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**Mission Statement**  
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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.

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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**



May 8, 2016  
**The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

"Repentance, or the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."  
Luke 24:47-48

## MAY

- 07 ~ 8:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**
- 4:00PM **Bernard Victor Toporzycski**  
(Helen Toporzycski)  
**Julia Sloboda** (Julia Scott)
- 08 ~10:30AM **All Deceased Mothers of the Parish**  
(Helen Toporzycski)  
**Sally Mach** (Joyce Mach)
- 09 ~ 8:00AM **Tillie Pawlak** (Lois Pawlak)
- 10 ~ 8:00AM **Victor Sarnecki** (Michael Sarnecki)
- 11 ~ 8:00AM **Betty Zaczek** (Patricia Freburger)
- 12 ~ 8:00AM **Alyen Mouring** (Shorb Family)
- 13 ~ 8:00AM **Richard Urbanski** (Rita Urbanski)
- 10:00AM **Sally Mack** (Joyce Mack)
- 14 ~ 8:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**
- 4:00PM **Melvin F. Brukiewa** (Mary Brukiewa)  
**Raymond Lubinski** (Brian & Cathy)
- 15 ~10:30AM **Fr. Joseph G. Bochenek** (St. Brigid)  
**Sara Curtis** (Mr/Mrs Ken Curtis)  
**Ian Michael Wright** (Grandma)

## A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus teaches us that the good News, which he brings, is not reserved to one part of humanity, it is to be communicated to everyone. It is a proclamation of joy destined for those who are waiting for it, but also for all those who perhaps are no longer waiting for anything and haven't even the strength to seek and to ask.*

**Reflection:** *So often we view evangelization as something that we impose on others. Something that is forced and overbearing. But, ultimately, evangelization is an act of mercy if we do it with love and the perspective of truly helping others. What's your perspective on evangelization? Ask God for his.*



**Please remember in your prayers Ann Stachorowski (mother of Mike Stachorowski) and her family & friends during their time of sorrow.**

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep in your prayers: Christina Aquia, Sharon Austin, Tim Branagan, Selby Fortney, Rylee Maslock, Louis McConnell, Melnychuk Family, Charlotte Nagle, Dot Parker, Anton Resch, Bob Schleicher, Robert Shorb, and Mattie Sobus.

**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

### When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

May is the month that we honor all mothers. I share with you a poem that was written by a son somewhere in the world about his mom and is very appropriate about all moms.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and **I wanted to paint another one.**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought **it is good to be kind to animals.**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and **I knew that little things are special things.**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer and **I believed there is a God I could always talk to.**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and **I felt loved.**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and **I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and **I wanted to be everything that I could be.**

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked and **wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**God Loves you & So do I,  
Fr Joe**

*We wish all Mothers a very  
Happy & Blessed Mother's Day  
Fr. Joe & Staff*



### Collections from Last Week

	2015	2016
<b>Offertory Envelopes</b>	<b>1835.76</b>	<b>1531.00</b>
<b>Offertory Loose</b>	<b>549.14</b>	<b>477.24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2384.90</b>	<b>2008.24</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>57.71</b>	<b>32.35</b>
<b>Attendance-Adults</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>

**Next week's collection Cathedraticum Tax and a third collection for The Catholic Communication Campaign.**

### Lectors and Ministers – May 7 & 8

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold  
C – Ron DeBrosse  
C – Chris Broughton  
L – Joy Mays

**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Gerry Swann  
C – Valeria Brown  
C – John Swann  
L – Jonathan Swann

### Lectors and Ministers – May 14 & 15

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Barb Kegan  
C – Marge Kaniecki  
C – Carroll Hock  
L – Mike Kegan

**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Anthony Reedy  
C – Connie Curtis  
C – Lindsay Reedy  
L – Dennis Olver

### PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY** 8 – May Procession 9:30 AM  
14 – Food Truck Rally 5-10 PM  
21/22 – Confirmation Retreat  
24 – Beans & Bread  
30 – Memorial Day (Office is closed)

### PARISH REGISTRATION

We strongly encourage those who participate regularly in the life of our Faith Community to register with us and to use the envelopes. For those who wish to make St. Brigid their parish family with future plans to celebrate a baptism, a wedding or obtain a letter to be a godparent or sponsor, it is necessary to be formally registered and actively participating on a regular basis for at three months before dates can be set or letters can be written. Registration forms can be found in the back of Church or see our website:

[www.saintbrigid-canton.com](http://www.saintbrigid-canton.com)

**SAVE THE DATE & SPREAD THE WORD!**  
**FOOD TRUCK RALLY**

**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> – 5-10pm**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> food Truck Rally to benefit St. Brigid Church will be held in the school yard on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. We hope to use this event to attract people and money from the greater Canton/Highlandtown Community in an effort to inform people about our parish and raise money from non-parishioners. In order to do this, we need the support of our dedicated parishioners who are able to donate time or goods:

NEEDS: bottled water, diet and regular soda in cans, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, hand sanitizer pumps, 33 gal. heavy-duty trash bags, and individually-wrapped desserts. Please direct donations and inquiries to Pat Freburger at 410-563-1717.

We also need about 30 volunteers for two time slots (4-8pm & 7-11pm – times include set-up and clean-up) to work the Gates, Wheels, Instants/Raffle games, and Dessert/Drink sales. Please sign up in the back of the church with your preferences and availability, or call or email Chris Broughton/Katie Lawler at 410-241-4696/kalawler@gmail.com.

**DONATION NEEDED:**

In conjunction with the Food Truck Rally, we need to rent Porta Potties. If you are able to make a monetary donation towards this expense, you may send your donation to the Office or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Porta Potty. No donation is too small. Thank you.

**HELP, HELP, HELP!**

In preparation for the Food Truck Rally, the yard must be cleaned and stands & tables, etc. setup. If you have any time that you could give please, call the office or sign up in the back of church. You will be contacted by someone who will match up your availability. This is a major fundraiser and we need all hands. Thank you.

**SHRIMP FEAST 50/50 WINNER**

The winner of the 50/50 raffle from the Shrimp Feast was: Sal Anello. The prize was \$466.

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**  
**FAITH FORMATION**

**Sunday School Schedule**

May 8 May Procession – 9:30 am

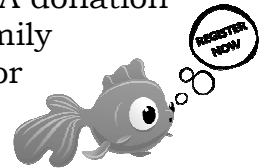
**Confirmation Schedule**

May 8 May Procession – 9:30 am

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 27 – JULY 1, 9 am-12noon**

This year's theme is **SUBMERGER**. Come and bring your friends as we meet and greet our neighbors. Children of all ages welcome. Join together for games, crafts & snacks, indoors & outside. A donation of \$15 per child or \$25 a family provides a **WEEK OF FUN** for all. Call the office and speak with Jo Ellen for more information.



**TRI PIC WINNERS**

04/18 M- 320 M. Franz	E- 847 J. Manfre
04/19 M- 995 not sold	E- 042 D. Jezek
04/20 M- 206 P. Lozuk	E- 634 D. Bittner
04/21 M- 780 R. Funari	E- 700 not sold
04/22 M- 155 not sold	E- 946 B. Kegan
04/23 M- 709 A. Zinkand	E- 357 A. Hall
04/24 M- 286 J. Dunnigan	E- 332 H. Thoman

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

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR TRI PICS**

APRIL 2014 to MARCH 2015 - \$26,435  
APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016 - \$24,500

I wish to thank all our wonderful sponsors. Their names and information are on the back of the tickets. Next in line is Bernie Majka - you know why. Thank you. I have a partner working on the Tri Pics, Dottie Parker. Thank you to Michael Stachorowski, Diane Caricofe and Dottie Parker for being there in church when I play hooky.

Everyone on my mailing list who sends some stamps. Thank you. Now most importantly, to all the buyers and sellers. Without you there would not be a profit to help St. Brigid. I would put everyone's name in the bulletin but there wouldn't be any room for other information.

Many Blessings to All, Linda



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