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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 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.

Saturdays - 4PM                      Sundays - 10:30AM  
Weekdays – 8:00AM                Holidays - As Announced

Family Mass - As Scheduled  
Office hours Mon~Thurs 8:00-5:00pm Fri Closed



### OCTOBER

- 15 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Anna Mary Majka (Majka Family)
- Genevieve Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 16~10:30AM James P. Goodhues Jr. (Pat Freburger)
- Wanda Gregorek (Jeanette Fisher)
- 17 ~ 8:00AM Helen Getzel - Anniversary (Raymond Getzel)
- 18~ 8:00AM Jim Walters (Carol Chase)
- 19 ~ 8:00AM Sarnecki-Kotkowski Families (Michael Sarnecki)
- 20 ~ 8:00AM Dolores Lembach (Teresa Lembach)
- 21 ~ 8:00AM John Victor Toporzycki Sr. (Helen Toporzycki)
- 10:00AM For the Poor and Homeless
- 22 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Eugene C. Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- Ray Lubinski (Brian & Cathy)
- 23~10:30AM Anne Petzold (Bette)



October 16, 2016

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'" Luke 18:2-3

### POPE FRANCIS ~

#### The Only Real Sadness in Life

There is a celebrated saying by the French writer Léon Bloy, who in the last moments of his life said, "The only real sadness in life is not becoming a saint". Let us not lose the hope of holiness; let us follow this path. Do we want to be saints? The Lord awaits us, with open arms.

*Reflection: When we think of the idea of becoming a saint, we are quickly overwhelmed by what we must do and how we must change. We must act, yes, but first we must open ourselves up to God's mercy. His mercy is what will change us into saints. Take some time to give yourself to the Lord with open arms.*

*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.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS LONG TIME PARISHIONER MARGARET CALLINAN WHO PASSED AWAY AND HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MAY THEIR FAITH AND LOVE FOR HER AND EACH OTHER HELP THEM DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.**

**BE PERSISTENT**

The Gospel story of the **persistent woman** who is determined to get her way, reminds me of the **Energizer Bunny**, she just keeps coming and coming with her demands. This parable is about **praying always and about never giving up**. It is important to recognize that those are two interrelated ideas: **to be constantly mindful of our relationship with God and to persist in faith**. As the song goes, **"You can't have one without the other"**.

The Gospel story concludes with an alarming question uttered by Jesus namely:

**"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"**

That's the question addressed to each of us. Do we really believe God's kingdom is germinating among us now? How far are we willing to go to cultivate it? Are we faith-filled enough to pray for those who mistreat us and for those who promote injustice?

As we look around at societies situation, at **injustice and violence that plague our country and world, there is no earthly reason to believe that it can all change**. That's precisely why the persistent widow is held up to us as an example. Weariness is no excuse. **Prayer has been found to be effective**. Prayer will awaken our memory of Jesus and remind us that the kingdom doesn't operate on the rules of this world. Only prayer will open us to the grace to overcome the inevitable disillusionments we meet in life. **Only prayer can open us to the inspirations that will keep us going, and going and going .... until justice reigns**.

God Loves You and so do I

Fr. Joe

**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.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mark Boyle, Susan Jacobs, Pat Brandt-Barothy, Mary Hafner, and Dot Loco's Great-Grandbaby.

**Collections from Last Week**

	2015	2016
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	872.00	1166.00
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	177.20	272.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>1049.20</b>	<b>1438.90</b>
<i>Poor Box</i>	4.00	42.35
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	94	97
<i>Children</i>	4	4
<b>Next week's collection Cathedraticum Tax</b>		

**THE 3RD COLLECTION NEXT** weekend, October 22 & 23 is for **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, for the **PROPAGATIONS OF THE FAITH**. Envelopes are on the tables by the bulletins & in the back of church for next week's collection.

**Lectors and Ministers – October 15 & 16**

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold  
 C – Ron DeBrosse  
 C - Terrie McKittrick  
 L – Helen Toporzycki

**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Connie Curtis  
 C – Carmelia Endres  
 C – Steve Endres  
 L – Patrick Massey

**Lectors and Ministers – October 23 & 24**

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Barb Kegan  
 C – Antoinette Sheridan  
 C - Fran Groves  
 L – Tim O'Toole

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

**CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**

**21/22 – Spirituality Retreat in Church**  
**25<sup>th</sup> - Beans & Bread**  
**31<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Vigil Mass 4pm**

**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.**

**ST BRIGID DELUXE  
BULL/OYSTER ROAST**

WHERE: SUPERIOR CATERING BY  
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WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: Food - 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm &  
Drinks - 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
COSTS: \$45 PER PERSON (no minors)

**MENU**

Raw Oysters on the half-shell  
On the Pit - Top Round Beef, Sweet Honey  
Ham, Roasted Turkey Breast  
& Sweet Italian Sausage  
Homemade Maryland Crab Soup  
Bar-B-Q Baked Chicken, Gourmet Macaroni  
& Cheese, Sauerkraut & Kielbasa, Baked  
Ziti w/Meat sauce, Seasoned Green Beans,  
Greek Salad w/Fresh Feta, Homemade  
Pasta Salad, Bread & rolls,  
Assorted Sheet cakes  
Draft Beer, Assorted Soda, Bottled Water,  
Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

**FOR TICKETS CALL: 410-563-1717**

**ALL RESERVATIONS & MONEY MUST BE  
IN BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.**

**TRI PIC WINNERS**

10/02 M- 004 not sold	E- 033 not sold
10/03 M- 364 L. Friedel	E- 294 M. Poniatowski
10/04 M- 214 M. Pazourek	E- 886 not sold
10/05 M- 456 Fr. Joe	E- 201 not sold
10/06 M- 100 not sold	E- 930 A. Hoffer
10/07 M- 364 L. Friedel	E- 479 not sold
10/08 M- 759 not sold	E- 821 H. Gruzs

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

**LOTTERY CALENDARS FOR 2017**

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,  
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from those that are available.

**CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE  
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**WHOLE COMMUNITY  
FAITH FORMATION**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

OCT 16 Family Liturgy 10:30  
Confirmation Mtg. 9 am.  
23 Session 3  
30 Home Study 1



**WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?  
SPIRITUALITY RETREAT**

The Retreat will be held at St. Brigid  
Church on Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-9 pm &  
Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am - 4 pm. There is no cost  
and lunch will be provided on Saturday. Please  
contact the parish office to register.

**HELP WITH DECORATING THE CHURCH**

Anyone interested in decorating the church  
throughout the year, please give Char a call at  
410-522-6677 and let her know. Call now!

**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.

**BONANZA BINGO**

We are happy to report that our first  
Bonanza Bingo at Sacred Heart hall was a  
success. We made approximately \$1900. We  
cannot thank enough all those at Sacred  
Heart of Jesus who helped us, all the workers  
and of course, all who came and supported  
us. The next Bonanza Bingo is Sunday,  
November 27<sup>th</sup>. Call 410-563-1717 if you plan  
to join us. God Bless you all.

**Oktoberfest**



United Evangelical Church will  
be celebrating Oktoberfest on  
Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 12  
noon till 5PM. There will be  
plenty of good food, music and  
great people. Also, there will  
be a Flea Market and a number of Vendor's in  
Fellowship Hall.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOX.**



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