

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.



APRIL

- 02 ~ 8:00AM Michelle Brocato Wright (Mom)
- 4:00PM Raymond Lubinski (Brian & Cathy)
- Melvin Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 03 ~10:30AM Anna A. Burns (Dennis P. Burns)
- John Pawlak (Lois C. Pawlak)
- 04 ~ 8:00AM Genevieve Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 05 ~ 8:00AM Victoria Sarnecki (Michael Sarnecki)
- Louis McConnell (Chris & Christina)
- 06 ~ 8:00AM Joseph Stachorowski (Stachorowski Family)
- 07 ~ 8:00AM Anthony M. Wanger (JoAnn & Carroll Hock)
- 08 ~ 8:00AM Fred Rzczkowski (Carolyn Rzczkowski)
- 10:00AM Steve Olson (Tim & Joan O'Toole)
- 09 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Victoria Sarnecki (Anniv) (Michael Sarnecki)
- Anna Mary Majka (Bernie Majka)
- 10 ~10:30AM Helen Muth (Shorb Family)
- Betty Zaczek (Ken & Connie Curtis)

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO RITA SICKORIA
&
HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY
TO STANLEY & FLORENCE SDANOWICH

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



Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. Acts 5: 15

A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

The thief who went astray in his life, but now repents, clings to the crucified Jesus and begs him: "Remember me, when you come into your kingdom" (Lk 23:42). Jesus promises him: "Today you will be with me in paradise" (v.43), in his kingdom. Jesus speaks only a word of forgiveness, not of condemnation; whenever anyone finds the courage to ask for this forgiveness, the Lord does not let such a petition go unheard.

-Homily, November 24, 2013

Reflection: *Read the account of the good thief in Luke 23:29-43 and put yourself in the story as the thief. In our relationship with God, it is important to recognize that we are sinners before the Lord, but sinners who are loved and forgiven, not condemned. What does Jesus say to you as you picture the scene?*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep in your prayers: Christina Aquia, Tim Branagan, Bruce Hinline, Rylee Maslock, Louis McConnell, Melnychuk Family, Dot Parker and Bob Schleicher.



PASTOR'S CORNER

A GOD OF SURPRISE!

On this 2nd Sunday of Easter, referred to as "Divine Mercy Sunday", there is much joy. In conjunction with the celebration of the Easter Season, the Church designated this day to canonize both Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II as saints.

These two great pontiffs were appointed at a time when they were both relatively unknown and came as a complete surprise. It was the feeling of the hierarchy of Rome, that it would be best to select an elderly cardinal as pope, thereby, giving extra time to select a more suitable successor. Little did the hierarchy know that God had special plans for this lovable and wise shepherd, who walked in the shoes of the fisherman for three short years (1960-1963). Pope John XXIII declared that there would be a Second Vatican Council in Rome, calling upon all the bishops of the world to attend. The Council would make some dramatic changes in liturgy, such as celebrating the Mass in the language of the people. He referred to the council as an "Opening up the windows" to let fresh air in and bring the Church up to date in meeting the needs of a fast pacing world.

Pope John Paul II was elected pope. A native of Poland; he was the first non Italian to be elected pope in over 100 years. It captured the world by surprise. He was known as a pope who traveled all around the world and reached out to the youth. In 1995, the Holy Father visited Baltimore and celebrated Mass at the stadium. I remember when I received two tickets for parishioners to attend the Mass at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen before he embarked back to Rome. Mr. Barney Lubertine, President of the Holy Name and Mrs. Elizabeth Schroeder, president of the Sodality attended and had the honor of shaking hands with the Holy Father.

The world was surprised again when Pope Benedict XVI resigned in February 2013. What other surprises would take place? The surprise that the next Pope would come from the Western hemisphere, a Jesuit bishop from Argentina – Pope Francis. He has drawn attention by his reaching out to the poor and living a lifestyle of humility and simplicity. As we celebrate the Joy of Mercy this Easter Season, we continue to encounter God of Surprise in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God Loves you & So do I, Fr Joe



Collections from Last Week		
	2015	2016
Offertory Envelopes	1835.76	3019.00
Offertory Loose	549.14	1165.81
Total	2384.90	4184.81
Poor Box	57.71	92.66
Attendance-Adults	157	269
Children	5	21
Next week's collection BUILDING MAINTENANCE & RENOVATIONS.		

Lectors and Ministers – April 2 & 3

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Sue Gerhold
C – Ron DeBrosse
C – Chris Broughton
L – Pat Banz

Sunday: 10:30AM B – John Swann
C – Gerry Swann
C – Valeria Brown
L – Jonathan Swann

Lectors and Ministers – April 9 & 10

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
C – Carroll Hock
C – Marge Kaniecki
L – Mike Kegan

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Connie Curtis
C – Lindsay Reedy
C – Anthony Reedy
L – Dennis Olver

PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 3 – Ultimate Bingo 1PM
17 – Annual Shrimp Feast/Bull Roast
26 – Beans & Bread

MAY 1 – First Communion 10:30 AM
8 – May Procession 9:30 AM
21/22 – Confirmation Retreat
24 – Beans & Bread
30 – Memorial Day (Office is closed)

TRI PIC WINNERS

03/14 M- 114 not sold E- 294 N. Van Keuren
03/15 M- 388 not sold E- 157 R. Filipiak
03/16 M- 719 C. Hanes E- 705 L. Arthur
03/17 M- 888 not sold E- 126 M. Poggioli
03/18 M- 114 not sold E- 702 G. Hofferbert
03/19 M- 075 G. Hofferbert E- 075 G. Hofferbert
03/20 M- 915 C. Macy E- 532 L. Friedel

Thanks to all of you who support our much needed Fundraisers. God Bless.

**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
<u>MENU</u>	
Steamed Shrimp, Pitted Beef, Pitted Sweet Honey Ham, Homemade Shrimp Soup, Shrimp Creole, BBQ Chicken, Whipped Garlic Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Creamy Cesar Salad, Assorted Cheese Platters, Breads & Rolls, Fixings & Condiments – Assorted Sheet cakes Draft Beer, Soda, Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR	

PARISH REGISTRATION

We strongly encourage those who participate regularly in the life of our Faith Community to register with us and to use the envelopes. For those who wish to make St. Brigid their parish family with future plans to celebrate a baptism, a wedding or obtain a letter to be a godparent or sponsor, it is necessary to be formally registered and actively participating on a regular basis for at three months before dates can be set or letters can be written. Registration forms can be found in the back of Church or see our website: www.saintbrigid-canton.com.

United Evangelical Church BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting a community blood drive on Saturday April 9, 2016. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at 3200 Dillon Street from 8:30 am-2 pm. You can sign up in advance in the narthex or by contacting: The church office: 410-276-0393, uecucc@comcast.net or Cissy Funk: 443-676-9957, cissy.funk@jakcoinc.com

ST CASIMIR'S BOY SCOUT TROOP #131 is having a PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, April 17th from 9-12 in Fr. Kolbe Hall. Cost is \$7 and included everything. For additional information please call: 410-276-1981.

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
FAITH FORMATION
Sunday School Schedule**

APRIL

- 3 Liturgy of the Word 7**
- 10 Session 8**
- 17 Home Study 7**

Confirmation Schedule

APRIL

- 3 Class**
- 10 Class**
- 17 Class**

We wish to thank Connie Curtis for all the beautifully woven palm that she provided for the masses. Connie shares her talent every year and we are blessed that she shares them with St. Brigid.



B3 is Hampstead Hill Academy's annual fund raiser sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization

Enjoy a fun-filled night of bingo games and win cash prizes! Have fun bidding on fantastic items in our Silent Auction donations from local businesses, restaurants and other organizations. And, dine on delicious bites donated by local community restaurants while listening to great music from DJ Mr. Swann! B3 is an over 21 event. Tickets are \$25 and include bingo card and food. For tickets, you can order online at hha47.org and push the B3 button.

We look forward to seeing you!

CATHOLIC HIGH Annual Spring Fling

The Catholic High School of Baltimore will hold its 17th annual Spring Fling, on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. Nottingham, MD 21236. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of ten. Reservations must be made no later than April 15, 2016. For reserve, contact Mrs. Beth Frevel, Coordinator of Fundraising/Development at bfrevel@thecatholichighschool.org or call 410.732.6200 x 248., or visit our website: http://thecatholichighschool.org/giving/spring_fling/.



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