

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday	December 28	
Tuesday	December 29	
Wednesday	December 30	8:15 am
Thursday	December 31	8:15 am
Friday	January 1	10:00 am
Saturday	January 2	5:00 pm
Sunday	January 3	9:30 am

No Adoration (Office Closed)  
 No Communion Service  
 Breda McGinnis, R.I.P.  
 Harold Quigg, R.I.P.  
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God (holy day)  
 The Epiphany of the Lord  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your prayers:

Oghenemarho Mamoh, Joseph Watunu, Kay Dowd, Helen Naughton, Bridget Howard, Barbara Sauntry, Ijeoma Opara, Dom Finocchio, Jamie Gibson, Collette & David Swan, June Butler, and the children at Seattle Children's Hospital.



*MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

*Thank you for joining our Christmas celebration at St. Bridget Parish. Welcome to all our parish families and in a special way I want to welcome visitors, family, friends, and those we haven't seen in awhile. Know that you are always welcome here. We are blessed with your presence in our community. Please visit us again and don't hesitate to contact the parish office if we can be of assistance. For more information about our parish programs, visit our website: [www.stbridgetchurch.org](http://www.stbridgetchurch.org) May His birth bring you peace and happiness now and always,  
 Father Stephen Okumu  
 Pastor*

**SAINT BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Janice Duffell—(523-8787)

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Assumption—St Bridget School:

Principal—Christina Vierra McGill—524-7452

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:15 am

Weekend Masses—Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)  
 Sunday 9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—4:30 pm ( or by appointment)



**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAY DECEMBER 24 at Noon, WE WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 29 AT 9:00 a.m.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and a JOYOUS NEW YEAR!**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED, DECEMBER 31 at NOON AND WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 9:00 AM**

**All phone messages will be checked daily!**

**Parishioner Parking Reminder:**

The shared road between St. Bridget's Church and Laurel Park Condos is an easement driveway for entrance/exit vehicular traffic and No Parking on the road or the grass is allowed. Please be respectful of our neighbors to the north as we assemble together as a community for our Sunday 9:30 am Mass, funerals, parish events, and so forth. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Liz Houlihan, Facilities Mgr.



St. Bridget's Book of Prayer is in the alcove near the chapel. We encourage you to list your prayer intentions in the book. They will be remembered at all our Masses.

## IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Programs for the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation will resume in January. All participating Catholic youth who will be at least 16 years by April 2016 are eligible and encouraged to enroll.

Session Dates for Confirmation Preparation:

Session 1) 1/10/16— 10:30-12:15

Session 2 ) 1/24/16—10:30-12:15

Session 3) 1/31/16—10:30-12:15

Session 4) 2/21/16—10:30-12:15

Session 5) 2/28/16—10:30-12:15

Session 6) 3/6/16—10:30-12:15

**RETREAT: 3/20/16—10:30 am—4:30pm**

Please Contact Youth Program Director:

Janice Duffell with any questions

janice.stbridgetym@gmail.com

## JANUARY YOUTH EVENTS:

Jan.3: 6PM, Youth Mass and fellowship dinner

Jan. 7: 6-8pm Junior High Youth Night

Jan. 14: 6-8pm Junior High Youth Night

Jan. 21: 6-8pm All Youth Service Night

Questions? Feedback? Contact Janice Duffell at

[janice.stbridgetym@gmail.com](mailto:janice.stbridgetym@gmail.com)

## **PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

Contact Tyra Elliott to REGISTER for all classes at 206-523-9760 or by e-mail [tyra@stbridgetchurch.org](mailto:tyra@stbridgetchurch.org)

### **THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS A YEAR OF MERCY:**

Prayer for the year of Mercy—

May Christ Jesus, who became human and shared our earthly life, strengthen our Faith. Amen

May Christ Jesus, who remains among us hidden in our neighbors, enliven our charity. Amen

May Christ Jesus, who will greet us at death and at the end of time, grant us mercy. Amen

**Thinking about coming into the Christian faith?** There are many ways to become fully initiated into the Catholic tradition of Christianity: **join the RCIA Inquiry group:** next Inquiry session begins: Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Inquiry classes meet once a week; **or if already Baptized attend classes to make a Profession of Faith into the Catholic tradition of Christianity.** **Never been Confirmed,** consider joining our Adult Confirmation group. **Advanced registration required for all groups.** Call Tyra 206-523-9760.

### **PARENTS: BAPTISMS:**

**Next Parent preparation class Dates:** Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 6, 2016 both classes from 1 to 3pm. **Class registration required.**

### **IT'S NOT TO LATE FOR:**

**Pope Francis' Year of Mercy continues in January 6:30 –8pm** only once a month until Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Future dates: January 11, February 8 and March 14<sup>th</sup> all on Monday nights.

**ST. BRIDGET WOMEN'S RETREAT:** April 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> at Dumas Bay Retreat Center in Federal Way, registration materials will be available in January, 2016 for early registration.



Mark your calendars for the Assumption-St. Bridget School Open House event for Pre-K-8th grade:

**Thursday, January 28th: 9:30am—12noon.**

Tours and grade-specific information sessions begin at 9:30am. All are welcome! For more information, visit: [www.asbschool.org](http://www.asbschool.org) or email our

Director of Admissions Kathryn Almy at [admissions@asbschool.org](mailto:admissions@asbschool.org).



## **GIVING TREE - MANY THANKS**

To all those parish families who helped make this year's Giving Tree so successful, THANK YOU. The people at St. Francis House, the street kids served at the Orion Center, and the families at the Sacred Heart Shelter were very appreciative.



Please join us for the Rosary in the Chapel after daily Mass and on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Prayer booklets available.



## **KNIGHTS NOTES**

St. Bridget Knights of Columbus Council want to thank you. Our Pancake Breakfast exceeded our expectations! Thanks to all the parishioners who generously supported our efforts for the school in Father Okumu's village.

**THANK YOU!**

## **The Knights of Columbus of St. Bridget EPIPHANY CLOTHING DRIVE**

To benefit YouthCare

Help keep our youth warm and dry!

Each night in Seattle, 700-1000 young people have no safe place to sleep. St Bridget's Knights of Columbus is hosting a Clothing Drive to help these youth with much needed clothing.

**WE NEED:**

**Warm winter coats, blankets and sleeping bags, new socks and underwear, hats, gloves and scarves, and hand warmers.**

Please drop off Donations at St. Bridget's in the Vestibule of the Church. The weekend of January 2/3. Contacts: Bertrand de Boutray at [bdebout@msn.com](mailto:bdebout@msn.com) or (206)769 0886; Tony Lovrovich at [lov.ortho@gmail.com](mailto:lov.ortho@gmail.com) or (206) 605-8881.