

# ST. BRIGID CHURCH

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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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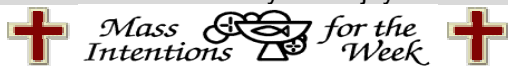
### PASTORAL TEAM

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 & Funerals are the special pleasure of our ministry. Since individual needs consideration. Please do not hesitate to call, since these celebrations are our service to you & a joy for us.



### FEBRUARY

- 06 ~ 8:00AM Ted Brown & Fam (Bette)
- 4:00PM Lowell Curtis (M/M Ken Curtis)
- Melvin Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 07 ~10:30AM Michael J. Lauer Jr.  
(Agnes Lauer)
- Charles Russell, Sr.  
(Linda Arthur)
- 08 ~ 8:00AM Charles Russell, Sr.  
(Linda Arthur)
- 09 ~ 8:00AM Betty Zaczek (Joan & Tim O'Toole)
- 10 ~ 8:00AM John A. Wanger Jr.  
(Joanne & Carroll Hock)
- 11 ~ 8:00AM John Pawlak (Lois Pawlek)
- 12 ~ 8:00AM Grace Baldassare  
(Mary Kaczmarek)
- 10:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 13 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners()
- 4:00PM Edward A. Keerans (Julia Scott)
- Ella Hersl (Jeanette Fisher)
- 14 ~10:30AM John Victor Toporzycki Sr.  
(Helen Toporzycki)
- Thomas E. Burns Jr. (Dennis Burns)

Saturdays - 4PM	Sundays - 10:30AM
Weekdays – 8:00AM	Holidays - As Announced
Family Mass - As Scheduled	
Office hours Mon~Thurs 8:30-4:00pm Fri Closed	



February 7, 2016

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." Luke 5:5

### GRACE FILLED DAYS

Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered his precious blood on the cross for that person. Appearances, notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. Consequently, if I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life.

It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!  
*Reflection: Our lives are amazing gifts, especially when we give them to others. Think about one small but merciful action you can make today that could brighten someone's day. Fill your heart with faces and names!*

### COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who is homebound and would like communion brought to their home, please call the parish office. We will arrange for a Pastoral Care member to bring communion.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep in your prayers:  
Dot Parker



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT

Ready or not, the season of Lent begins **Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**! What are you doing for Lent during this **Jubilee Year of Mercy**? Instead of giving up something, why not spend the forty days responding to the invitation of Pope Francis to pray and reflect on the mystery of mercy?

Pope Francis is asking that during this Jubilee Year, the season of Lent should be **“lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy”**. He is calling us to immerse ourselves so deeply in the mercy of God that we will undergo a profound spiritual conversion. He hopes that we will transform our lives **“so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God.”**

What a powerful invitation! **How will you use the forty days of Lent** entering into a deeper understanding of God’s mercy? **How will your life be changed? How will you reach out to others? How will others offer mercy to you?** To answer these questions why not consider the 2016 Lenten program at St. Brigid. The parish provides a multitude of opportunities for your consideration in helping in your Lenten Journey. In the Lenten booklet **“The Joy of Mercy”** many will find comfort reflecting on the daily meditations. I ask you to refer to the Lenten schedule of events that was mailed to all registered parishioners or pick a brochure in the back of the church.

Since the groundhog did not see its shadow, the prediction of having an early spring is eagerly awaited. Let us together **“SPRING FORWARD”** with the jovial spirit of Pope Francis that this Lent may truly be a **YEAR OF MERCY**. I look forward to joining with you as **TOGETHER** we journey and celebrate the transformation of dying to our old self and rising to new life in the glorious feast of Easter.

**Know that God Loves you & So do I,**  
Fr. Joe



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 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, consider dropping a donation in the soup pot. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.



### Collections from Last Week

	2015	2016
<b>Offertory Envelopes</b>	<b>1589.00</b>	<b>1521.00</b>
<b>Offertory Loose</b>	<b>524.15</b>	<b>311.90</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2113.15</b>	<b>1832.90</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>21.30</b>	<b>36.98</b>
<b>Attendance-Adults</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

### TAX STATEMENTS

If you wish a statement of your 2015 donations for tax purposes please call the office with your request.



**NOTE: Next week second collection is for Building Maintenance/Renovations.**



### COMMUNION AND THE RECEPTION OF WINE:

Since we are now in the cold and flu season we will discontinue the reception of wine during communion. We will resume the wine Palm Sunday weekend.

### Lectors and Ministers – FEBRUARY 6 & 7

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold  
L – Pat Banz

**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – John Swann  
L – Vicky Walmsley

### Lectors and Ministers: Ash Wednesday FEB. 10

**Wednesday: 8:00AM** B – Fr. Joe  
L –

**12:00PM** B – Marge Kaniecki  
L – Dennis Olver

**7:00PM** B – Fran Groves  
L – Tim O’Toole

### Lectors and Ministers – FEBRUARY 13 & 14

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

**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Connie Curtis  
L – Dennis Olver

### PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Cluster mtg. 12noon – St. Brigid  
**10<sup>th</sup>** - Ash Wednesday – Ashes 8, 12, 7  
**16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>** – Hatton Center 10-11:30 am  
**17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>** – Soup Meals – UEC Hall  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Beans & Bread

## LENT:

### ASH WEDNESDAY:

MASS TIMES: 8AM, NOON, 7PM

Ashes will be distributed at each mass.

### LENTEN MEAL GATHERING

Again this year we are joining with United Evangelical Church for the Lenten Meal Gatherings on the Wednesdays of Lent (Feb 17, 24, March 2, 9, & 16) from 5:30PM to 7PM. The meal consists of a hearty bowl of soup, a sandwich, dessert and beverage all for just a \$5 donation. We will be gathering in United Evangelical's hall. Come and share a good meal & fellowship during the weeks of Lent. **Daily Mass will be offered in the Chapel at 4:30 PM instead of 8 AM for those five Wednesdays of Lent.**

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to donate items for the homeless. All the items that have been donated were distributed to the homeless and were greatly appreciated. Especially with the weather being what it is. If you would like to make a donation of old/new blankets, shoes, or socks, etc. please bring them to the parish office. We know someone who regularly goes out to feed the homeless and would distribute the items to help them get through the cold weather. Thank you.

### THE SEARCH IS ON – FOR ST. BRIGID'S 90+ PARISHIONERS!!!



If you are 90 or older, we would like to hear from you. We would like to celebrate our treasured 90+ parishioners as part of our St.

Brigid celebration. If you fall into this category, please call the office 410-563-1717 and let us know your age and years of being of a part of St. Brigid. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Catholic High Upcoming Events:

**Spring Musical**- March 18 & 19; 7:00 p.m.

**Red Carpet Welcome**- Friday, March 18; 6-7 p.m.; Prospective families come learn more about us, take a tour, and see our spring musical!

**7th Grade Shadow Week**- Monday, April 18- Friday, April 22; Visit our website to register today!

**Campus Experience Days**- Friday, April 15 & April 29; 8-11 a.m. for prospective parents

**For information, call our Enrollment Office at 410.732.6200 ext. 216**

## WHOLE COMMUNITY

### FAITH FORMATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

10	Ash Wednesday
14	Liturgy of the Word 5 (Ashes/Lent)
21	Home Study 6
28	Session 7

### CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

14	Class
21	No Class
28	Class

### TRI PIC WINNERS

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01/27 M- 914 W. Corkran E- 633 P. Freburger  
01/28 M- 606 B. Kegan E- 835 M. Cawley  
01/29 M- 307 not sold E- 769 J. Hybdzinski  
01/30 M- 513 M. Kaniecki E- 993 J. Welker  
01/31 M- 402 not sold E- 787 C. Frank  
*Thanks to all of you who support our much needed Fundraisers. God Bless.*

### FOR TRI PIC TICKETS AND CALENDARS

**SALES: PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE: 410-563-1717 AND ASK FOR LINDA.**

### HATTON SENIOR CENTER, 410-396-9025

AARP will be doing Taxes for Seniors starting Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, Mondays only! Please call for an appointment.  
**Monday:** February 8,22, 29 Video Walk at 9:00, Yoga at 10:00 Eating Together at 11:30. Center will be closed February 15 for Presidents' Day.  
**Tuesday:** February 9,16,23 Faith and Life begins Feb.16,23 at 10:00 and Feb 16 Z-Hap Healthy living program at 12:00 and Eating Together 11:30  
**Wednesday:** February 10,17,24 Legal Help by Appointment only. General information meeting Feb. 10 at 1:00 February 24 blood pressure check 11:00.  
**Thursday:** February 11,18,25 Video walk 9:30, Wii 10:00, Aerobics 10:30 and Eating together at 11:30.  
**Friday** February 12,19,26 Bus to Walmart 12:00, Bingo at 12:30 Please be at the center by 12:00 to purchase your cards.

### God is in Control

*Our ever growing soul and its capacities can be satisfied only in the infinite God. As water is restless until it teaches its level, so the soul has no peace until it rests in God.*  
*Sadbu Sundar Singh*



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