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**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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### PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Joseph G. Bochenek .....*Pastor*  
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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.



### MAY

- 21 ~ 8:00AM Helen Glodek (Mary Kaczmarek)
- 4:00PM Henry J. Schroeder, Sr.  
(Betty Schroeder)
- Boleslaus W. Majka (Bernie Majka)
- 22 ~10:30AM John Pawlak (Lois Pawlak)
- Genevieve Brukiewa  
(Mary Brukiewa)
- 23 ~ 8:00AM Herbert Brown & Family (Bette)
- 24 ~ 8:00AM Sarnecki- Kotkowski Family  
(Michael Sarnecki)
- 25 ~ 8:00AM John A. Wanger Sr.  
(Carroll & Joanne Hock)
- 26 ~ 8:00AM Frank Toporzycki  
(Helen Toporzycki)
- 27 ~ 8:00AM Nancy Belle (Healing)  
(Carolyn Rzeczkowski)
- 10:00AM Ann Stachorowski  
(Chris McConnell)
- 28 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Matt Lembach (Teresa Lembach)
- Lillian Schaefer-Birthday  
(Rita Schaefer)
- 29 ~10:30AM Eugene Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- Richard Urbanski (Rita Urbanski)

**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.**

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



May 22, 2016

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
"Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."  
John 16:15

### A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS.

*Mary's gaze! How important this is! How many things can we say with a look! Affection, encouragement, compassion, love, but also disapproval, envy, pride, and even hatred. Often a look says more than words: it says what words do not or dare not say.*

*At whom is the Virgin Mary looking? She is looking at each and every one of us. And how does she look at us? And, how does she look at us? She looks at us as a Mother, with tenderness, mercy and love.*

### **Reflection:**

***What does your look say about you? Do you look upon others with mercy, or does your glance convey a sense of disapproval, or superiority, or boredom? Take up Mary's example and look on others with love.***

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

In this season of graduations, **Sir Edmund Hillary** is often used as a story of inspiration as he was the **first to reach the top of Mount Everest 29,029 feet above the earth in June of 1953.** It is the highest point on the face of the earth and has been a focal point in the news where earthquakes have brought about devastating damage and loss of lives. When asked why would anyone attempt to climb the mountain? The response was, **“because it is there.”**

**Mountains challenge us to climb them.** The higher we climb, it seems, the closer we get to the heavens. Maybe mountaintops are special because there **you can find the solitude necessary to encounter God.** Moses climbed the mountain at Sinai alone and found God at the mountaintop to commission them to make disciples of all nations.

**“Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

In making the sign of the cross, we are making a profession of faith, acknowledging that we believe in One God In Three Persons. We know about the Trinity the only way we possibly could: **God revealed it to us. The sign of the cross is more than an introduction and closing of a prayer like bookends for another prayer. It is a prayer by itself.**

Years ago at St. Alphonse's Church next to the Holy Water font there was a sign that said, **“Be sure to touch all the bases”.** The reference is to a baseball game, if a batter hits a home run, he must circle the bases, and if he fails to touch each base the batter can be ruled out and the home run disallowed. So the next time you bless yourself. **Make sure that you touch all the bases.**

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



### Collections from Last Week

	2015	2016
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	1746.00	1055.00
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	402.00	266.00
<i>Total</i>	2148.00	1321.00
<i>Poor Box</i>	28.29	39.67
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	unavailable	79
<i>Children</i>		5
<i>Catholic Communications Collection: 71.00</i>		
<i>Next week's collection Utilities.</i>		

### Lectors and Ministers – May 21 & 22

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Marge Kaniecki  
C – Ron DeBrosse  
C – Chris Broughton  
L – Joy Mays

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Carmelia Endres  
C – Steve Endres  
C – Antoinette Sheridan  
L – Patrick Massey

### Lectors and Ministers – May 28 & 29

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Sue Gerhold  
C – Barb Kegan  
C – Carroll Hock  
L – Helen Toporzycski

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Fran Groves  
C – Gerry Swann  
C – John Swann  
L – Vicky Walmsley

### PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 24 – Beans & Bread  
30 – Memorial Day (Office is closed)

JUNE 19 – Father's Day  
20 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Summer  
27<sup>th</sup> - 7/1 – Vacation Bible School  
28 – Beans & Bread

**JUST A REMINDER** *If you would like to have an event published in the bulletin, it must be put in writing & sent to the Parish Office at least two weeks before the event. This will help to avoid errors. Pulpit announcements must be sent to the office.*

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

## 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).

## TRI PIC WINNERS

05/02 M- 048 K. Curtis      E- 558 K. Curtis  
05/03 M- 265 A. Impallaria      E- 532 A. Freund  
05/04 M- 115 C. Piccione      E- 334 W. Sampson  
05/05 M- 240 J. Sgroi Sr.      E- 444 B. Baynes  
05/06 M- 354 D. Alemayku      E- 260 J. Grebos  
05/07 M- 135 R. Washel      E- 086 L. Mierzwicki  
05/08 M- 670 B. Kegan      E- 526 S. Szymanski  
*Thanks to all of you who support our much needed Fundraisers. God Bless.*

## BEANS & BREAD



Beans & Bread is a much needed outreach to the homeless. The casseroles we provide help to feed the homeless on a monthly basis. We welcome anyone who would like to make a casserole. It is only once a month, so please consider this outreach to the needy.

Please bring your casserole on this **Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> by 8:30 am to the Church.** Pans & the recipe are available in back of church. Thanks to all who have been so faithful.

### CASSEROLE RECIPE FOR "BEANS & BREAD"

**1lb. hot dogs, sliced      1 small onion, diced**  
**½ c ketchup                      ½ c brown sugar or syrup**  
**1 #10 can pork & beans (or 6-8 16oz cans)**  
**Combine all ingredients. Do not cook. Cover with foil. Bring to hall before 8:30 am on Tuesday.**

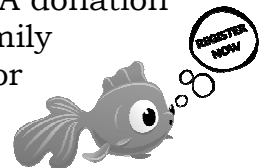
## Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House

Our Silent Auction is on Friday, June 3, 2016 from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.! Raffle tickets are \$100 each. 1st Prize is \$10,000 and 2nd Prize is \$1,000. Up to 4 people may share a ticket. Each ticket entitles you to attend the drawing on June 3 which includes hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction, and games of chance. The silent auction begins when doors open. For tickets call Jackie at 410-666-2400 ext 810.

## WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH FORMATION

### 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.



### The "BE" Attitudes



The thoughts that you think  
are up to you,  
What you think is what you do.

*Those who are pure in their thinking are  
happy. They will be with God.  
Matthew 5:8*

## **FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM:**

The Catholic Church in the United States will observe a Fortnight for Freedom, June 21-July 4. The Fortnight is a time for prayer, education, and action to support and defend religious freedom in our Nation and around the world. This year's Fortnight will celebrate past and present "witnesses to religious freedom." The Archdiocese of Baltimore will host events to mark the Fortnight, beginning with the nationally-televised national opening Mass, celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori, at the Baltimore Basilica on June 21st at 7pm. Relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher will be on display during and after the Mass for veneration. More information about the Mass and about the other events taking place in the Archdiocese can be found at [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).



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