

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



FEBRUARY 2017

- 18~8:00AM Dolly Schell (Jeanette Fisher)
- 4:00PM Karl & Juliana Sibistowicz
(Carolyn Rzczkowski)
Melvin F. Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 19~10:30AM Andrew Tyranski
(Joan & Time O'Toole)
Angelo Ciarocco (Connie & Ken Curtis)
- 20~8:00AM Mary Ciarocco (Connie & Ken Curtis)
- 21~8:00AM Victoria J. Sarnecki (Mike Sarnecki)
- 22~8:00AM Lowell Curtis (Connie & Ken Curtis)
- 23~8:00AM Tim Mouring (Shorb Family)
- 24~8:00AM Pat Brocato Simons & Family
(Mom B)
- 10:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 25~8:00AM Charles, Jeff & Pat Overfield
(Jeanette Fisher)
- 4:00PM Our Grandparents (Henry & MC)
William & Lillian Schaefer (Anni)
(Rita Schaefer)
- 26~10:30AM Joseph R. Bochenek (Fr. Joe)
Raymond Bochenek (Fr. Joe)



February 19, 2017

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you..." Matthew 5:38-39

QUESTION OF THE WEEK??

How do I share God's love with others in my life? Or, is this something I need to start doing?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please check out the sign-up sheets in the back of Church. We need your help. Many hands are needed to "GROW" St Brigid Parish Community.

ROSARIES

There is a retired Redemptorist Brother at Sacred Heart of Jesus who makes Rosaries, and repairs older, cherished ones. If you are interested; please call and we will provide you with additional information.



anytime.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

BE HOLY, BE PERFECT

In our first reading from the book of Leviticus 19:1-2 God says to Moses **"Be Holy, for I the Lord, your God am Holy"**.

What on earth did that Mean? It seems redundant to call God "holy": what else could God be? The people throughout the ages sought holiness by obeying God's laws but how could that make them holy like God.

In the Gospel, Jesus issues essentially the same command, except that Jesus used the word **"perfect"** instead of **"holy"**. **Sounds like an impossible task. How can we be like God?**

As human beings **we naturally imitate what we admire**. We see what others acclaim as desirable and suddenly **we can't wait to have it for ourselves**.

We can recognize **what we truly worship, not so much by where we might go to Church, but rather by noting on what we spend our energy and our money**. We know what has become holy to us by what makes us cheer, by what we strive to be and do.

Pope Frances commented on the **"universal call to holiness"** saying:

"We are called to become saints! So often, we are tempted to think that holiness is granted only to those who devote their lives to prayer. But it is not so! Some people think that holiness is closing your eyes and putting on a pious face...No! that is not holiness! Holiness is something greater, more profound that God gifts us. When the Lord calls us to be saints, he does not call us to something hard or sad. Not at all! It is an invitation to share his joy, to live and offer every moment of our lives with joy, at the same time making it a gift of love for the people around us.

God Loves you so do I
Fr. Joe

TAX STATEMENTS

We are sorry for the delay in getting out the tax statements, but there are always glitches. However, we are working hard and will get them to you asap. Thank you for your patience.



Collections from Last Week

	2016	2017
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	1109.60	1030.50
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	776.50	725.00
Total	1886.10	1755.50
<i>Poor Box</i>	26.25	33.07
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	102	100
<i>Youth</i>	5	6

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– February 18 & 19

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

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Connie Curtis
L – Patrick Massey

Lectors and Ministers– February 25 & 26

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Antoinette Sheridan
L – Tim O'Toole

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Anthony Reedy
L – Vicky Walmsley

REGISTRATION DATES

TO DATE WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED 44 REGISTRATION FORMS FROM THE 325 THAT WERE MAILED OUT. It is important for everyone, BOTH new & old parishioner to fill out their form. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and return it to church. For those who wish to make St. Brigid their parish family with future plans to celebrate a baptism, a wedding or to obtain a letter to be godparent or sponsor, **it is necessary to be formally registered and actively participating.**

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day. It will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8AM. The office will also be closed Thursday, 2/23 for an Archdiocese Class.

PARISH MAILING

A parish mailing will be going out this week with information about Lenten services and activities which begins March 1st and the Shrimp Feast. Please take a minute to read and see what is going on in your parish.

**St. Brigid Annual
Deluxe Shrimp Feast & Bull Roast**

Where	UAW HALL 1010 Oldham St.
When	Sunday, April 2, 2017
Time	12NOON – 4:00 PM Doors Open at noon
Cost	Cost is \$40.00 a person (NO MINORS) ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN TUES. MARCH 27TH
Caterer	Catering by Superior Catering by M & M Food served from 12:00 – 3:00PM
Music	Music Provided by: Don Bellew Music from 1:00 PM – 4:00PM

MENU

Steamed Shrimp, Pitted Beef, Pitted Sweet Honey Ham, Sweet Italian Sausage, Homemade Shrimp Soup, Shrimp Creole, BBQ Chicken, Whipped Garlic Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Creamy Cesar Salad, Homemade Pasta Salad, Assorted Cheese Platters, Breads & Rolls for the Pit items, Fixings & Condiments – Assorted Sheet cakes
Draft Beer, Soda, Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade,
Bottled water

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR
NO FOOD CAN BE TAKEN FROM THE
HALL**

TRI PIC WINNERS

02/05 M-992 S. Kirby	E-113 not sold
02/06 M-751 M. Sarnecki	E-454 P. Freburger
02/07 M-956 R. Ullman	E-513 M. Kaniecki
02/08 M-986 not sold	E-580 B Majka
02/09 M-570 not sold	E-961 N. Sampson
02/10 M-111 A. Burger	E-255 D. Dawson
02/11 M-715 J. Zinkand	E-248 not sold

**FOR TRI PIC TICKETS AND CALENDAR SALES:
CALL LINDA AT 410-563-1717.**

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOX AS YOU
LEAVE CHURCH.**

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

FEB	19	Home Study 5
	26	Session 11
MAR	1	Ash Wednesday
	5	Session 12
	12	Session 13

FEBRUARY

28TH - MARDI GRAS

MARCH

1ST - ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

8 AM- 12 NOON- 7:00PM

7TH - HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 1

8TH - LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS

Chicken Noodle Soup -

12TH - BONANZA BINGO

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SPRING FORWARD

14TH - HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 2

15TH - LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS

Beef Barley Soup

17TH - HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

20TH - FIRST DAY OF SPRING

21ST - HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 3

22ND - LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS

Tomato Rice Soup

28TH - HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 4


29TH - LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS

Navy Bean Soup

**Sacred Heart of Mary Holy Name Society Raffle
Tickets**

Sacred Heart of Mary's Holy Name Society is holding their 3rd annual, "Oh Those Fabulous O's" raffle. The prize is 2 box seats to the Orioles vs. Red Socks game on Sunday, April 23rd at 1:35pm, parking (Lot D), & \$100 cash for refreshments. The donation is \$2.00 for one ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased through Sacred Heart of Mary Parish Offices by calling 410-633-2828. The drawing will be held on April 9, 2017 following the 10:30 Mass at SJM.

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

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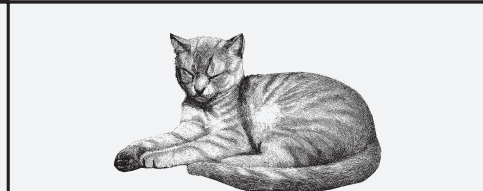
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