

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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PASTORAL TEAM

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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

MARCH

- 05 ~ 8:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**
- 4:00PM **Melvin Brukiewa** (Mary Brukiewa)
- Lonnie Anderson** (Healing)
- (Helen Toporzycki)
- 06 ~10:30AM **William J. Doerfield**
- (Teresa Lembach)
- William Shorb** (Shorb family)
- 07 ~ 8:00AM **Bernard Bochenek** (Fr. Joe)
- 08 ~ 8:00AM **Frank Buczkowski**
- (Jeanette Fisher)
- 09 ~ 8:00AM **Steve Rzczkowski Sr.**
- (Carolyn Rzczkowski)
- 10 ~ 8:00AM **John Pawlak** (Lois Pawlak)
- 11 ~ 8:00AM **John Victor Toporzycki Sr.**
- (Helen Toporzycki)
- 10:00AM **Betty Zaczek** (Henry & MaryClaire)
- 12 ~ 8:00AM **St. Brigid Parishioners**
- 4:00PM **Paul Sloboda** (Julia Scott)
- Fr. Joe** (Staff)
- 13 ~10:30AM **Goodhues Family** (Pat Freburger)
- Genevieve Brukiewa**
- (Mary Brukiewa)



March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Luke 15:21

GRACE FILLED DAYS

The journey of faith thus passes through the Cross. Mary understood this from the beginning, when Herod sought to kill the newborn Jesus. But then this experience of the Cross became deeper when Jesus was rejected.

Mary was always with Jesus, she followed Jesus in the midst of the crowds, and she heard all the gossip and the nastiness of those who opposed the Lord. And she carried this cross! Mary's faith encountered misunderstanding and contempt. When Jesus' "hour" came, the hour of his passion...Mary's faith was a little flame burning in the night, a little light flickering in the darkness.

Reflection: Imagine the scene of Jesus' passion through the eyes of Mary. What did she see? What was she thinking? How did she love those in the crowd, even in this moment? How can this help you learn to love others too?

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: Rylee Maslock, Melnychuk Family, Joe Niziolek, Dot Parker and Bob Schleicher.

PASTOR'S CORNER

WELCOME HOME- ALL IS FORGIVEN

A classic Charles Schultz "Peanuts" cartoon gives us a lesson in forgiveness. The cartoon opens with Lucy chasing after Charlie Brown and shaking her fist at him. "I'm going to get you, Charlie Brown", she cries. Charlie Brown comes to a sudden halt and calmly turns to face her. "Lucy, if we don't forgive each other as children, how will our parents learn to forgive each other? And how in turn will the world learn to forgive?" Exasperated by his question, Lucy turns and looks out at the readers, "I had to," she explains. "He was beginning to make sense."

Today's Gospel story is the familiar parable of the prodigal son or the story of the forgiving father. When we hear it, we are so amazed at the enduring love of the father who gives us a powerful lesson of how to forgive. It makes sense. Rejoice in the Lord always on the 4th Sunday of Lent known as Laetare Sunday when Pink or Rose colored vestments are worn and the readings give reason to rejoice and to be radiant with joy and not blush with shame. Be aglow with pink cheeks and a smile on your face and know the merciful forgiveness of a loving God.

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



*If There's Only One Thing You Can Do...
Replace home light fixtures with LED or compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL). It's a simple way to reduce energy consumption and save money over the long term. Using a standard 100-watt incandescent light bulb for one year requires of 700 pounds of coal. About 90 percent of the energy consumed by incandescent light bulbs creates heat instead of light. They use four times more energy than CFLs and seven times more than LEDs for the same amount of light. Switching off unnecessary lights also helps.*

Prayer: *Good and gracious God, you are the light of the world. Forgive us for acting as if creation belongs to us, rather than you. Help us to conserve and use wisely the treasures of our Earth. Teach us lifestyles that are a blessing for creation. May your Spirit light the way. Amen*

Collections from Last Week		
	2015	2016
Offertory Envelopes	1502.00	1447.00
Offertory Loose	704.16	286.19
Total	2206.16	1733.19
Poor Box	57.91	34.27
Attendance-Adults	112	116
Children	2	7
Next week's collection BUILDING MAINTENANCE /RENOVATION		

Lectors and Ministers – MARCH 5 & 6

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Marge Kaniecki
L – Sue Gerhold
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Lindsey Reedy
L – Dennis Olver

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L – Helen Toporzycki
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Anthony Reedy
L – Jonathan Swann

PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

8th/15th - Hatton Center 10-11:30 am
9th/16th - Soup Meals – UEC Hall
13th – Seder Meal 9 am
19th – St Brigid/St. Patrick Celebration
20th - Blessing of Palms 9 am

ST. BRIGID/ST. PATRICK CELEBRATION

On Saturday, March 19th following the 4PM Mass, we will have a light reception in Church to celebrate Our Patroness St. Brigid and the feast of St. Patrick. If you plan to attend please call the office or sign up on the sheet in the back of Church. Also, we invite you to bring a desert – just please let us know if you plan to do so.

NOTE: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY – REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR AT 2 AM ON 03/13/16.

God is in Control:

It is only when Christ dwells within our hearts, radiating the pure light of His love through our humanity, that we discover who we are and what we were intended to be.

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

Where	UAW HALL 1010 Oldham St.
When	Sunday, April 17, 2016
Time	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Doors Open
Cost	Cost is \$40.00 a person (NO MINORS) ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN TUES. APRIL 12th
Caterer	Catering by Superior Catering by M & M Food served from 1:00 – 4:00PM
Music	Music Provided by: Don Bellew Music from 1:00 PM – 5:00PM

MENU

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
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

SAINT BRIGID'S ULTIMATE BINGO

**Prizes include: Coach, Michael Kors,
Pandora, Gift Cards and
soooo much more!!**



SUNDAY -- APRIL 3RD, 2016

DOORS OPEN -- 12:00 pm

GAMES BEGIN – 1:00 pm

TICKETS: \$20.00

Groups of 5 - \$90

(must be pre-paid by MAR. 31st)

Tickets will be \$25.00 @ door)

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**

Next Sunday, March 13th there will be a Seder
Meal celebrated at 9 am prior to 10:30 Mass.
All are invited. If you wish to participate please
call the office and let us know so that we may
be properly prepared.

**Sunday School and Confirmation Schedule
APRIL**

- 20 Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms 9 am
(O'Donnell Sq)
- 27 NO CLASS - Easter
Mass of New Life 10:30 am

FAITH/LIFE SERIES

*Each Spring, ministers from nearby churches present
a series of talks at the Hatton Senior Center. We will
meet Tuesdays, March 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 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 Beef Barley.
- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **BLESSING OF PALMS** – 03/20, 9AM
- ✦ **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**- 3 PM in Church.

TRI PIC WINNERS

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 02/22 M- 208 not sold | E- 253 T. Reynolds |
| 02/23 M- 879 L. Hetmanski | E- 940 P. Guanti |
| 02/24 M- 877 no sold | E- 747 D. Caricofe |
| 02/25 M- 477 R. Boswell | E- 758 C. Marciszewski |
| 02/26 M- 098 not sold | E- 442 not sold |
| 02/27 M- 628 A. Satterfield | E- 379 J. Hybdzinski |
| 02/28 M- 444 not sold | E- 246 R. Driscoll |

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