

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

1854 – 2016 ~ 162 YEARS

Mission Statement
To Be Open, Caring,
& Hospitable



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.

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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.



MARCH

- 19 ~ 8:00AM Joseph Raymond Bochenek (Fr. Joe)
4:00PM Boleslaus W. Majka (Majka family)
Betty & Peter Miklovic (Julia Scott)
- 20 ~10:30AM Paul & Julia Sloboda (Julia Scott)
Tillie Pawlak (Lois C. Pawlak)
- 21 ~ 8:00AM Joseph Stachorowski
(Stachorowski family)
- 22 ~ 8:00AM Margaret Znovena (Fr. Joe)
- 23 ~ 8:00AM Eugene C. Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 24 ~ 8:00AM Victoria Sarnecki (Michael Sarnecki)
- 25 ~ 8:00AM Carolyn & Steve Rzczkowski
(Anniversary) (Carolyn Rzczkowski)
- 10:00AM The Poor & Homeless
- 26 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
4:00PM John C. Battersby Sr.
(Henry & MaryClaire Battersby)
Joyce Mach
(Helen Toporzycki)
- 27 ~10:30AM Kali Liz Simons (Grandma)
Louis J. Brocato (Bette)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep in your prayers: Rylee Maslock, Melnychuk Family, Dot Parker and Bob Schleicher.



NOTE: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH.

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



March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem. Luke 19:28

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

MONDAY - March 21st - Chrism Mass-*Cathedral of Mary our Queen, 7:30 PM*

WEDNESDAY - March 23rd - Lenten Reconciliation Service - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY- March 24th - Parish Office Closed- NO 8AM Mass - Mass of the Last Supper 7PM

FRIDAY - March 25th - Parish Office Closed
NO 8AM Mass - Carrying of the Cross - 10AM *from St. Brigid*
Good Friday Service - 3PM *in Church*

SATURDAY- March 26th - NO 8AM Mass
Decorate Church - 9 AM
Blessing of Baskets - 12 NOON
Easter Vigil Mass - 7 PM

SUNDAY, March 27th Family Liturgy-10:30 AM

MONDAY, March 28th - Parish Office Reopens

GRACE FILLED DAYS: But the most important thing is to walk together by working together, by helping one another, by asking forgiveness, by acknowledging one's mistakes and asking for forgiveness, and also by accepting the apologies of others by forgiving – how important this is!

Reflection: *Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask for forgiveness? Experience the joy of giving and receiving mercy.*

PASTOR'S CORNER

PALM SUNDAY – OUR PATH TO FOLLOW

Jesus entered Jerusalem amid the cheering crowds while riding on a borrowed and lowly beast, a small colt. In a similar way, when Pope Francis arrived in Washington DC last year, he declined the traditional impressive black limousine. Instead he climbed into a small Fiat 500-L sedan for his triumphal journey into the capital. **“Preach the gospel at all times, if necessary use words”** is a saying frequently attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. While there’s no evidence he actually said this, it’s certainly implied by his teaching and the way he lived. **Without using a single word, Pope Francis gave us an eloquent and unforgettable homily as he squeezed into the small car.**

This message is very practical and generally, priests do not give a sermon on Palm Sunday because of the processions and the reading of the Passion. However **people are encouraged to take advantage of Holy Week services.** In reflecting on Palm Sunday, the palm branches we hold in our hands tell the story of our own faith life. **Five weeks ago, we received ashes on our foreheads** and were reminded of our sinfulness and our need for a radical change in our lives. Those ashes we received were the result of blessed burned palms. **Today five weeks older, the palms we hold are new green leaves reminding us** that we are part of the greater story **of the conspiracy and betrayal that leads us to be mindful of the miracle of reconciliation.** These palms that five weeks ago reminded us that we are dust and to dust we will return, now remind us that we are also graced by love, an abundant love that goes before us and beckons us to follow. Lent begins with palms and ends with palms. **The question is, in this year of Mercy what will we do with their promise and their challenge? Hosanna to the Son of David!**

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

A St. Brigid Prayer

Dear St. Brigid, Patroness and Mary of Gael, we delight in your love of music, gaiety, hospitality and all creatures of the farms and woodlands around us. Bless us and give us your heart of generosity that we may always have a special love for the poor and suffering. Amen

Collections from Last Week		
	2015	2016
Offertory Envelopes	1366.00	1401.00
Offertory Loose	361.47	202.94
Total	1727.47	1603.94
Poor Box	68.91	
Attendance-Adults	118	112
Children	6	6
Next week's collection Utilities		

Lectors and Ministers – MARCH 19 & 20

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
C – Chris Broughton
C – Ron DeBrosse
L – Jonathan Swann
L – Joy Mays

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Steve Endres
C – Carmelia Endres
C – Fran Groves
L – Patrick Massey
L – Dennis Olver

Lectors – MARCH 23 (Reconciliation Srvs.)

Wednesday : 7:00PM L – Vicky Walmsley
L – Pat Banz

Lectors and Ministers – MARCH 24 (Holy Thurs)

Thursday: 7:00PM B – Sue Gerhold
C – Valeria Brown
C – Ron DeBrosse
L – Patrick Massey
L – Joy Mays

Lectors and Ministers – March 25 (Good Friday)

Friday; 3:00pm B – Connie Curtis
L – Vicky Walmsley
L – Jonathan Swann

Lectors and Ministers – MARCH 26 & 27

Saturday: 7:00PM B – Carmelia Endres
C – Steve Endres
C – Antoinette Sheridan
L – Jonathan Swann

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Religious Ed.
C – Religious Ed.
C – Religious Ed.
L – Religious Ed.

God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2CORINTHIANS 9:8 NTL



**St. Brigid Annual
Deluxe Shrimp Feast & Bull Roast**

Where	UAW HALL 1010 Oldham St.
When	Sunday, April 17, 2016
Time	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Doors Open
Cost	Cost is \$40.00 a person (NO MINORS) ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN TUES. APRIL 12 th
Caterer	Catering by Superior Catering by M & M Food served from 1:00 – 4:00PM
Music	Music Provided by: Don Bellew Music from 1:00 PM – 5:00PM
MENU	
Steamed Shrimp, Pitted Beef, Pitted Sweet Hone, Homemade Shrimp Soup, Shrimp Creole, BBQ Chicken, Whipped Garlic Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Creamy Cesar Salad, Assorted Cheese Platters, Breads & Rolls, Fixings & Condiments – Assorted Sheet cakes Draft Beer, Soda, Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR	

SAINT BRIGID'S ULTIMATE BINGO

**Prizes include: Coach, Michael Kors,
Pandora, Gift Cards and
soooo much more!!**



SUNDAY -- APRIL 3RD, 2016

DOORS OPEN -- 12:00 pm

GAMES BEGIN – 1:00 pm

TICKETS: \$20.00

Groups of 5 - \$90

(must be pre-paid by MAR. 31st)

Tickets will be \$25.00 @ door)

Will be held in United Evangelical's Hall

Additional games,

Raffles, etc!!

*Food, Snacks and drinks available
for purchase.*

PLEASE HELP: *We are still in need of
sponsors for the bags which range in price from
\$35 to \$150; however, **no donation is too
small.** If interested or able to make a
monetary donation please contact Jo Ellen at
the parish office: 410-563-1717.*

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
FAITH FORMATION
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

**Sunday School and Confirmation Schedule
APRIL**

- 20 Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms 9 am
(O'Donnell Sq)
- 27 NO CLASS - Easter
Mass of New Life 10:30 am



If There's Only One Thing You Can Do...

Try abstaining from your car for one day.

Plan ahead so driving won't be necessary that day. Select a day when you can walk, cycle, or take public transit wherever you go. If you can't go car-free, try carpooling and use the most fuel-efficient vehicle possible. Freedom from the car can be life changing...for you and the planet.

Prayer:

O Giver of Life, you called your chosen people to journey with you and blessed their movement. Guide us as we search for alternative means to fuel our journeys. Give us the creativity and courage to protect your creation and share its resources fairly. Amen

TRI PIC WINNERS

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 02/29 M- 200 not sold | E- 347 G. Kaczmarek |
| 03/01 M- 032 R. Smyth | E- 454 P. Freburger |
| 03/02 M- 343 R. Miller | E- 541 T. Staniewski |
| 03/03 M- 619 J. Hoppa | E- 488 not sold |
| 03/04 M- 437 R. Hall | E- 739 J. Hybdzinski |
| 03/05 M- 891 T. Poniatowski | E- 323 T. Wojtas |
| 03/06 M- 670 B. Kegan | E- 796 J. Hybdzinski |
- Thanks to all of you who support our much needed Fundraisers. God Bless.***

B3 is Hampstead Hill Academy's annual fundraiser sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization.

Enjoy a fun-filled night of bingo games and win cash prizes! Have fun bidding on fantastic items in our Silent Auction featuring in-kind donations from any local businesses, restaurants and other organizations. Dine on delicious bites donated by local community restaurants while listening to great music from DJ Mr. Swann!

B3 is an over 21 event and a terrific night out! B3 tickets are \$25 and include bingo card and food. Drinks and extra bingo cards will be available to purchase. You can order online at hha47.org and push the B3 button!



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