

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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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.



MARCH

- 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)
- 14 ~ 8:00AM Rita Branagan (Antoinette Armitage)
- 15 ~ 8:00AM Kimberly Bochenek (Fr. Joe)
- 16 ~ 8:00AM Dominic Baldassare (Mary Kaczmarek)
- 17 ~ 8:00AM Richard W. Warfield Sr. (Catherine Macy)
- 18 ~ 8:00AM Victor Toporzycki (Helen Toporzycki)
- 10:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 19 ~ 8:00AM Joseph Raymond Bochenek(Fr. Joe)
- 4:00PM Boleslaus W. Majka (Majka family)
- Betty & Peter Miklovic (Julia Scott)
- 20 ~10:30AM Paul & Julia Sloboda (Julia Scott)
- Tillie Pawlak (Lois C. Pawlak)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep in your prayers: Rylee Maslock, Melnychuk Family, Joe Niziolek, Dot Parker and Bob Schleicher.



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 13, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" John 8:10

An Everyday Prayer

Blessings are part and parcel of Irish life. Aware of the stewardship concept that both livelihood and life itself depend on God, the Irish traditionally ask God's grace on ordinary activities: seeing the sun or a new moon, minding a cow, baking bread, lying down, making the bed, lighting or putting out a flame.

Try this: Pray this inclusive Irish blessing during the month of March, in celebration of St. Brigid of Kildare, St. Patrick, St. Brendan, St. Kevin, St. Fiacre, St. Oliver Pluckett and all the Irish saints.

ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

"God bless the poor, God bless the sick, God bless our human race, God bless our food, God bless our drink and our homes, O God, embrace."

ST. BRIGID/ST. PATRICK CELEBRATION

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

NOTE: PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT- JESUS WEPT

There is a small little chapel on the hillside of the garden of Gethsemani, called “**Church of Dominus Flavet or the church where Jesus wept**”. It was here that it is said that he wept over the city of Jerusalem as he said, “**they are like baby chicks without the mother hen**”. He also **wept at the death of Lazarus his friend**. His human frailty was laid bare and the tears of Martha and Mary overwhelmed him.

As a child, I was taught to be **Stoic**. Be like a rock! Cowboys don't cry! And my mother would say, “**Stop crying or I'll give you something to cry about**”. In seminary training, it was a common practice of belief that one would never wear your emotions on their sleeve.

One of the most popular recordings by Julie London was “**Cry Me a River**”, because I cried a river over you. That song kind of reminds me of **St. Monica who was the mother of St. Augustine**. She cried a river to tears for the conversion of her son. Perhaps it is safe to say that tears are most visible at the death of someone we love.

During the life span of any human being, there is of course, on conclusive and ultimate death. **Everybody dies**. But there are the **losses of friends, and family** whose absences create a dying in our hearts. There are the losses of **pets**. There are the losses of **oppressed and needy brothers and sisters** throughout the world. There is the dying of a friendship as it is surrendered to an argument that cannot and will not be resolved. There are the inevitable deaths when **memory fails**, when **bones bread and muscles ache** with the loss of youthful vigor. There are also deaths that come with the **loss of a job or a home**. In all these experiences of death, believers are assured that these deaths are but a prelude to that final act of surrender to God. **Each helps us prepare for the moment that is not an end but a passage to a new and endless beginning**. In that final moment, and in all the little preludes of dying that lead up to that moment, Jesus will say to us as he said so long ago at the tomb of Lazarus, “**Come out! Unbind him and let him go free!**”

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



Collections from Last Week

	2015	2016
Offertory Envelopes	1502.00	1297.00
Offertory Loose	704.16	318.35
Total	2206.16	1615.35
Poor Box	57.91	91.33
Attendance-Adults	112	62
Children	2	5
Next week's collection Cathedraticum Tax		

Lectors and Ministers – MARCH 12 & 13

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Sue Gerhold
L – Helen Toporzycki
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Anthony Reedy
L – Dennis Olver

Lectors and Ministers – MARCH 19 & 20

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
C – Chris Broughton
C – Ron DeBrosse
L – Jonathan Swann
L – Joy Mays
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Steve Endres
C – Carmelia Endres
C – Fran Groves
L – Patrick Massey
L – Dennis Olver

PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

15th - Hatton Center 10-11:30 am
16th - Soup Meal – UEC Hall
17th – Parish Office is closed
19th – St Brigid/St. Patrick Celebration
20th - Blessing of Palms 9 am

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

Try abstaining for your car for one day.

Plan ahead so driving won't be necessary that day. Select a day when you can walk, cycle, or take public transit wherever you go. If you can't go car-free, try carpooling and use the most fuel-efficient vehicle possible. Freedom from the car can be life changing...for you and the planet.

Prayer:

O Giver of Life, you called your chosen people to journey with you and blessed their movement. Guide us as we search for alternative means to fuel our journeys. Give us the creativity and courage to protect your creation and share its resources fairly. Amen

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. JOE
FROM THE STAFF AND PARISHIONERS**

**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 still in need of
 sponsors for the bags 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 Jo Ellen at the parish
 office: 410-563-1717.*

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
 FAITH FORMATION
 SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

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

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 Tomato Rice.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

- MONDAY - March 21st** - **Chrism Mass-
 Cathedral of Mary our Queen, 7:30 PM**
- WEDNESDAY – March 23rd** - **Lenten
 Reconciliation Service - 7:00 PM**
- THURSDAY- March 24th** - **Parish Office
 Closed- NO 8AM Mass - Mass of the Last
 Supper 7PM**
- FRIDAY – March 25th** - **Parish Office Closed
 NO 8AM Mass - Carrying of the Cross - 10AM
 from St. Brigid
 Good Friday Service - 3PM in Church**
- SATURDAY- March 26th** - **NO 8AM Mass
 Decorate Church - 9 AM
 Blessing of Baskets - 12 NOON
 Easter Vigil Mass - 7 PM**
- SUNDAY, March 27th** **Family Liturgy-10:30 AM**
- MONDAY, March 28th** - **Parish Office Reopens**

TRI PIC WINNERS

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 02/29 M- 200 not sold | E- 347 G. Kaczmarek |
| 03/01 M- 032 R. Smyth | E- 454 Pat Freburger |
| 03/02 M- 343 R. Miller | E- 541 T. Staniewski |
| 03/03 M- 619 J. Hoppa | E- 488 not sold |
| 03/04 M- 437 R. Hall | E- 739 J. Hybdzinski |
| 03/05 M- 891 T. Poniatowski | E- 323 T. Wojtas |
| 03/06 M- 670 B. Kegan | E- 796 J. Hybdzinski |
- Thanks to all of you who support our much needed
 Fundraisers. God Bless.*

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6 days





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