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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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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
Weekdays – 8:00AM
Sundays - 10:30AM
Holidays - As Announced
Family Mass - As Scheduled
Office hours Mon~Thurs 8:00-5:00pm Fri Closed



MARCH 2017

- 18~8:00AM Martha Antkowiak (Betty Schroeder)
- 4:00PM Bob Bosley (Helen Toporzycycki)
- Marlene Skazis (Mary Hinline)
- 19~10:30AM Joseph Raymond Bochenek (Fr. Joe)
- Andrew Tyranski (Henry & MaryClaire)
- 20~8:00AM Betty & Peter Miklovic (Julia Scott)
- 21~8:00AM Ann & Joseph Stachorowski
- (Mike Stachorowski)
- 22~4:30 PM Tillie Pawlak (Lois C. Pawlak)
- 23~8:00AM Bill Shorb (Shorb Family)
- 24~1:00 PM Victoria J. Sarnecki (Mike Sarnecki)
- 10:00AM Margaret Znovena (Fr. Joe)
- 25~8:00AM Kyle Simons (Fr. Joe)
- 4:00PM Carolyn & Steve Rzczkowski
- 45th Anniversary (C. Rzczkowski)
- Ray Lubinski (Cathy & Brian)
- 26~10:30AM John C. Battersby Sr. (Henry & MC)
- Malone Children (Mike Sarnecki)



March 19, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent
"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"
John 4:9

QUESTION OF THE WEEK??

How will I personally share the journey of our catechumens to the waters of Baptism?

LENTEN MEALS

This week's Lenten Soup & Sandwich meal will be Helen's Tomato Rice with a sandwich & dessert. Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm on Wednesdays of Lent. This allows those who attend to easily join us at United Evangelical Hall at 5:30 for Lenten Meals and fellowship. We hope you will make this neighborly get together one of your weekly Lenten activities.



Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased Weldon Poole, brother of our Health Care Minister, Helen Toporzycycki, and his family and friends during this most difficult time.



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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Something Precious

When the musical “**South Pacific**” premiered in 1949, one of its songs became Rodgers and Hammerstein’s most popular hit. “**Some Enchanted Evening**, you may see a stranger, you may see a stranger across a crowded room. And somehow you know, you know even then that somewhere you’ll see her again and again.” That song implies the powerful encounter that many couples claim and call “**love at first sight.**” This sense of knowing transcends romance and extends together moments of meeting where we sense that something very special is happening. Such events seem clearly at work in the encounter of Jesus with the unnamed woman at the well.

The **well** is a significant symbol of satisfying ones **dying of thirst**. Sometimes it seems that there are those whose thirst is never quenched or satisfied, they **thirst for more**. Some try food, or drink or drugs; fame or money or power and still they are thirsty for more.

In the Gospel story of the woman at the well, she undergoes a **transformation** in coming to recognize the stranger not only as a Jew, a prophet but as the promised one, the Messiah. This all takes place at the well and the encounter with Jesus.

During the season of Lent, there are many who are thirsting for Jesus, as they prepare to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil. **They see something in the church that they are missing. They see something that we have**, perhaps that we have **ceased to regard as precious**. They inspire us with their enthusiasm for the word and their desire to be one with us, the community of faith. Like the woman at the well, those to whom we have ministered minister to us and bring us to a deeper faith. We are the face, the hands, the heart of Christ in this world. As **children are preparing for their First Holy Communion**, through their innocence and simplicity **show to us what is precious** and how to love spontaneously to Jesus and to one another.

God Loves you and so do I.

Fr. Joe

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

PARISH GIVING

Collections from Last Week

| | 2016 | 2017 |
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| <i>Offertory Envelopes</i> | 1401.00 | 1441.00 |
| <i>Offertory Loose</i> | 202.94 | 346.83 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1603.94 | 1787.83 |
| <i>Poor Box</i> | | 60.59 |
| <i>Attendance-Adults</i> | 112 | 106 |
| <i>Children</i> | 6 | 4 |

Lectors and Ministers– March 18 & 19

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Fran Groves
C – Antoinette Sheridan
C – Barb Kegan
L – Helen Toporzycki

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

Lectors and Ministers– March 25 & 26

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Antoinette Sheridan
C – Carroll Hock
C – Ron DeBrosse
L – Tim O’Toole

Sunday: 10:30PM B – Fran Groves
C – Val Brown
C – Connie Curtis
L – Vicky Walmsley

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- St. Brigid's will have an **Easter Flower and Bake Sale** on Palm Sunday. We will set up in front of church at 9:30 am and remain until noon (in back of church in case of rain). This fundraiser will provide an opportunity to purchase spring flowers for your loved ones, and to save yourself some baking! Remember also the **Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms** celebration in Canton Square that begins at 9 am. For more information or to donate baked goods, contact the parish office or Joy Mays at 410-236-7346.

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

HATTON CENTER

Join us on Tuesday at the Hatton Center for the Spring Life Series at 10AM as Pastor Catherine Oatman, United Evangelical Church shares thoughts of Lent with us. Everyone is invited; you do not have to be a member to attend. Hope to see you there.

Tour of Churches In celebration of the Easter Season, parishes of the Harbor East Cluster are hosting a tour of their churches on Saturday, April 22. All churches are located in the vicinity of Fells Point, Canton, Highlandtown and Little Italy. Come celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ and see the interior of our churches as they are joyfully decorated during the Easter Season. The tour begins at Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9 am, followed by visits to St. Brigid, St. Casimir, St Leo the Great, (lunch will be provided), St. Elizabeth, Our Lady of Pompei, and Holy Rosary. There will be a 45 minute presentation at each church which will include its history, mission and heritage. Bus transportation and lunch is included in the cost of \$25.00 per person. Reservations must be made and paid for by April 10. For reservation and information contact Bernadette Vece at 410-276-1981 or email bvece@verizon.net

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

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| 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 MON. 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 Caesar 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**

**3RD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS AN
ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC
RELIEF SERVICES.**

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

- MAR 19 St. Joseph Liturgy 10:30
Joseph's Table to follow
26 Home Study 6
- APR 2 Seder Meal 9:30 am
9 Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms 9am
O'Donnell Sq
16 NO CLASS
Mass of New Life 10:30 am

TRI PIC WINNERS

- 03/05 M-638 C. Marciszewski E-102 F. Cimino
03/06 M-488 not sold E-523 J. Dryer
03/07 M-840 A. Karpovich E-138 Fr. Joe
03/08 M-753 C. Jones E-422 not sold
03/09 M-860 P. Guanti E-391 L. Pokrywka
03/10 M-389 G. Bromwell E-414 L. LeBrun
03/11 M-564 K. Curtis E-135 J. Dunnigan

**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**

MARCH

- 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
Beans & Bread
29TH – LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL
Navy Bean Soup

APRIL

- 2ND - SHRIMP FEAST
4TH – HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 5
5TH - LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL
Beef Barley Soup
9TH - PALM SUNDAY

Come on out and give blood on April 8!

Saturday, April 8th, 8:30 am-2 pm. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be parked on the 3200 block of Dillon Street outside the church office door (corner of East Avenue and Dillon Street). Please contact Cissy Funk to sign up or with any questions (443-676-9957, cissy.funk@jakcoinc.com). Help save a life and give blood! Thank you!



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