

# ST. BRIGID CHURCH

1854 – 2017 ~ 163 YEARS

**Mission Statement**  
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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. Dennis Grumsey, O.F.M. Conv..... *Pastor*  
Bette Brocato ..... *Pastoral Associate & Business Manager*

Jo Ellen Shorb ..... *Director of Religious Education/Youth*  
Lisa Faherty..... *Accountant*

### 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.



### DECEMBER 2017

- 16~4:00PM Paul & Julia Sloboda (Julia Scott)  
Melvin Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 17~10:30AM Lillian Kaczmarek  
(Kaczmarek/Baldassare fams.)  
Candace Bark (Charlene McConnell)
- 18~~~~~ no intention
- 19~~~~~ no intention
- 20~~~~~ Eugene C. Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 21~~~~~ no intention
- 22~~~~~ no intention
- 23~4:00PM Carolyn & Edward Randall  
(Carolyn Rzeczkowski)
- 24~10:30AM Barbara Brauer (Shirley Franke)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mike Butka who passed away Sunday, 12/10/17 and his family and friends, may their faith and love for each other help them during this time.

Also, please remember Patrick Massey who passed away on Sunday, 12/10/17 and his family and friends, may their faith and love for each other help them during this time. Visitation for Patrick is taking place this evening at Kaczorowski Funeral from 4-8pm.  
A prayer service is being held at 5:30pm.

### MASS & OFFICE SCHEDULE

Saturdays – 4 PM  
Holydays & Holidays – As Announced  
Family Mass – As Scheduled  
Confessions by appointment  
Office Hours Mon~ Thurs 8:00 AM-5 Pm  
Fridays Closed



"Who are you...What do you have to say for yourself?"  
- John 1:22



**We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish community. You enter this church not as a stranger but as a guest of God.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office. We will be happy to speak with you. We hope you enjoy your time with us and that you leave with great comfort. God's Blessing for you and your family. Please come again.**



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

On the weekend of Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be the regular Saturday, 4:00pm mass for the last week of Advent. St. Brigid will have two masses for Christmas. On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 4:00pm mass and on Monday, Christmas day, there will be a 10:30 am mass.

**DECEMBER**

- 18<sup>th</sup> – Distribution of Christmas Baskets
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Adoration & Reconciliation & 7pm  
At St. Casimir Church
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass 4 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Mass 10:30 am
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Beans & Bread



**2018 CHURCH ENVELOPE LIST**

The list for envelope users for 2018 is available in the back of church. Please take time either before or after mass to check the list. Check the appropriate box indicating whether or not you wish to have envelopes. If your name is not on the list and you wish to receive them, put your name, address, and phone number on the adjacent sheet.

**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 2018 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 VALENTINE'S DAY, EASTER, FATHERS' DAY, GRANDPARENTS DAY, HALLOWEEN, & CHRISTMAS. You will be able to pick you own number from those that are available. **CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, NICE GIFT & EASY SHOPPING.**

**TRI PIC WINNERS**

- 12/04 M – 552 M. Peck      E – 880 C. Hanes
- 12/05 M – 957 M. Hemmeter E – 739 J. Hybdzinski
- 12/06 M – 836 D. Brzozowski E – 562 P. Stewart
- 12/07 M – 958 M. Kaczmarek E – 854 B. Vieyra
- 12/08 M – 353 C. Hanes      E – 534 J. Scott
- 12/09 M – 386 D. Caricofe   E – 679 J. Hybdzinski
- 12/10 M – 468 T. Wills      E – 636 C. Callinan

**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.**

**Collections from Last Week**

	2016	2017
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	1674.00	1204.00
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	161.00	105.00
<i>Total</i>	1835.00	1309.00
<i>Poor Box</i>	32.38	35.00
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	101	60
<i>Children</i>	6	
<i>Retired Religious</i>		35.00

**Lectors and Ministers– Dec. 16**

- Saturday: 4:00 PM B – Antoinette Sheridan  
C – Barb Kegan  
C – Carroll Hock  
L – Mike Kegan

**Lectors and Ministers– Dec. 23**

- Saturday: 4:00 PM B – Sue Gerhold  
C – Terrie McKittrick  
C – Valeria Brown  
L – Mike Brown

**Lectors and Ministers– Dec. 24**

- Saturday: 4:00 PM B – Terrie McKittrick  
C – Sue Gerhold  
C – Carroll Hock  
L – Vickey Walmsley

**Lectors and Ministers– Dec. 25**

- Saturday: 4:00 PM B – Officiating Priest  
C – Valeria Brown  
C – Connie Curtis  
L – Mike Brown



**Christmas Basket Distribution –** Our baskets for the needy and elderly will be distributed on Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 11am. Please call the Parish Office if you can help us during this time.

**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 & in back of church.

#### **Week 4: DEC 20 & 21 PREGNANCY CENTER**

In front of the Advent tree a sleigh will be filled with baby bottles to enable you to easily make a monetary donation. However, new articles of clothing for newborns through 4T will gladly be accepted.

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Following 4PM Mass on Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> helpers are needed to begin taking down and putting away Advent and bring down Christmas decorations. Decorating will begin on Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon. Thank you.

#### **ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE & FREE**

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**GARDEN:** as it celebrates its 9th year in the Engine House # 41 - 520 S. Conkling St. It will be open from 11 am to 5 pm on the following days: November 25 and 26, December 2 and 3, 9 and 10, 16 through January 1 except Christmas Day. For more information contact [jmanfre@highlandtowntraingarden.com](mailto:jmanfre@highlandtowntraingarden.com), or visit Facebook, or [www.highlandtowntraingarden.com](http://www.highlandtowntraingarden.com).

#### **RECONCILIATION/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. CASIMIR CHURCH**

The season of Advent is upon us. It is a four week period of time to prepare ourselves for the Great Feast of Christmas. And one of the best ways to prepare is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> there will be an evening of Adoration and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 7:00pm in the church and for 50 minutes you may spend time in quiet prayer and there will be a number of friars present to hear confessions. The evening will conclude with sung night prayer and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00pm.

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

#### **OCTOBER 2017 CALENDARS**

10/15 - \$100 – 638 not sold

#### **ALL \$25 WINNERS**

10/6 – 227 Brenda Whitney  
10/9 – 162 Anna Jones  
10/10 – 741 Mary Kaczmarek  
10/11 – 027 Kenneth Curtis  
10/19 – 258 Carolyn White  
10/21 – 905 Connor Horseman  
10/22 – 530 La Verne Haines  
10/23 – 705 Linda Arthur  
10/27 – 122 Christopher Brocato  
10/30 – 792 Adele Brown

#### **NOVEMBER CALENDARS**

11/11 - \$500 - 204 Maryann Ehrhart

11/15 - \$100 – 632 Randy Baynes

#### **ALL \$25 WINNERS**

11/3 – 633 Patricia Freburger  
11/24- 677 Mike Sarnecki

#### **GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET**



Christmas Village in Baltimore is located at 501 Light Street (West Shore Park/Inner Harbor) through Christmas Eve. The regular hours are Sunday-Thursday, 11 am – 7 pm and Friday-Saturday, 11am – 8pm. Christmas Village is a combination of an outdoor and indoor Holiday Market and is modeled after the traditional Christmas Markets in Germany like the famous Christkindl Market in Nuremberg. For more information, visit them online at [www.baltimore-christmas.com](http://www.baltimore-christmas.com).

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center will be having a blood drive from Wednesday, Dec. 20 thru Friday, Dec. 22 from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. Participants receive a lunch pass good for the cafeteria or Java City and a parking pass if you drive and park on a campus lot campus. We will have other items for participating donors. To schedule an appointment for this drive please call Donna DiPaula at 410-550-0293 on Monday thru Wednesday.



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