

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.

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



NOVEMBER

- 26~ 8:00AM Thanksgiving - (Joyce)
- 4:00PM Raymond Lubinski - (Cathy & Brian)
- Genevieve Brukiewa - (Mary Brukiewa)
- 27~10:30AM Eugene Brukiewa – (Mary Brukiewa)
- Margaret Callinan - (Mary Krivach)
- 28~ 8:00AM Theresa Shemenski –
- (Michael Stachorowski)
- 29~ 8:00AM Anthony Storto – (Henry & MaryClaire)
- 30~ 8:00AM Jack Bromwell – (Helen Toporzycki)



November 27, 2016
1st Sunday of Advent
"Therefore, stay awake!" Matthew 24:4

DECEMBER

- 01~ 8:00AM Richard Urbanski – (Rita Urbanski)
- 02~ 8:00AM Zelinda Foxx – (Rena Smith)
- 10:00AM Nancy - (John Turner)
- 03~ 8:00AM Lacy Jones & Rooster Hiline
- 4:00PM Xaverian Brothers MSJ - (Fr. Joe)
- Raymond Lubinski - (Cathy & Brian)
- 04~10:30AM Dorothy Buczkowski – (Rita Urbanski)
- Sharon Austin - (Henry & MaryClaire)

POPE FRANCIS ~ Living With Joy
And so, let us ask ourselves: How is it possible to live the joy which comes from faith, in the family, today? But I ask you also: Is it possible to live this joy, or is it not possible? A saying of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew speaks to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (11:28).
Reflection: To live with joy and to give joy to others is a great act of mercy. Who needs your joy today? Turn to the Lord to recharge you joy in him.

BOOK OF LIFE

This is the last Sunday for the Book of Life this year. Please remember those listed in this book and all who have passed away this past year in your prayers. Also remember their families and friends especially during the holiday season.

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 keep in your prayers Ashley Storto, Joyce McLouski, Jim Schleicher & those on the list in the pews.

PASTOR'S CORNER

DON'T HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON

Brothers & sisters, you know the time: it is the hour now for you to stay awake from sleep (St. Matthew). So do not hit the snooze button, get up, get yourself ready and stay awake!

Do not slumber, **appreciate the gift of time, use it well!** If not, we may be inclined to echo the words of Dr. Seuss "how did it get so late so soon?".

Why does Advent come right when I have a thousand other things to do and think about?

The ancient Greeks had two words for time: **Chronos and Kairos. Chronos simply measures hours, days, and years. Kairos means a special time, a time of opportunity.**

Advent is full of Kairos opportunities for prayer and generosity. Advent is a time for preparing ourselves and family for the spiritual celebration of Christmas.

"Time" a song from a rock group **Pink Floyd**, has in its lyrics **a warning about wasting time.**

"Ticking away the moments that make up for dull day

Fritter and waste the hours in an offhand way

You are young and life is long and
there is time to kill today

And then one day you find ten years
have got behind you

No one told you when to run,
you missed the starting gun"

A valuable lesson to be learned from the 1st Sunday of Advent is: "we must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right." (Nelson Mandela)

God loves you and so do I, **Fr. Joe**

ADVENT REFLECTION WITH

FR. LEO PATALINGHUG

COME JOIN US!

Fr. Leo Patalinghug (Grace Before Meals) will conduct an Advent Evening of Recollection at St. Leo's on **Wednesday December 14, 2016, beginning at 6:30PM.** The talk will include such topics as:

- "How to be more patient with God, Others and Yourself"
- "Santa Clause IS Real AND Not Just for Kids!" An authentic and practical spirituality to help people experience Christmas Joy

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS – Please return your Memorials to the office by Tuesday, Dec. 13th. A donation of \$5 per name is requested.

Collections from Last Week

| | 2015 | 2016 |
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| <i>Offertory Envelopes</i> | 1207.00 | 1255.00 |
| <i>Offertory Loose</i> | 293.80 | 352.25 |
| Total | 1500.80 | 1607.25 |
| <i>Poor Box</i> | 25.12 | 42.25 |
| <i>Attendance-Adults</i> | 85 | 93 |
| <i>Children</i> | 3 | 1 |
| <i>Arch for Campaign For Human Development</i> | | 137.39 |
| <i>Next week's collection Religious Education</i> | | |

Lectors and Ministers – November 26 & 27

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Antoinette Sheridan

L – Joy Mays

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Carmelia Endres

L – Vicky Walmsley

Lectors and Ministers – December 3 & 4

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Fran Groves

L – Tim O'Toole

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Gerry Swann

L – Jonathan Swann

Lectors and Ministers – December 8

Thursday: 8:00AM B - Fr. Joe

S – Helen Toporzyski

DECEMBER

8th - Immaculate Conception Mass 8:00 am

11th – Healing Mass 10:30am

13th – Distribution of Christmas Baskets

14th – Penance Service 7pm

24th – Christmas Eve Mass 4 pm

25th – Christmas Mass 10:30 am

27th – Beans & Bread

31st – New Year's Eve Mass 4 pm



OPLATEK (Christmas Wafer)

The Christmas Oplatek is a symbolic wafer broken and shared with family and friends at the holiday meal. It is a custom of breaking and sharing "best wishes to family and friends accompanied by expressions of forgiveness". Four (4) wafers are enclosed per pack. Donation is \$4 per pack. Packs are available at the parish office.

Sacred Heart of Mary Christmas Bazaar

On Sunday, December 4th Sacred Heart of Mary will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar from 11:30-4:00 at 6736 Youngstown Avenue, 21222. Bring the whole family and join us for Christmas music, crafts, games of chance, raffles, and pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Claus while enjoying traditional homemade Polish food and other snacks and sweets!

WHERE ARE SANTA'S ELVES????



We are in great need of some Santa's helpers. Could you/would you consider being one of Santa's Elves. We are short on the number of sponsors this year. Whether you can sponsor a whole family, one child, buy one gift or make a monetary donation...every little bit helps. If you can say YES to any of these - Please call the office **ASAP. Your participation could make the difference this Christmas for a family or even just one child!!!** There will be some disappointed kids on Christmas morning if we do not come up with enough sponsors. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS PANTRY

We are working to refill our pantry to stock for Christmas Baskets. We need tuna, soup, corn, green beans, corn muffin mix, baked beans, any sides, mac & cheese, Pastaroni, etc. From now through December, we ask that you bring a food item with you each week. We have 30 needy families and seniors. You may place items in the bin at Mary's altar. **Thank You!!**



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Week 1 & 2: Nov. 26 & 27 & /Dec. 3 & 4 Gift Cards

We are in need of 55 - \$15 Gift cards for either Target or Walmart and 25 - \$25 gift cards for a local grocery store. Please put your donation inside the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office.

HIGHLANDTOWN TRAIN GARDEN

ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE & FREE - Kids of all ages MUST SEE the HIGHLANDTOWN TRAIN GARDEN as it celebrates its 8th

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WHOLE COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

NOV 27 NO CLASS THANKSGIVING
1st Sunday of Advent -
Special Celebration



A Thanks Giving Prayer

God bless the food we eat
this day.

We thank you for it; and we pray
For all our loved ones, far and near,
And every person gathered here.
We ask your blessings on each one,
And claim them by your holy Son.
Amen

DEC 4 Home Study 3
11 Session 6
18 Session 7

TRI PIC WINNERS

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| 11/13 M- 720 J. Schultz | E- 059 M. Kaniecki |
| 11/14 M- 670 B. Kegan | E- 893 not sold |
| 11/15 M- 347 K. Casey | E- 906 not sold |
| 11/16 M- 072 not sold | E- 855 not sold |
| 11/17 M- 723 J. Sims | E- 138 Fr. Joe |
| 11/18 M- 070 not sold | E- 763 A. Zakrzewski |
| 11/19 M- 339 J. Policastri | E- 973 J. Hybdzinski |

Thank you to all who support this most important Fundraiser. God Bless

HO! HO! HO! SANTA IS GEARING UP AND SO SHOULD YOU! CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Let us help with your shopping woes. If you don't know what to get for that hard to buy for person, consider one of our 2016 Lottery Calendars! Each calendar costs \$25.

The nightly MD 3-digit lottery number is used to determine the winner. Price is \$25 for 365 chances to win. Nightly prizes are \$25, \$100 on the 15TH of the month & \$500 on NEW YEAR'S DAY, MARYLAND DAY, ARMED FORCES DAY, INDEPENDENCES DAY, PATRIOT DAY, & VETERAN'S DAY. You will be able to pick you own number from those that are available. CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, NICE GIFT & EASY SHOPPING.

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