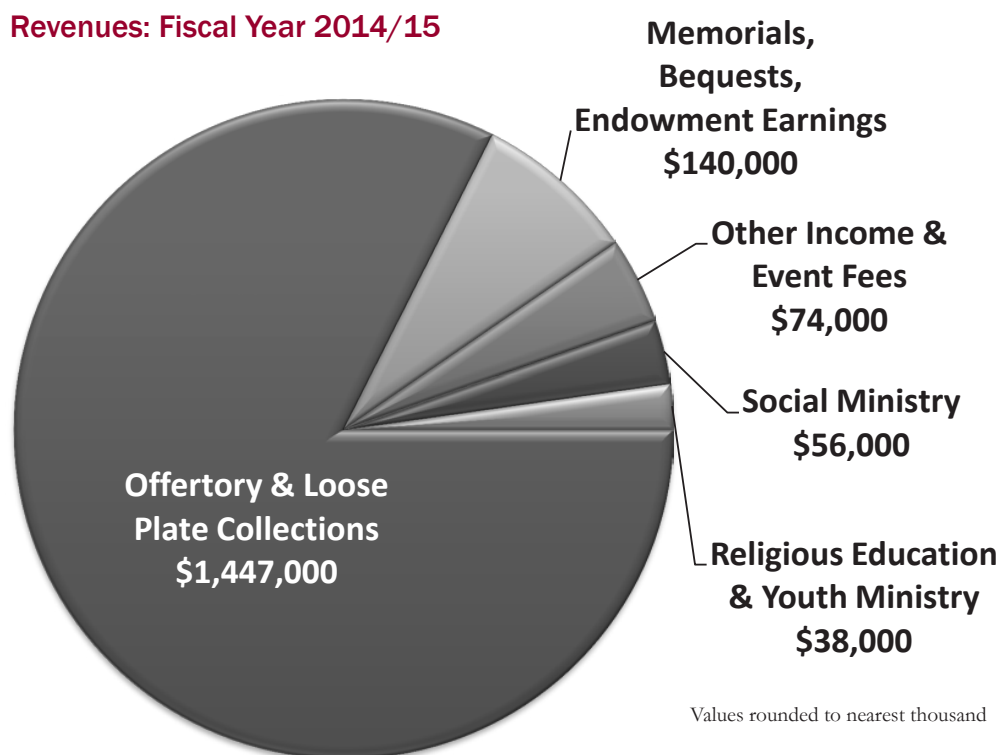


# Summary Church Operating Fund Report: July 2014 through April 2015

## Stewardship

Thank you for your gift of Stewardship! We thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission and ministries of Saint Bridget Catholic Church. The financial gifts you return to God by sharing with your parish family have a tremendous impact. Your sacrifice makes it possible to operate our parish and reach out at home and abroad to help Christ's poor. Visiting the sick, caring for the needy, going on a work camp, singing in the choir, leading a small group, praying for others, are all ways our gifts make the love of Jesus real. Stewardship challenges us to consider our need to give and invites us to share joyfully out of the goodness of our hearts. We are grateful for the positive response of faithful and generous stewardship that comes from our parish family. Thank you! Your gifts never stop giving!

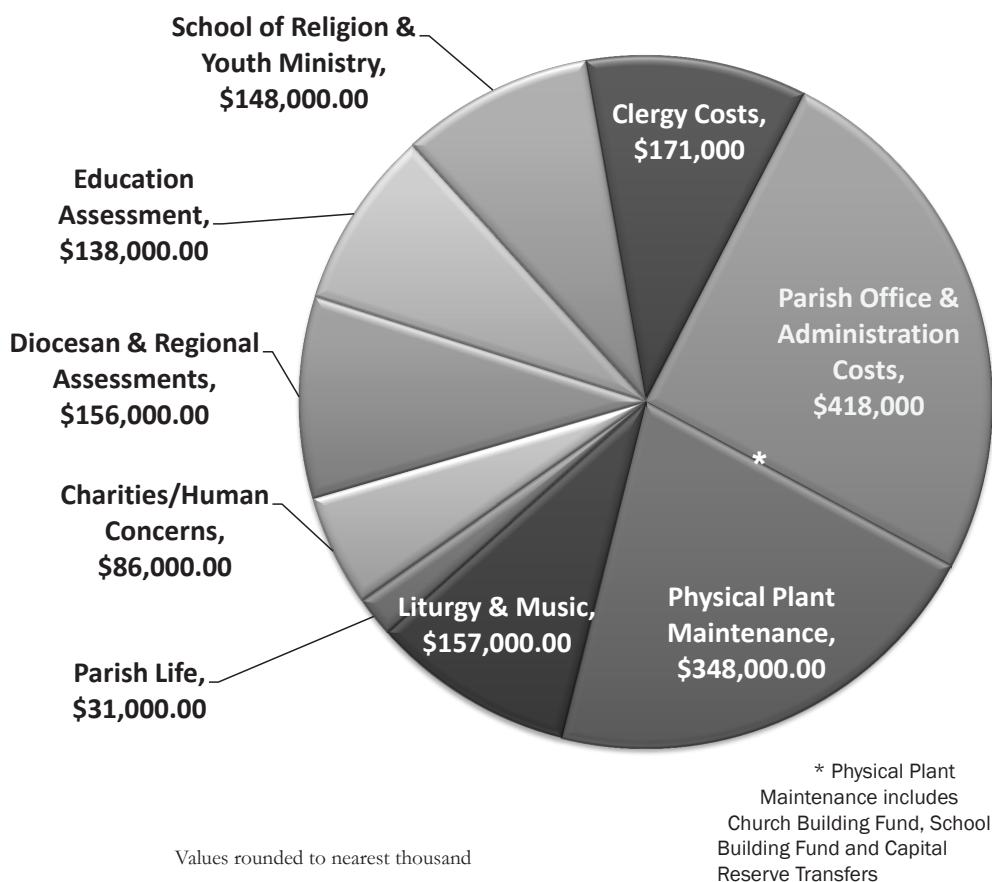
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## E-Giving

Please consider E-Giving to make donations to the parish. Nearly 30% of the total amount of offertory donations made to St. Bridget Church are made through E-Giving! To make a contribution on-line, visit our website at [www.saintbridgetchurch.org](http://www.saintbridgetchurch.org) and click on the E-Giving link. You may use debit cards, credit cards or electronic funds transfer for your contributions. E-Giving provides a secure and convenient option to fulfill your stewardship pledge and make donations to the various funds and special collections. E-Giving allows you to continue to donate while away from home, especially during summer vacations. Contact Kimberly Lapkin at 525-7888 or [kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org) with any questions about E-Giving. Thank you for your contributions to support God's work here at Saint Bridget Church!

Expenses: Fiscal Year 2014/15



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## Parish Announcements

### CHWC

Thank you for all of your support and prayers over the past year. We will be sending our students and adults to Charlotte, NC from June 28 – July 4 (students are rising 8th graders through high school) and to Charleston, SC from July 12-18 (students are high school and college age). Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they grow in their faith and live that faith out in service.

We typically have a last minute space or two open up for camp. If you have a student or adult who is interested, please contact me for further information. Anne-Marie Condlin p: 804-426-5298.

### RICHMOND CHWC

From June 26 through July 4 we will be preparing and hosting a Catholic Heart Workcamp in Richmond. We could really use your help to prepare and make the camp possible. We are in particular need of adults on worksites. Because of our VIRTUS requirements, we have 2 adults at each worksite. Our parish is providing extra adults to make this possible. **YOU DO NOT NEED ANY SPECIAL SKILLS TO DO THIS.** Please check out the sign up genius site to see if an open spot works for you.

Here is the link <<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DACAD2CA75-2015>>

There are also some very special opportunities to share in the CHWC experience. Below are several ways you can participate if you are able.

- **Opening Mass:** The opening Mass will be in the church on June 28 at 8:30 p.m.
- **Adoration:** On the evening of Tuesday June 30 we will have Adoration in the church.
- **Program on Thursday July 2 at 7 p.m. in Mother Presentation Hall:** This program will include people from our community sharing how the experience has impacted them. Come join us in thanking the campers and sharing an amazing experience!

### Music News

The Saint Bridget Girl & Boy Choirs have finished their 2014-2015 Season. Thanks go to Wei-Li Suen, our accompanist for both choirs; to Angela Kelly-Wiecek and Alexandra Bula for assisting with the Boy Choir; and to Mary Walker for assisting with the Girl Choir. The girls and boys sang beautiful and challenging music. Many of the girls and boys demonstrated their talent by singing solos, both here in our church and at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

If you have a boy in your family, with an unchanged voice (in at least the Second Grade, beginning Fall 2015), or a girl in Grades 2-4, consider the value of a musical education and the opportunity to be a young Liturgical Minister in Saint Bridget Church. The 2015-2016 Season will see the choirs singing special performances in the Washington, D.C. area in addition to Masses here at Saint Bridget and at other local venues. Contact Allen Bean, Music Minister (282.9511 or [abean@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:abean@saintbridgetchurch.org)) for more information.

**Many, Many thanks** to all the parishioners who supported with their presence, supported with their donations and supported with their enthusiasm our Friends of Music at St. Bridget Church concert series. The organ is a blessing from the parish, and Monsignor and I continue to be inspired by the music and the response from the parish. We look forward to next season's concert series with visits from nationally and internationally known organists, another concert by our Music Minister, and a repeat collaboration with VCU's Brass Department in preparation for another musical ambassadorship to Colombia in 2016.

~ Allen Bean, Music Minister

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## Sacraments

### Baptisms

Emma Flynn DiMeglio  
Lillian Kathleen Dunahy  
Maxwell Rhodes Gould  
Julia Anna Harrington  
Damian Collin House  
Dominic Stone House  
Lylah Mirabella Lopez-Reyes  
Campbell Ruth MacSwan  
Peter Campbell Schwarb  
Millicent Sophia Tricarico  
Toby Crothers Vick  
Aoife Una Victors  
Ayden Bryan Wiesak  
Zoey Arianna Zetto  
Charlotte Kathleen Beville  
Barbara Chartier Paulette  
Garrett David Reichert  
Gil Xavier Smith

### Marriages

Kristen Nemnich and John Flack  
Laura Colosi and Travis Spangler  
Pauline Marcq and Federico Gontaruk

### Deaths

Clemente Rybar  
Richard Hard  
Catherine McGurn  
Theresa Redford  
Barbara Bowry  
Adele Carman Ebert  
Warren McKenna  
John MacKenzie  
Jacquelyn Hendren Corso  
Anna Williams  
William Gettsy  
Patricia McCaffrey  
Christopher Daniel Patton

## A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Karen and David Burgess  
Sarah Conklin,  
Margaret (Peggy) Demeria  
Yolanda and Brandon Fisher  
William Gould, child: Maxwell Rhodes  
Brenna Haulsee  
Amy and Ben Haverstick,  
children: Camilla and Charles  
Carol Hernandez  
Damian House  
Dominic House  
Lonnie House  
Virginia Huband  
Dr. Raidah Hudson

Mitch Lee, children: Benjamin and  
Samuel  
Michael Lowzinski  
Donald and Suzanne Lucia,  
child: Anne Marie  
Brendan and Meghan Noggle, children:  
Drew and Beckett  
Alexis Oley, children: Timothy (Tim) and  
Michael  
Eric and Krista Privott, child: McKenna  
Petra and Ryan Rindone, child: Helen  
Cindy Sullivan, children: Aaron and Beck  
Tyler and Jeremy Walters, child: Ballard  
Yan Yun



**SAVE THE DATE**



**at St. Bridget Church**

**WHEN**

**Oct. 2, 2015 5pm-10pm**

**WHERE**

**St. Bridget Church –  
Front Lawn**

**6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond VA 23226**

**FEATURING**

**The Bart Chucker  
Band**

**A Community Event hosted by St. Bridget Church  
serving Brunswick Stew and Craft Beer. Self-  
guided tour of the Church and reconciliation will  
be offered. All are welcome!**

**THE  
BART CHUCKER  
BAND**

**BRUNSWICK  
STEW \$5**

**CRAFT BEER \$5**

**CORN HOLE**

**HOT DOGS FOR  
THE KIDS \$5**  
(with chips & a drink)

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our community**