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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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## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Joseph G. Bochenek .....*Pastor*  
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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.

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

- 20 ~ 8:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**
- 4:00PM **William & Lillian Schaefer**  
(Rita C. Schaefer)  
**Genevieve Brukiewa**  
(Mary Brukiewa)
- 21 ~10:30AM **Victoria Sarnecki**  
(Michael Sarnecki)  
**Lacy Jones** (Linda Arthur)
- 22 ~ 8:00AM **Joseph Raymond Bochenek**  
(Fr. Joe)
- 23 ~ 8:00AM **Tim Mouring** (Shorb Fam.)
- 24 ~ 8:00AM **Pat Brocato Simons** (Mom)
- 25 ~ 8:00AM **Our Grandparents**  
(Henry & MC Battersby)
- 26 ~ 8:00AM **Chas, Jeffrey & Patty Overfield**  
(Teresa Lembach)
- 10:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**
- 27 ~ 8:00AM **Tillie Pawlak** (Lois Pawlak)
- 4:00PM **Raymond Lubinski** (Brian & Cathy)  
**Eugene Brukiewa** (Mary Brukiewa)
- 28 ~10:30AM **Brenda Brocato Whitney** (mom)  
**Betty Zaczek** (Helen Toporzycski)



**February 21, 2016**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
"Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. Luke 9:28."

## GRACE FILLED DAYS

In some places a spiritual "desertification" has evidently come about, as the result of attempts by some societies to build without God or to eliminate their Christian roots... In these situation we are called to be living sources of water from which others can drink. At times, this becomes a heavy cross but it was from the cross, from his pierced side, that Our Lord gave himself to us as a source of living water. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!  
*Reflection: How does God's mercy fill you up to be a living source of water? Take time this week to be filled. Where are the deserts around you? Take time this week to be a source of hope.*

## LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

On Wednesdays during Lent, we are hosting a discussion group on "The Year of Mercy". The group will meet on Wednesdays at 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Refreshments will be served. You may then join Fr. Joe at Mass at 4:30pm. Our Lenten Soup meals begin at 5:30. A total package but come join us for any part. Please call the office so we may be prepared.



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep in your prayers:  
Dot Parker and Bob Schleicher.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### TRANSFIGURATION/TRANSFORMATION

All of us at one time or another have experienced a transformation/transfiguration in our lifetime. When a mother is about to give birth, her face maybe contorted in pain, but when her child is born her joy is reflected in her smile. Age also transfigures a person as does suffering. A great loss or gain of weight can change one's appearance remarkably. In our gospel story for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, the story of Jesus' transfiguration is described "his face shone like the sun, his clothes luminous." The disciples are given a glimpse of glory.

Perhaps the Transfiguration of Jesus needed to take place to help them remember and believe especially as they are making their way to Jerusalem. It would be there that the body of Jesus would again be transfigured into the crucified bloody body nailed to the cross. Peter's words, "Lord it is good for us to be here", helps remind ourselves of happy memories that can disguise the pain and sorrow we encounter in our daily life.

In this year of Mercy may God bring about the transformation and transfiguration of our lives as we seek Mercy and become merciful like the Father.

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



*If There's Only One Thing You Can Do...*

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**Prayer:** *O Giver of Life, You are the source of all creation. Through the healing power of Jesus you brought sight to the blind. Open our eyes to the pervasive consumerism in this country. Free us from its grip so we might enjoy spiritual freedom. Teach us to use your creation with moderation and compassion for those who do not have enough. You are our hope. Amen*

<b>Collections from Last Week</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Offertory Envelopes</b>	<b>1137.00</b>	<b>1109.60</b>
<b>Offertory Loose</b>	<b>223.00</b>	<b>776.50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1360.00</b>	<b>1886.10</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>	<b>37.76</b>	<b>26.25</b>
<b>Attendance-Adults</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

**NOTE: Next week second collection is for Utilities.**

### Lectors and Ministers – FEBRUARY 20 & 21

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold  
L – Helen Toporzycki  
**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Carm Endres  
L – Patrick Massey

### Lectors and Ministers – FEBRUARY 27 & 28

**Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Marge Kaneicki  
L – Joy Mays  
**Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Gerry Swann  
L – Jonathan Swann

### PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY

**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

#### MARCH

**1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup>** - Hatton Center 10-11:30 am  
**2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup>** - Soup Meals – UEC Hall  
**6<sup>th</sup>** - Mass of Anointing – 10:30 am  
**19<sup>th</sup>** – St Brigid/St. Patrick Celebration  
**13<sup>th</sup>** – Seder Meal 9 am  
**20<sup>th</sup>** - Blessing of Palms 9 am  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Lenten Reconciliation 7pm  
**24<sup>th</sup>** - Mass of Last Supper – 7pm  
**25<sup>th</sup>** - Carrying of the Cross – 10 am  
Stations – 3pm  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Vigil – 7pm  
**27<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Family Mass – 10:30 am

#### BEANS & BREAD

Please bring your casserole on this **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Church.** Plans & the recipe are available in back of church. We welcome anyone who would like to make a casserole. It is only once a month, so please consider this outreach to the needy. Thanks to all who have been so faithful.



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

<b>Where</b>	<b>UAW HALL 1010 Oldham St.</b>
<b>When</b>	<b>Sunday, April 17, 2016</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Doors Open</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Cost is \$40.00 a person (NO MINORS) ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN TUES. APRIL 12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Caterer</b>	<b>Catering by Superior Catering by M &amp; M Food served from 1:00 – 4:00PM</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Music Provided by: Don Bellew Music from 1:00 PM – 5:00PM</b>
<b>MENU</b>	
Steamed Shrimp, Pitted Beef, Pitted Sweet Hone, Homemade Shrimp Soup, Shrimp Creole, BBQ Chicken, Whipped Garlic Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Creamy Cesar Salad, Assorted Cheese Platters, Breads & Rolls, Fixings & Condiments – Assorted Sheetcakes Draft Beer, Soda, Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade <b>NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR</b>	

**SAINT BRIGID'S ULTIMATE BINGO**  
**Prizes include: Coach, Michael Kors,  
 Pandora, Gift Cards and  
 soooo much more!!**

**SUNDAY -- APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2016**  
**DOORS OPEN -- 12:00 pm**  
**GAMES BEGIN – 1:00 pm**  
**TICKETS: \$20.00**  
**Groups of 5 - \$90**



**(must be pre-paid by MAR. 31<sup>st</sup>)**  
**Will be held in United Evangelical's Hall**  
**Additional games,**  
**Raffles, etc!!**  
*Food, Snacks and drinks available  
 for purchase.*

**PLEASE HELP:** *We are in need of sponsors for the bags, gift cards and jewelry which range in price from \$35 to \$150; however, no donation is too small. If interested or able to make a monetary donation, please contact the parish office: 410-563-1717.*

**WHOLE COMMUNITY  
 FAITH FORMATION  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**  
**FEBRUARY**

21 Home Study 6  
 28 Session 7

**CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**  
**FEBRUARY**

21 No Class  
 28 Class

**FAITH/LIFE SERIES**

*Each Spring, ministers from nearby churches present a series of talks at the Hatton Senior Center. We will meet Tuesdays, Feb. 23 March 2, 9, 16, & 23, from 10-11:30 AM. Join with us each week as we take time to reflect, pray, and enrich our lives. Let's get together and look at small life interruptions with a whole new perspective. Open to all. You do not have to be a member of the Hatton Center to attend. Please join us!*

**LENTEN SOUP MEALS** - *The Lenten Soup meals are on Wednesday at 5:30 – 7pm.*

- ✦ Lenten Soup meals cost is \$5.00 & includes a cup of soup, sandwich, coffee or tea, bread, & dessert. **TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE!** This week's soup is Hearty Ham & Bean.
- ✦ **Daily Mass** - will be at 4:30PM instead of 8AM for the five Wednesdays of Lent.
- ✦ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during lent at 1PM in the Church.
- ✦ **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**- 3 PM in Church.

**ST. GERARD Y.M.A - LENTEN COD FISH CAKE SALE**

½ DOZ. CODDIES -\$10  
 1 DOZ. CODDIES - \$20  
 ½ COLE SLAW -\$1.50  
 Orders must be placed by NOON on WEDNESDAY and picked up between 12NOON and 4pm at the CLUB, 3513 Foster Ave. Call: 667-216-3234

**TRI PIC WINNERS**

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02/08 M- 502 D. Dawson	E- 137 R. Kulacki
02/09 M- 813 S. Winkler	E- 454 P. Freburger
02/10 M- 181 R. Kulacki	E- 394 M. Callanan
02/11 M- 888 not sold	E- 619 J. Hoppa
02/12 M- 901 not sold	E- 935 not sold
02/13 M- 509 MC Battersby	E- 477 R. Boswell
02/14 M- 949 not sold	E- 941 Harry Thoman

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