

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

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WELCOME

You enter this Church ... not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service.

Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and your coming in.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Joseph G. Bochenek*Pastor*
Bette Brocato *Pastoral Associate & Business Manager*

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Weddings, Baptisms, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals are the special pleasure of our ministry. Since individual needs consideration. Please do not hesitate to call, since these celebrations are our service to you & a joy for us.



Saturdays - 4PM Sundays - 10:30AM
Weekdays – 8:00AM Holidays - As Announced
Family Mass - As Scheduled
Office hours Mon-Thurs 8:30-4:00pm Fri Closed


JANUARY

- 02 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Lowell Curtis (M & M Curtis)
- Josie Feglein (Fr. Joe)
- 03 ~10:30AM Madonna Council (Fr. Joe)
- Regina Sroka (Fr. Joe)
- 04 ~ 8:00AM Jamie Bochenek (Fr. Joe)
- 05 ~ 8:00AM Elizabeth Cobb (Jeanette Fisher)
- 06 ~ 8:00AM Bochenek Fam. (Fr. Joe)
- 07 ~ 8:00AM Bill Strobel (Fr. Joe)
- 08 ~ 8:00AM Steve Rzekowski Sr.
- (Carolyn Rzekowski)
- 10:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 09 ~ 8:00AM Gregory Wright & Fam. (Mom)
- 4:00PM Anna Mary Majka
- (Bernie Majka)
- Tillie Pawlak (Lois Pawlak)
- 10 ~10:30AM Znovena Fam. (Fr. Joe)
- Sunshine Boys (Fr. Joe)



January 3, 2016
The Epiphany of the Lord
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep these people in your prayers:
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 Andrew Bark, Vince Clews, Charles Hartnett, Jerry Kaczmarek, Janice Marshall, Kathleen Martin, Edward Pazdan, Mike Sarnecki, Ruth Sergetick, Renae Smith, Ann Stachorowski, Helen Wolski, & Betty Zaczek.

DAILY REFLECTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS:

I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the center and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.

Reflection: What comes to mind as you read Pope Francis' words? How do you feel called to change your own heart, mind, or actions in light of them? What does God want you to do to help our Church become more merciful?

We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish community. We hope you leave with great comfort. God's Blessing for you and your family. Join us anytime.

PASTOR'S CORNER

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

You probably heard the observation that if the wise men had been women they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought practical gifts like diapers, baby wipes, and toys.

The feast of the **Epiphany (a name that means REVELATION)** focuses our faith on Jesus as both the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel and as of universal salvation, revealed to all nations. The images of the bright light, both in the star over Bethlehem and in later references to the appearance in Galilee of a light to **“the people who live in darkness and the shadow of death”** are powerful ways of saying that God reveals salvation in Jesus. Human destiny is changed by his entry into human history.

In the Sermon on the Mount, his opening words were **“You are the light of the World.”** In order for a candle to give light, the wax will melt and the wick is consumed by the flame. The brighter the flame the quicker the destruction of the candle. Jesus would use this analogy to describe his **Philosophy for living. If you really want to live life to the fullest, you must die.** Just like a candle is destroyed by the light of the flame, we most also die in order to live. **We die a little bit each day when we die to ourselves. When we think of the other and less of ourselves and when we reach out in love to those who are in need.**

The motto of the Christophers say it well **“it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness”.** However small our personal vocation, a single Christ bearer can have a significant impact on the lives of others. The darker the night, the brighter that one candle can be.

For us a believer who acknowledge Jesus as **“Christ our Light”** on the day of our baptism, when we received the gift of faith, a light of a candle was entrusted to us as the minister proclaimed. **“Keep the light burning within you until that day when you encounter God face to face”.**

May the season of Christmas and the festival lights let **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE-LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE.**

God Loves you & So do I,

Fr. Joe

Lectors and Ministers – JANUARY 2 & 3

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
C – Carroll Hock
C – Ron DeBrosse
L – Mike Kegan

Sunday: 10:30AM B – John Swann
C – Gerry Swann
C – Antoinette Sheridan
L – Vicky Walmsley

Lectors and Ministers – JANUARY 9 & 10

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Marge Kaniecki
C – Sue Gerhold
C – Chris Broughton
L – Pat Banz

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Fran Groves
C – Connie Curtis
C – Valeria Brown
L - Joy Mays

HELP KEEP THE HOMELESS WARM:

If you have any old/new blankets, shoes, or socks that you could donate, please bring them to the parish office. We know someone who regularly goes out to feed the homeless and would distribute the items to help them get through the cold weather. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

4th - Office Reopens
6th - Staff training at Catholic Center 11-1pm
26th – Beans & Bread
31st – Hibernian Mass 1:30pm
Throats will be blest at Mass Jan 30th & 31st

FEBRUARY

7th – Souper Bowl Sunday
9th - Cluster Meeting 12noon @St Brigid
10th – Ash Wednesday
16, 23 – Hatton Center 10 am
17, 24 – Lenten Soup Meals

GRACE FILLED DAYS

God sent his Son to be born of a woman, and his spirit to be born in our hearts, and he freed us from our slavery to be born to false gods and bondage to the law. We are his heirs, his children-not his slaves-and we are loved unconditionally. But we are free to go back to our chains anytime we wish. It sounds foolish, and it is, but we do it all the time-turn to the false gods who will only tie us up and throw us down. Remember today all you stand to inherit. Don't squander your freedom.

TRI PIC WINNERS

*TRI PIC WINNER INFORMATION WILL
BE IN THE BULLETIN ON
JANUARY 10, 2016.*

**Thanks to all of you who support this much
needed Fundraiser. God Bless**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

*On behalf of myself and the Christmas
Basket Committee, we wish to extend
our warmest thanks to you for your
sponsorship of families, gift cards, and
monetary donation for the 2015
Christmas Basket Program.*

*This year with your help, 23
families & seniors will be having a much
happier Christmas. Whether you
sponsored a family, went out and bought
gift cards, donated food products, or
made a monetary donation, it all came
together to make this outreach program
a success. We cannot thank you enough
for your generosity.*

*With moving and settling in our
new space we began this project late and
we were a little worried about getting it
done. Our worry was in vain; whenever
we ask for help, you always come
through. The parishioners and friends of
St. Brigid are one in a million.*

*As you celebrate Christmas with
your family, know that the warm place
in your heart is because you made
Christmas special for needy families &
seniors. May God bless you abundantly
for being so generous.*

**MAY 2016 BRING YOU HAPPINESS,
HEALTH & A BLEST YEAR.**

**CELL PHONES - Respect Our Lord & those around
you. Turn off your cell phones during Mass. Please
silence children's video games during the liturgy.**

WHOLE COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 3 Session 4, Three Kings Celebration
- 10 Liturgy of the Word 4
(1stComm Mtg - 9:00)
- 17 Home Study 4
- 24 Session 5
- 30/31 St. Brigid Celebration (162 years)
- 31 Home Study 5

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 3 Class
- 10 No Class
- 17 Class
- 24 No Class
- 31 Class

HATTON SENIOR CENTER, 410-396-9025

The Center will be closed January 1 and January 18
Monday January 4, 11,25 video Walk at 9:00, Yoga
at 10:00 Eating together at 11:30. No Red Hatters this
month. **Tuesday** January 19 Please join us at 12:00
noon for Zeta Healthy Aging program Z-HAP.
January 5, 12,19,26 Wii at 9:00 Eating Together at
11:30. **Wednesday** January 6, 13,20,27 Jan 20
Legal Help 12:00 by appointment. Jan 27 blood
pressure check at 11:00, Eating together at 11:30. Bus
Trip: Wednesday Feb. 24th please call the center for
details. **Thursday** January 7, 14,21,28 video walk
9:00, wii 10:00, aerobics 10:30 and eating together at
11:30. **Friday** January 8,15,22,29 Bus to Walmart
12:00, Bingo at 12:30 Please be at the Center by
12:00 to purchase your cards.

THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE?

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heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that
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