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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*

Jo Ellen Shorb .....*Director of Religious Education/Youth*  
MaryClaire Battersby ..... *Administrative Assistant*

### 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.



### JANUARY

30 ~ 8:00AM John Brown & Fam (Bette)  
4:00PM Paul & Julia Sloboda (Julia Scott)  
John & Genevieve Kielian  
(Fr. Joe)

31 ~10:30AM Beulah Dorsey (Joan Lee/Bette)  
Alice Raatjes (Bette)

### FEBRUARY

01 ~ 8:00AM Melvin Mouring (Shorb Fam)  
02 ~ 8:00AM Dolly Schell (Jeanette Fisher)  
03 ~ 8:00AM Boleslaus Majka (Majka Fam)  
04 ~ 8:00AM Mary Zaranski (Carol Chase)  
05 ~ 8:00AM John Victor Toporzycki Sr.  
(Helen Toporzycki)  
10:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners  
06 ~ 8:00AM Ted Brown & Fam (Bette)  
4:00PM Lowell Curtis (M/M Ken Curtis)  
Melvin Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)  
07 ~10:30AM Michael J. Lauer Jr.  
(Agnes Lauer)  
Charles Russell, Sr.  
(Jeanette Fisher)

Remember in your prayers the souls of Betty Zaczek and Bob Gerst. Also, remember their families & friends in your prayers. May their faith and their memories help them through this difficult time.

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 31, 2016  
Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

"Isn't this the son of Joseph?" Luke 4:22

### GRACE FILLED DAYS

Jesus remains present and active in the affairs of human history through the power and the gifts of his Spirit; he is beside each of us: Even if we do not see him with our eyes, he is there! He accompanies us, he guides us, he takes us by the hand and he lifts us up when we fall down.

The risen Jesus so close to persecuted and discriminated Christians, he is close to every man and woman who suffers. He is close to us all... The Lord is with us! Do you believe this? Then let's say it together: the Lord is with us!

*Reflection: Do you lose sight of God in your sufferings, or do you draw near to him? This week try to pray in moments of distress. Reach out to him in small ways when you are challenged or feel weak. He is there to help you.*

**NOTE: For those who would like to pay their respects to the family of Betty Zaczek: the family will receive friends on Monday, Feb. 1st from 2 -4pm and 7-9pm at the Kaczorowski Funeral Home. There is a Christian Wake Service planned for Betty Zaczek on Monday afternoon at 3pm.**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### SPELLBOUND

The Gospel for today, the people were spellbound by his teaching. **He speaks with authority**, not like the scribes of Pharisees. He speaks to us in parables, in stories that we can relate to in everyday life. Where did he get all this knowledge? Isn't this the carpenter's son? He held them speechless as he spoke and clung to every work, every thought, and every expression. He instilled hope, gave them courage to take a leap of faith and believe in Him.

In the Broadway musical "**My Fair Lady**" Eliza Doolittle utters: "**Words! Words! Words!** I am so sick of words. I hear words all day long first from him (Professor Higgins) now from you (Freddie) Is that all you blackguards can do? Don't speak to me about love! Don't tell me! **Show me!**"

**Jesus let's his action speak louder than words and shows them by making the people even more spellbound by watching Jesus cast out the demon from the screaming, convulsing man.** He brings healing and comfort to the troubled man, and restores him to his family and gives him dignity as a person.

We are a people in need of healing in our lives. There is much hurting and pain, both physical and spiritual. The world seems flooded with scenes of suffering and the wounds are so deep. Memories of the last century are filled with violence or World Wars and other catastrophes that have shocked the world with images of horrendous suffering concentrated in one instant. As we witness much suffering in the world via the television media, radio and newspapers, it can make one numbed, rendered helpless by the enormity of human misery. Some call it "**compassion fatigue**". Jesus came to rid the world of adversity, to bring about healing in curing all ills. Jesus came to rid the world of adversity, to bring about healing incurring all ills. Jesus showed **COMPASSION**. Not just feeling sorry for the individual because of their pain and agony, but rather taking their grief and placing it on himself, removing their sorrow and turning it into joy. In being a follower of Jesus by bearing the name Christian, when it comes to the suffering we see in the world our conclusion must always be: "**THERE IS ONLY OUR SUFFERING**".

**Know that God Loves you & So do I,  
Fr. Joe**

### **\*\*\*COLLECTION INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN.**

**NOTE:** If you wish a statement of your 2015 donations for tax purposes please call the office with your request.



**NOTE: Next weeks second collection is for Liturgy/Religious Education.**

### **BLESSING OF THROATS**

The feast of St. Blaise, Patron of Throat Illnesses is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Joe will be blessing throats following Masses this weekend.



**COMMUNION AND THE RECEPTION OF WINE:** Since we are now in the cold and flu season we will discontinue the reception of wine during communion. We will resume the wine Palm Sunday weekend.

### **Lectors and Ministers – JANUARY 30 & 31**

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold  
L – Tim O'Toole

**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Gerry Swann  
L - Jonathan Swann

### **Lectors and Ministers – FEBRUARY 6 & 7**

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold  
L – Pat Banz

**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – John Swann  
L – Vicky Walmsley

### **PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl weekend**

**9<sup>th</sup> – Cluster mtg. 12noon – St. Brigid**

**10<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – Ashes 8, 12, 7**

**16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> – Hatton Center 10-11:30 am**

**17<sup>th</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> – Soup Meals – UEC Hall**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Beans & Bread**



**HELP KEEP THE HOMELESS WARM:**  
If you have any old/new blankets, shoes, or socks, etc. 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.

*The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created... Let the whole world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of him. For when he spoke, the world began!* Psalm 33:6-9NLT

## ST BRIGID CELEBRATION

We had planned to have our St. Brigid Celebration this weekend following the 4pm Mass. However, Mother Nature has gifted us with an abundance of snow and ice which we know will keep many from venturing outside. So, we have decided to move the Celebration to a later date. *We will be honoring our Patron Saint on March 19<sup>th</sup> following the 4 pm Mass.* Please save the date and plan on joining us. Thank you.

## THE SEARCH IS ON – FOR ST. BRIGID’S 90+ PARISHIONERS!!!



If you are 90 or older, we would like to hear from you. We would like to celebrate our treasured 90+ parishioners as part of our St. Brigid celebration. If you fall into this category, please call the office 410-563-1717 and let us know your age and years of being of a part of St. Brigid. We look forward to hearing from you.

## TRI PIC WINNERS

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01/21 M- 099 not sold	E- 320 L. Friedel
01/22 M- 674 R. Ullman	E- 510 not sold
01/23 M- 401 MC Battersby	E- 804 F. Frankowski
01/24 M- 695 P. Sampson	E- 593 R. Winkler
01/25 M- 861 D. Heiger	E- 111 A. Burger
01/26 M- 805 not sold	E- 723 J. Sims

*Thanks to all of you who support our much needed Fundraisers. God Bless.*

### FOR TRI PIC TICKETS AND CALENDARS

**SALES: PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE: 410-563-1717 AND ASK FOR LINDA.**

### HATTON SENIOR CENTER, 410-396-9025

AARP will be doing Taxes for Seniors starting Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, Mondays only! Please call for an appointment.

**Monday:** February 1,8,22, 29 Video Walk at 9:00, Yoga at 10:00 Eating Together at 11:30. Center will be closed February 15 for Presidents' Day.

**Tuesday:** February 2,9,16,23 Faith and Life begins Feb.16,23 at 10:00 and Feb 16 Z-Hap Healthy living program at 12:00 and Eating Together 11:30

**Wednesday:** February 3,10,17,24 Legal Help by Appointment only. General information meeting Feb. 10 at 1:00 February 24 blood pressure check 11:00.

**Thursday:** February 4,11,18,25 Video walk 9:30, Wii 10:00, Aerobics 10:30 and Eating together at 11:30.

**Friday** February 5,12,19,26 Bus to Walmart 12:00, Bingo at 12:30 Please be at the center by 12:00 to purchase your cards.

## WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH FORMATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

7	Session 6 - Feast of St. Brigid
10	Ash Wednesday
14	Liturgy of the Word 5 (Ashes/Lent)
21	Home Study 6
28	Session 7

#### **\*\*SOUPER BOWL\*\***



On Sunday February 7, 2016 160 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave mass on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

### CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

7	Class
14	Class
21	No Class
28	Class

### Catholic High Upcoming Events:

**Spring Musical-** March 18 & 19; 7:00 p.m.

**Red Carpet Welcome-** Friday, March 18; 6-7 p.m.; Prospective families come learn more about us, take a tour, and see our spring musical!

**7th Grade Shadow Week-** Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22; Visit our website to register today!

**Campus Experience Days-** Friday, April 15 & April 29; 8-11 a.m. for prospective parents

**For information, call our Enrollment Office at 410.732.6200 ext. 216**

***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.***



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