

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

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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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Joseph G. Bochenek*Pastor*
Bette Brocato *Pastoral Associate & Business Manager*

Jo Ellen Shorb*Director of Religious Education/Youth*
MaryClaire Battersby *Administrative Assistant*

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.



JANUARY 2017

- 07~8:00AM **Ida Buczkowski** – (Jeannette Fisher)
- 4:00PM **Anna Mary Majka**- (Bernie Majka)
- Ray** – (Cathy & Brian)
- 08~10:30AM– **Steve Rzeczkowski**-
(Carolyn Rzeczkowski)
- Marge Callinan** – (Henry & MaryClaire)
- 09~8:00AM **Tillie Pawlak**–(Lois C Pawlak)
- 10~8:00AM **Theodora Hildebrant**–(Jeanette Fisher)
- 11~8:00AM **Patricia Slattery** (Pat Banz)
- 12~8:00AM **Sr Barbara Ann Brezczko**
(Ken & Connie Curtis)
- 13~8:00AM **Dorothy Sullivan** (Mike Stachorowski)
- 10:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**
- 14~8:00AM **Steven Bochenek**– (Fr Joe)
- 4:00PM **Joseph P Kaczmarek Sr**-
(Kaczmarek/Baldassare Fams)
- Mildred Mikulski/Cook** – (Ruth Hahn)
- 15~10:30AM **James P Goodhues Jr** (Pat Freburger)
- Gertrude Brown** (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.

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



January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

POPE FRANCIS – Beauty Precedes Us

The new star that appears to the Magi was a sign of the birth of Christ. Had they not seen the star, these would not have set out. The light goes before us, truth goes before us, beauty precedes us. God goes before us.

The prophet Isaiah said that God is like the flower of the almond tree. Why? Because in that region of the almond is the first to flower. And God goes ever before, he is always the first to seek us, he takes the first step.

God goes ever before us. His grace precedes us and this grace appeared in Jesus. He is the Epiphany. He, Jesus Christ, is the manifestation of God's love. He is with us.

Reflection: Look back at what God has done in your life. When did you encounter him? Be grateful that he has gone before you, and have the courage to follow after him more closely.

PASTOR'S CORNER

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The name **EPIPHANY** means **REVELATION!** The images of the bright light, both in the star over Bethlehem and in later references to the appearance in Galilee of a light to “**the people who live in darkness and the shadow of death**” are powerful ways of saying that God reveals salvation in Jesus. **Human destiny is changed by his entry into human history.**

In his first homily given on the Mount his opening words were “**you are the light of the world**”. The motto of the Christopher movement is “**that it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness**”.

For us as a believer and acknowledge Jesus as “**Christ our Light**” took place on the day of our baptism, we received the gift of faith, a light of a candle was entrusted to us as the minister proclaimed “**Keep the flame of faith burning within you until that day when you encounter God face to face**”.

The feast of the Epiphany provides us with a lovely tableau of a bright shining star, and kings bearing valuable gifts with which to honor the King of Kings and Prince of Peace.

This tableau can only come to a successful completion to life, as we realize that we need not travel to faraway places as did the Magi. We need only look to our right and left, the neighbor next door, our coworkers or the relative we'd rather avoid or the friend we can't forgive. Every person whom God puts on our path is both a gift and opportunity.

May All your Christmas' be not only white but bright and with the festival of lights let your little light shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

God Loves you so do I
Fr. Joe



Collections from Last Week

	2016	2017
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	500.00	1468.00
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	196.26	242.21
<i>Total</i>	696.26	1710.21
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>		165.00
<i>Poor Box</i>	18.66	35.57
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	62	99
<i>Children</i>		2

Just a reminder: 1st & 2nd Collection are taken one after the other. If there is a 3rd Collection, it will be taken after Communion.

Lectors and Ministers—January 7 & 8, 2017

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
L – Mike Kegan

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Fran Groves
L – Dennis Olver

Lectors and Ministers—January 14 & 15, 2017

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Sue Gerhold
L – Joy Mays

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Steve Endres
L – Mike Brown

3rd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This is the Special Care Collection for Archdiocesan Priests. The total proceeds from this collection will be used for the sole purpose of supporting the archdiocesan priests in need of special medical attention, including those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as those in convalescent and rehabilitation centers. There are currently more than 111 priests (active and retired) over the age of 65 in the Archdiocese. Please be as generous as you can to this collection.

REGISTRATION UPDATES

We encourage everyone to fill out a registration form. We also ask that **ALL** parishioners fill out new registration forms and make sure we have your correct information including email addresses. We are going to a new census program which eventually we will be able to email information to all registered parishioners. If you do not have a computer or are not into this technology, don't worry, we will still mail information to you. Registration forms are available in back of church or ask an usher.

ENVELOPES FOR 2017

The envelopes for 2017 are on a table at the back of church. Please pick up your box. If you would like envelopes and your name is not on a box, please put your name and phone number on the paper on the table. We will take care of it.

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

ST. BRIGID BONANZA BINGO

DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 11AM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 12NOON

COST: \$20 INCLUDES BINGO AND DINNER.

QUICKIES & RAFFLES WILL BE SOLD.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO RESERVE

YOUR SEAT NO LATER THAN, WED.,

JANUARY 25, 2017, BEFORE NOON

TRI PIC WINNERS

12/25 M-014 not sold E-630 M Weitzel

12/26 M-276 H Thoman E-913 R Miller

12/27 M-108 C Chase E-631 A Hall

12/28 M-893 S Szymanski E-708 B Majka

12/29 M-667 L Kuczinski E-885 R Jenkins

12/30 M-610 J Burnup E-571 Fr. Joe

12/31 M-302 not sold E-133 not sold

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

FOR TRI PIC TICKETS AND CALENDARS SALES: PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE: 410-563-1717 AND ASK FOR LINDA.

JANUARY 2017

16th - Office Closed – MLK Day

24th - Beans & Bread

29th - St. Brigid Bonanza Bingo @ SHJ

FEBRUARY 2017

4th - Blessing of Throats at Mass
Souper Bowl Collection
Celebration for St. Brigid Feast Day
After 4 PM

5th - Blessing of Throats at Mass
Souper Bowl Collection
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

7th - Baptism Class 7pm

19th - St. Brigid Bonanza Bingo @ SHJ

28th - Beans & Bread

WARM & TOASTY RAFFLE

Win a "Warm & Cozy Afghan" and 2 bottles of wine to keep you warm on these cold winter nights. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 and are available in the back of Church from the ushers. Winning ticket will be drawn on St. Brigid Weekend.

WHOLE COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

PARENT MEETING FIRST COMMUNION

NOTE: A meeting for parents regarding First Communion is scheduled this Sunday, January 8th at 9:15 am in Church. Anyone interested in having their child receive 1st Communion this Spring must attend this meeting or have an adult representative in attendance. Thank you.

JAN 8 Session 8
(1stComm Mtg. – 9:15)
15 MLK/Peace Liturgy 10:30
22 Session 9
29 Home Study 4

FEB 5 *Feast of St. Brigid*
Liturgy 10:30

SOUPER BOWL *



On Sunday February 5, 2017 millions of Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game and enjoy abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

So on this Sunday, young people around the country will demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the "**Souper Bowl of Caring**". It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave mass on February 4th or 5th. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

THANK YOU!!

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



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