

The *Bridge*



ST. BRIDGET
CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Message from Monsignor Carr

It is such a joy to watch Father Stefan at work and to see how warmly you have welcomed him. The zeal of a newly ordained priest is such a blessing to the whole Church and to our parish family. Father Stefan will soon be preparing for All Saints and All Souls, for Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas.

These holy days and seasons deserve your preparation as well. What blessings you will have when you enter them prayerfully. Be sure to look ahead, to pray and read and study so that your celebration of The Lord reflects your faith, your hope, and love.

Father Stefan and I have much to be thankful for and chief among our blessings are your prayers and wonderful spiritual support. Here in this parish "Jesus is alive, welcoming the lost and leading us all to lives of merciful compassion!"

Monsignor Carr



Father Stefan with members of Saints and Sinners as well as Father Stanfill (center) and Monsignor Carr



Father Stefan arriving for the Blessing of the Pets Celebration



Father Stefan blessing Principal Honeycutt's dogs

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Become a Lector, Usher, or Eucharistic Minister

Ministry Matters - the next initial training for new liturgical ministers will take place on Saturday morning, October 25 from 8:30 am—11:30 am (with check-in beginning at 8:30 immediately following the 8:00 am Mass). We invite you to prayerfully think about contributing some of your Time and Talent by serving as an Usher, Lector or Eucharistic Minister at our weekend Masses. Information on the training and time commitment for these liturgical ministries can be found on the parish website at <http://saintbridgetchurch.org/liturgical%202.htm>. For additional information, contact Chris Howell (355-2747, cphowell@verizon.net); and to register, please contact Joan Scarola at the parish office (525-7898, jscarola@saintbridgetchurch.org) as soon as possible. Thank you.



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

The Friends of Music at Saint Bridget Church present 2014-2015 Concert Series Featuring the John-Paul Buzard Pipe Organ, Opus 42



Stephen Buzard

Stephen Buzard - November 15, 2014 at 7:30 pm

Stephen Buzard, Assistant Organist, St Thomas Episcopal Church holds a Master of Music Degree from Yale University where he studied organ with Thomas Murray and improvisation with Jeffrey Brillhart. Prior to attending Yale, Mr. Buzard studied with Ken Cowan at Westminster Choir College. He was an organ scholar at Trinity Church, Princeton and Director of Music for the Episcopal Church at Princeton University. Mr. Buzard spent a year in England as senior organ scholar, Wells Cathedral. He was the winner of the 2010 Arthur Poister Competition. His premier CD, *In Light or Darkness*, available through Delos Records, has received critical acclaim.

Alan Morrison - January 23, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Alan Morrison, Head of the Organ Departments at the Curtis Institute of Music and Westminster Choir College of Rider University. Mr. Morrison is recognized as one of America's premier concert organists. He has performed in all the major concert halls in the United States. Fanfare says, "Alan Morrison knows something about igniting audience passions. Without hesitation and throughout, Morrison's playing is consummate and dazzling."

A Festival of Hymns, Songs and Spiritual Songs - April 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm*

The Parish Adult Choir, Girl Choir, Boy Choir and the Gentlemen of Saint Bridget lead the parish in an evening of song. The core of the evening will be hymns, songs and spiritual songs chosen over the course of several months, chosen from the parish's new hymnal, sung by all. Some background on the hymns will be provided, and the choirs, our organists and other instruments will provide interludes of music based on the hymns we all sing together. This is a parish event, but all are welcome!

*Please, note the earlier start time.

VCU's Brass Quintet - February 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm

VCU Artistic Ambassadors to Columbia, VCU's Brass Quintet, will visit Cartagena in the Spring. Dr. Ross Walter has a long association with Fundacion Tocando Puertas: Para Abrir Futuros (Knocking on Doors to Open Futures). The foundation's central effort is to help young Colombian musicians gain access to resources, equipment, teaching, and international experiences when possible. This concert will feature a quintet of VCU brass students who will visit Colombia at the end of this academic year. They are raising their own funds. Friends of Music will stipend each musician on the concert, and donations will be accepted for the Foundation after the concert.

Allen Bean - May 22, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Allen Bean, Music Minister at Saint Bridget Church, has been with Saint Bridget Parish since 2005. He oversees all aspects of the church's Music Ministry. He has led the Parish Girl & Boy Choirs in concerts at the Kennedy Center and at Lincoln Center, overseen the restoration of the church's Steinway piano, and the completion of the Buzard, Opus 42 pipe organ. Before coming to Saint Bridget, Allen was Director of Music & Youth Ministry at Good Shepherd Episcopal in Richmond, and Organist & Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal in Vero Beach, Florida. Allen holds degrees from the University of Tennessee and Yale University. Allen offers this concert as a gift to the community, and hopes listeners will generously contribute to the Friends of Music Series.

Ensemble Chanterelle - March 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Ensemble Chanterelle has captivated audiences at festivals, museums, historic sites and college campuses across the United States since making its acclaimed New York recital debut in 1984 as winner of the Concert Artists Guild Award. Ensemble Chanterelle's warm and engaging performances combine humor, drama, passion and virtuosity with imaginative and innovative programming. Sally Sanford, soprano; Catherine Liddell, lute & theorbo; and Brent Wissick, viol and Baroque cello are all distinguished artists in the field of early music performance. They have recorded CDs and broadcasts for radio and television in Europe, North America and Australia.

Please join us! All concerts take place at St. Bridget Church. These concerts are free but donations to the Friends of Music at St. Bridget will gratefully be accepted. Thank you!

Human Concerns: Our Continuing Efforts in Haiti and how the Girl Scouts are helping!



Girl Scout Troop 5158

The Girl Scouts of Troop 5158 meet one Wednesday a month after school to have fun, build friendships and learn new things about their community and the world they live in. Everyone loves Girl Scout cookies and the girls of troop 5158 decided this past spring to sponsor a child in Carrissade, Haiti. Won't you consider sponsoring a child in Haiti? Your sponsorship will bring education and lunch to a child. It will help pay for teachers, a nurse and even the infrastructure needed to keep this community in Haiti healthy - and help all the people there thrive. Sponsor a child, or donate what you can and know you are helping people who need it and are so grateful!



School children
in Carrissade



The school in Carrissade

St. Bridget along with the Cathedral of Sacred Heart has been involved in Haiti since around 1997 when we began a relationship with the people of Carrissade which was a mission of Sacred Heart Church in Hinche, Haiti. Carrissade is more of a rural area than a specific village. The first thing we did was to build a church which was dedicated in 1998 and was named St. Paul. It became a focal point for our efforts drawing people from the surrounding country side. The next thing we did was to build a 6-classroom building which went up in 2002, then a grain mill was finished in 2003. With all the people coming to this new focal point we helped put in latrines in 2004 to safeguard the sanitation of this growing focal point. A second school building was put up in 2005, and a cafeteria in 2006. There are now 420 students who come to this focal point we created in Carrissade for their primary education. We provide the salaries for the teachers, a school nurse who also sees the parents, and we provide a lunch for the children which for many is the only meal they eat. In this rural area we are providing an elementary education to children whose parents never had an opportunity to get an education, which means the children can read where the parents cannot. In addition to reading they study math, science and catechism and we have opened a new world to the people of Carrissade.

Not only can they read but they can understand such things as where diseases come from and how they are transmitted. Reason can begin to displace superstition and the children can take their place as responsible citizens in the second oldest democracy in the western hemisphere. Moving forward we are trying to identify ways we can help develop the economy in Carrissade.

Please consider a \$150 sponsorship in the name of a child at your primary school in Carrissade on the central plateau. Alternatively, use the second collection on the second weekend of the month to donate whatever you can afford to help those who have so much less than us. Your sponsorship contributes to the school, health clinic, and economic development efforts with our sisters and brothers in Carrissade, Haiti.



Students in the classroom with their lunch

Youth Ministry: mission trips, bible studies, baseball, tubing down the river, prayer and fellowship = a deeper faith!

Youth Groups are alive and well at St. Bridget this fall! After a summer of vacations, multiple Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trips, bible studies, baseball games, a James River tubing trip for St. Bridget School's 8th grade boys and our first group of Confirmed Teens (Young Apostles) attending a Stuebenville Youth Conference in Atlanta, there was a lot of enthusiasm to kick off the school year.

The St. Bridget community is incredible and we saw the beauty of our young church in action as many joined together for the SpeakUp 5K in September. Last spring we suddenly lost youth group member and Confirmation candidate, Cameron Gallagher. Cameron dreamed of putting on a race to raise money and awareness for children who live with mental illness. The SpeakUp 5k was not only the realization of her dream, but was an incredible witness to Cameron's role in the Body of Christ and her ability to bring the community together. It was an awesome day and a great celebration.

This year the middle and high school youth groups will be looking at our faith through the perspective of "God is..." This theme gives us a chance to look at the nature of God, the work of the Church, meaning of salvation and the personal connection that God is seeking with all of us. In addition to the theme, each youth group meeting includes music and prayer to prepare students to take the next step in going deeper into their faith as the year unfolds.

We very much appreciate the prayers of the community and parishioner support of our endeavors which help students to grow in their faith. We are excited about this year's opportunities for retreats, conferences, leadership, community and faith building including the March for Life, new service offerings to connect youth with homebound parishioners, the Young Apostles leadership team for Juniors and Seniors who have received the sacrament of Confirmation, a new take on the Confirmation retreat and participation in the Winter "Mount 2000" retreat at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland.



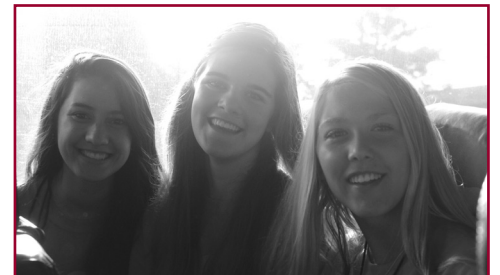
Dan Harms and Riley Gallagher at the SpeakUp 5K



The amazing crowd at the SpeakUp 5K



Jumping for Jesus with friends from across the Diocese



Seatmates all the way to Atlanta! Anna Webster, Rachel Yanoschak, Blake Krongaard



Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King - Atlanta, Georgia



Post-Confirmation Young Apostles pose with a handsome baby! L to R: Mariah Craddock, Eileen Cunningham, Abby Donnelson, Lizzie Cozens, Oliver Harms (handsome baby), Lucy Smith, and Peyton Lynch



Water balloon launcher at the Young Apostles Cook-out

Summary Church Operating Fund Report: July 2014 through September 2014

Stewardship

Stewardship reminds us of all the wonderful gifts given by God and the challenge to tend to them well. We are also called to share what we have in justice and love with others. In our inventory of gratitude at St. Bridget, the parish constantly shows that it cares in many ways for all that is given to us, and makes these gifts available to the larger community and those in need around the world. The parish Stewardship program is the most important foundation to a comprehensive program of parish development. With God's help, and Monsignor Carr's guidance, we can accomplish all of our parish goals for giving and also experience the joy Christ came to give us. Thank you for your continued giving of your time, talent and treasure to St. Bridget parish.

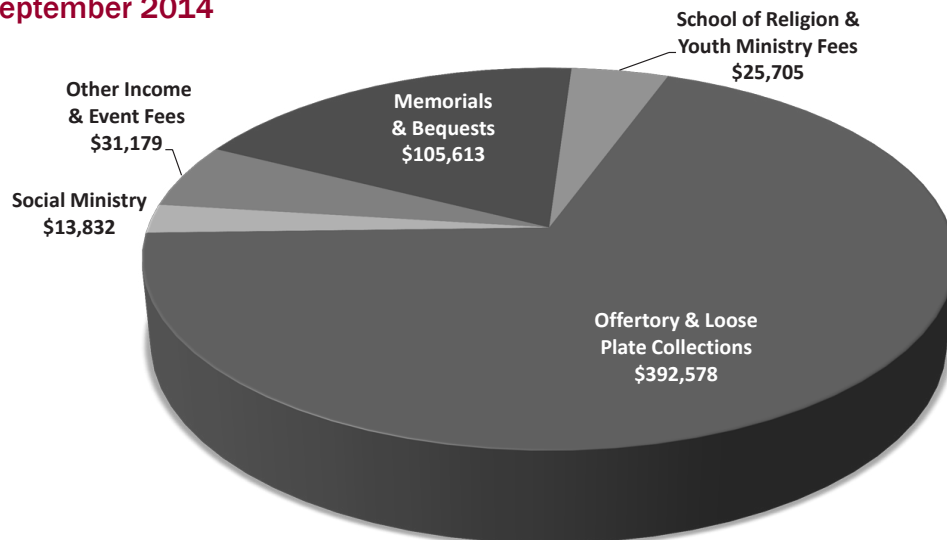
Online Giving to Saint Bridget Church

Over 20% of all offertory donations are made via E-Giving. Please consider E-Giving to make donations to the parish. To make a contribution on-line, visit our website at www.saintbridgetchurch.org and click on the blue "E-Giving" link. E-Giving is fast and easy! Online giving is secure and convenient. You may use debit cards, credit cards or electronic funds transfer for your contributions to the various funds and special collections. Contact Kimberly Lapkin at 525.7888 or kimberly@saintbridgetchurch.org if you have any questions about this E-Giving service. Thank you for your support!

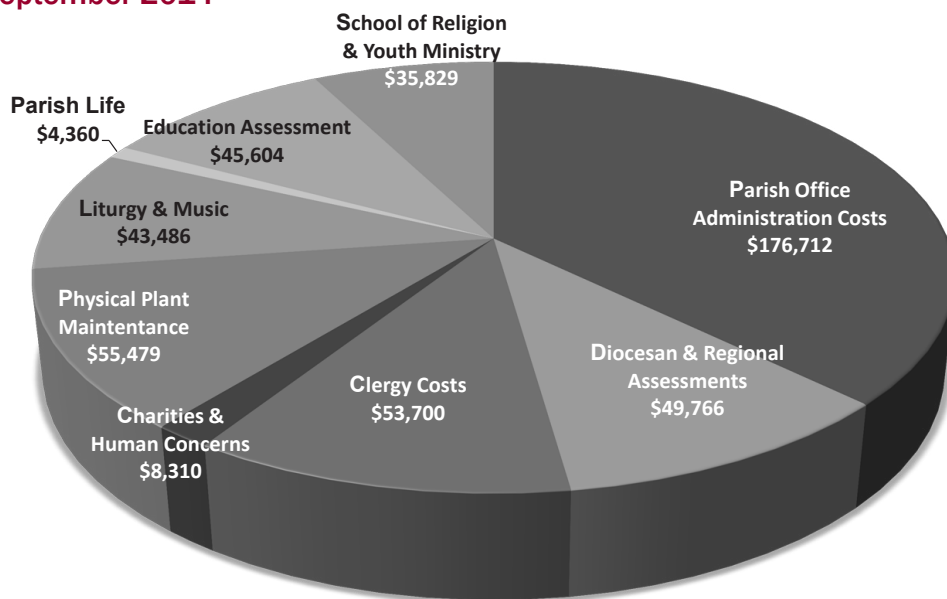
McDowell Bequest

The parish is extraordinarily grateful for the bequest received from the estate of Mrs. Stasia "Mitzi" McDowell. Mrs. McDowell's legacy of giving will help St. Bridget parish flourish now and for future generations. Please remember St. Bridget Catholic Church in your estate plans.

St. Bridget Church Operating Fund Revenues July 2014 through September 2014



St. Bridget Church Operating Fund Expenditures July 2014 through September 2014



Diocese of Richmond Living Our Mission Capital Campaign

Our parish family is partnering with the Diocese of Richmond for the Living Our Mission capital campaign. This campaign has among its goals financial support for recruiting and forming seminarians of the diocese and to develop funds for the health care of our priests in retirement. Our parish accepted a goal of two million dollars and we are well on our way with more than seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars raised.

"I am excited about the Diocesan Living Our Mission capital campaign because I love this Diocese and I think the funds raised are vital to our future together. Please join me in supporting this prudent effort that will help so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ."

~ Monsignor Carr

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Women on the Way

Saturday, November 8, 2014 Greater Richmond Convention Center

Diocese of Richmond

Catholic Women's Conference

a day of fellowship, prayer, and inspiration
to refresh and renew the soul



KEYNOTE
Sister Miriam James, SOLT



MUSICIAN
Sarah Hart

Register Today
[www.regonline.com/
womenontheway2014](http://www.regonline.com/womenontheway2014)

November 1st 9:00 AM Mass for All Saints Day

All Souls Evening Prayer: To begin this month of remembrance we invite you, your family and friends to take part in an "All Souls Evening Prayer" liturgy as we remember all parishioners who have died, and especially those who died in the last year. That liturgy will take place this year on **Monday, November 3 at 7:30 PM**, in the church. The choirs of St. Bridget will lead the music of the liturgy, accompanied by organ & strings. The names of those who were buried from St. Bridget over the past November through October this year will be read aloud. If your loved one passed to eternal life during the past year but the funeral liturgy was not celebrated at St. Bridget, please submit the name to Paul Amrhein at 525-7902 or paul@saintbridgetchurch.org by October 27.

A Month of Remembrance: Once again we will display pictures of our parishioners who have been called home to God this past year. The display will be in the commons from November 2 -30. If you would like to participate in this event we would ask you to either drop off at our office or mail a framed picture of your loved one to arrive between October 21 and 28. Please tape a label on the back of the frame with your loved one's name, birth to this world and birth to eternal life dates, your name, address and phone number printed on it. Your loved one along with all the deceased of our community will be remembered in our prayers during that time. You may pick up your picture from the display the weekend of November 30 or from the parish office after that date.

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Lawrence Gray Carpenter
Joseph Francis Cherry
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Jacob Nicholas Crabtree
Matthew Carter Dion
Carmine Julius Douglas
Rose Marie Dowdy
Cambelle Elaine Fawell
Michael Luke Fawell
Rose Elizabeth Fernandez
Vincent Thomas Gardner
Charles Ralston Glatt
Sean Christian Hamner
Patrick Kirk Henry
Hayden Evans Huddleston
Miller Anne Huddleston
Graham Patrick Jones
Bowen Ryan Judy
Luke Sebastian Karaffa
Benjamin Flynn Kuti
Mary Sailor McDonough Logan
Marie Evelyn Lunardi
John Philip Miller
Millie Daphne Reed
Madison Caroline Reibsamen
Caroline Ryan Robertson
Cora Louise Root
Olivia Marie Rose
Sabriel Rae Scheu Aubrey Rose Shawn
Eva Sofia Tkacz
Charles Fenway Wallmeyer
Alaina Jade Wei
Jackson Baird Weisiger

New Parishioners

Dr. & Mrs. Christopher Beal
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Bordelon
Kevin & Hazel Cook
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Glatt
(children: Evelyn, Charlie)
Ms. Anne Glenn (child: Evelyn)
Mr. Federico Gontaruk
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Huddleston
(children: Hayden, Miller)

Marriages

Amanda Sheremeta and
Blaine Daugherty
Jessica Lee and Tyler Sorensen
Lauren Jacoby and Benjamin Goeke
Alexandra Ashby and Eric Mayers
Stephanie Gibrall and Noel Brooks
Sarah Fagre and Samuel Waagen
Ashley Lomicka and Edward Wojtan
Rebecca Seay and Brian Molloy
Heidi Schlicher and Kevin Cook

Deaths

Mike Cattertin
Dan Coli
James Dischinger
Leonora Ebhardt
Dorothy Konnick Furey
Karen Jennings
Levina Kearns
Paul Kohler II
Dennis Laing
Joan Liscio
June Northup
Dante Pellei
Elizabeth Whelan Revene
Florence Sabatini
Chuck Serafim
Peter Wren
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCashin (child:
Finley)
Mr. & Mrs. Kristopher Moore
(children: Everett, Tucker)
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Nachman (child: Karol)
Mr. Henry Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Justin Riemer (child: Julia)
Justin & Logan Weis

Parish Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to all of the parishioners who came out for fellowship at the St. Bridget Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday September 21, 2014. It was a beautiful morning and the food was delicious! A special thanks to parishioners Mark & Pam Sweeney (Shoney's) for their generous donation of pancake mix, syrup, bacon & sausage, parishioner Ann Kardos and Richmond Restaurant for the baked apples, Starbucks for donating the coffee, Marie Swider and the wonderful St. Bridget Service Team, Women's & Men's Ministry and the St. Bridget's Knights for making the pancakes. It was a fun parish-wide event!

