

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 and Funerals are the special pleasure of our ministry. Since individual needs differ, it's best to contact the Parish Office for appropriate consideration. Please do not hesitate to call, since these celebrations are our service to you & a joy for us.



SEPTEMBER

24 ~ 8:00AM **Jeffry Goldman** (Teresa Lembach)
4:00PM **Veronica Stasiak** (Margaret Kaniecki)
Walter G. Toporzycki (Helen Toporzycki)
25~10:30AM **Evelyn Wenger**
(Joanne & Carroll Hock)

Stanley Brzozowski (Cheryl & Fred Schattall)

26 ~ 8:00AM **John Pawlak** (Lois Pawlak)
27~ 8:00AM **Steve Healing** (Henry & MC)
28 ~ 8:00AM **Evelyn Hayhurst** (Smith Family)
29 ~ 8:00AM **Jerome Brown** (Renaë Smith)
30~ 8:00AM **Charles Laukaitis** (Bette)
10:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**

OCTOBER

01 ~ 8:00AM **Elizabeth Timmerman** (Bette)
4:00PM **Peter Paszkiewicz** (M/M Ken Curtis)
Melvin Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
02~10:30AM **Cynthia Cohn** (Mary Kaczmarek)
Margaret Gruninger (Bette)

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.

THE 3RD COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY IS AN ARCHDIOSEAN COLLECTION FOR CAHTOLIC SCHOOLS

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



September 25, 2016
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.'" **Luke 16:27-28**

POPE FRANCIS ~ DON'T CAGE the HOLY SPIRIT

Go out into the streets and evangelize. Proclaim the Gospel. Remember that the Church was born "on the move" that Pentecost morning. Draw close to the poor and touch in their flesh the wounded flesh of Jesus. Let yourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit, in freedom; and please, don't put the Holy Spirit in a cage! Be free!
Reflection: Life in the Spirit is a life that is ready to hear God's call and to move in the direction that he points. Are you open to his call? Do you have freedom in the Spirit, or are you caged by your selfishness?

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During the month of October, Fr. Joe will be saying the rosary 15 minutes before the start of Mass. Come to Mass early and join Fr. Joe for this devotion to Our Blessed Mother. He is looking forward to praying the rosary with any of our shut-ins who call and invite him to do so.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Susan Jacobs, Pat Brandt-Barothy and Dot Loco's Great-Grandbaby

RICH MAN vs POOR MAN

“If I were a rich man, ya da da de de da da do” so sang the poor milk man from “Fiddler on the Roof”. He sang his song of dreams of being a rich man. Many of us have the same dream as **what we would do if we won the lottery?** There is an assumption that people’s reasons for seeking wealth are universal and yet quite different. For instance:

Many of the wealthy agree that their monetary is a **deserved reward for hard work** status allows them to **buy the best products**. Others have said that **wealth engenders respect**.

A few acknowledged that wealth **enabled them to engage in charitable outreach** to care for the poor and the needy. Americans claimed that **wealth made them happy** and **set an example of success** and spoke of their **accomplishments**.

From a **biblical point of view**, the rich were perceived as **being blessed with the reward of wealth for their uprightness**, and the **poor were thought to be deserving of their lot**. In order to close the gap and ease the lives of the poor, the **rich were called to exercise charity but not only that, they were called to exercise justice**. As members of one people of God, it was considered only right that those who have had to share with those who had not. **Indeed, the terms of the covenant demanded no less**.

The story of the rich man and the poor man in the gospel story of today, illustrates how **money can become the root of all evil**. We can see that although many of the famous wealthy celebrities and sport figures fail to find the true meaning of happiness and their wealth brings them chaos and frustration.

One must be careful how to handle wealth. Money can be the root of all **EVIL** and yet evil spelled backwards is **LIVE**. Perhaps we need always to count our blessings instead of sheep.

God Loves You and so do I
Fr. Joe

BEANS & BREAD

Please bring your casserole on this **Tuesday, September 27 to the Church**. Pans & the recipe are available in back of church. We welcome anyone who would like to make a casserole. It is only once a month, so please consider this outreach to the needy. Thanks to all who have been so faithful.



*Save the Date ~ Sunday, November 6
St. Brigid Annual Bull & Oyster Roast
More details will follow.*

Collections from Last Week

	2015	2016
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	1032.00	1209.00
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	240.13	229.87
Total	1272.13	1438.87
<i>Poor Box</i>	24.82	31.00
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	106	105
<i>Children</i>	7	4
Next week's collection Utilities		

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – WHO ARE WE?
COME FIND OUT THROUGH THE RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

AN INVITATION – The Catholic Church recognizes that there are many good people outside its membership. But we as Catholics have indeed found something very special that we would like to share with you: our Church, our Faith, our Way of Life.

WELCOME BACK – There is a new surge of involvement & commitment going on within our Catholic Community. We need and want you back with us. We think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Call Bette Brocato for information: 410-563-1717.

Lectors and Ministers – September 24 & 25

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Fran Groves
C – Antoinette Sheridan
L – Tim O’Toole
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Gerry Swann
C – John Swann
C – Valeria Brown
L – Vicky Walmsley

Lectors and Ministers – October 1&2

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
C – Carroll Hock
C- Ron DeBrosse
L – Mike Kegan
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Carmelia Endres
C – Steve Endres
C – Valeria Brown
L – Jonathan Swann

CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

27th- Beans & Bread
Hatton 1 – Pastor James Hamilton

OCTOBER

02nd - Blessing of Animals



BONANZA BINGO

OUR FIRST BINGO WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCT. 9th, Sacred Heart of Jesus Hall on the corner of Conkling St. & Foster Ave. Cost is

\$20 per person. Doors open at 11:30, dinner starts at 12:15pm and Bingo will begin at 1pm. For reservations call St. Brigid Parish Office @ 410-563-1717. Please call for reservations by October 5th so that we can prepare sufficient food.

TRI PIC WINNERS

09/11 M-932 Paul LaCotti	E- 403 not sold
09/12 M-729 G. Bromwell	E- 632 B. Richmond
09/13 M-041 B. Kegan	E- 983 D. Douglas
09/14 M-283 B. Brocato	E- 242 B. Kegan
09/15 M-746 D. Daus	E- 657 C. Jankowiak
09/16 M-802 not sold	E-354 no ticket
09/10 M-354 M. Weitzel	E-256 G. Polsinelli

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

LOTTERY CALENDARS FOR 2017 ON SALE NOW

The nightly Maryland 3-digit lottery number is used to determine the winner. Price is \$25 for 365 chances to win. Prizes are \$25 each night, \$100 on the 15th of each month & \$500 ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, MARYLAND DAY, ARMED FORCES DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, PATRIOT DAY, & VETERAN'S DAY.

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CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, NICE GIFT & EASY SHOPPING.

MASS INTENTIONS 2017: Mass intention requests for 2017 are being accepted. Please print names & dates and an alternate date. Print your name, address and phone #. Donation per mass is \$5. Return in an envelope to collection basket, Church/Office Mail slot or mail directly. Masses are not scheduled for the morning of Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Masses will be assigned later in the Fall and you will be notified. Mass intentions are assigned as close as possible to the donor's request.

ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF FALL!

WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SEPT 25 WELCOME & Registration
 OCT 2 Session 1 - *Feast St. Francis*
 Blessing of Animals – 12 noon
 9 Session 2
 Reconciliation Mtg, 9:15 am

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, 10/02/16 AT 12 noon

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WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

SPIRITUALITY RETREAT



The Retreat will be held at St. Brigid Church on Friday, Oct. 21st from 6-9 pm & Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 10:30am - 4 pm. There is no cost and lunch will be

provided on Saturday. Please contact the parish office to register. Come and join your fellow parishioners & parish ministers explore prayer in the Scriptures and approaches to prayer in your daily life.

THE FALL FAITH LIFE SERIES BEGINS THIS

TUESDAY AT HATTON CENTER. PASTOR JAMES HAMILTON WILL LEAD THE DISCUSSION. ALL ARE WELCOME. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND. SESSION STARTS AT 10:00 AM. JOIN US.

ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIALS

The memorial envelopes are on the table in back of church. Print the names of those who you wish to have memorialized and return with your donation (\$5) per name. These envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November.

Please remember the Poor Box as you leave church. Thank You.



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