

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

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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.

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.



APRIL

30 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
4:00PM Crescentia A. Wenger
(Carroll & JoAnn Hock)
Maggie Kahl (Bill McHugh)

MAY

01 ~10:30AM Theodora Hildebrant
(Jeanette Fisher)
Thomas Freburger (Pat Freburger)
02 ~ 8:00AM Eva Barzak (Catherine Macy)
03 ~ 8:00AM Anna V. Hock
(Joanne & Carroll Hock)
04 ~ 8:00AM Darlene Schneider (Fr. Joe & Staff)
05 ~ 8:00AM Fred Cantelmo (Mike Stachorowski)
06 ~ 8:00AM Anna G. Pilachowski (Rita Urbanski)
10:00AM The Poor and Homeless
07 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
4:00PM Bernard Victor Toporzycki
(Helen Toporzycki)
Julia Sloboda (Julia Scott)
08 ~10:30AM All Deceased Mothers of the Parish
(Helen Toporzycki)
Sally Mach (Joyce Mach)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please keep in your prayers: Christina Aquia, Sharon Austin, Tim Branagan, Selby Fortney, Rylee Maslock, Louis McConnell, Melnychuk Family, Charlotte Nagle, Dot Parker, Bob Schleicher, Robert Shorb, and Mattie Sobus.

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



May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Whoever loves me will keep my word ... yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me." John 14:23-24

A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

We are in need today of the sweetness of Our Lady to understand the things that Jesus asks of us. It is not an easy list to put into practice: love your enemies, do good, give without hoping for anything in return, to him who strikes you offer the other cheek, to him who takes your cloak offer your tunic as well. These are heavy demands. But all of them were lived by Our Lady in her own way.

Reflection: *Mary lived in poverty under the oppressive government of the Roman Empire. She constantly had opportunities to put love into practice, both in the grind of her daily life as a woman of poverty and when enduring the demands of the government. Ask Mary to teach you the way of Jesus. Ask her to help you learn to think and act with mercy.*

I REMEMBER MAMA

Mother's Day is May 8th. We would like to pay tribute to our moms (living or deceased). We invite everyone to bring in a photo & share a favorite memory or anecdote of your mom. Please include your name so we can return your photos. We will post photos and memories on the bulletin board in church during the month of May.

PASTOR'S CORNER

EUCCHARIST & EASTER

The time between Easter and Pentecost is a **time to discover the deeper realities of our faith.** The central action of Catholic worship is the Eucharist. What is **Eucharist? It is a sacred meal, a sacrifice, a sacrament, a ritual.** It is all these things certainly. But sometimes, in the midst of all the big words and theological description, we forget one simple fact, the **Eucharist is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.** The word "Eucharist" comes from a Greek word meaning **gratitude.**

This weekend, St. Brigid is filled with praise, thanksgiving and gratitude as it celebrates the First Holy Communion of:

**Breanna Bennett
&
Kaitlyn Orzechowski**

It is with great joy that St. Brigid's Faith Community and myself congratulates our communicants in this teachable moment of faith and we welcome them to the table of the Lord. We ask God's blessings upon their families who are the first teachers of their children in the way of faith and the teacher who has guided them along this journey of faith. Fill their hearts with love for Jesus and may their parents, family members and our faith community continue to be an example of Christian witness for these children and for one another.

**God Loves you & So do I,
Fr Joe**

CELL PHONES - Respect Our Lord & those around you. Turn off your cell phones during Mass. Please silence children's video games during the liturgy.

We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish community. We hope you leave with great comfort. God's Blessing for you and your family. Join us anytime.



Collections from Last Week		
	2015	2016
Offertory Envelopes	1313.00	1359.00
Offertory Loose	385.70	261.00
Total	1398.70	1620.00
Poor Box	48.14	42.90
Attendance-Adults	115	103
Children	6	3
Next week's collection Building Maintenance & Renovation		

Lectors and Ministers – April 30 & May 1

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Marge Kaniecki
C – Antoinette Sheridan
C – Carroll Hock
L – Helen Toporzyski
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Steve Endres
C – Carmelia Endres
C – Valeria Brown
L – Joy Mays

Lectors and Ministers – May 7 & 8

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Sue Gerhold
C – Ron DeBrosse
C – Chris Broughton
L – Tim O'Toole
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Gerry Swann
C – Valeria Brown
C – John Swann
L – Jonathan Swann

PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE & SPREAD THE WORD!

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

Saturday May 14th – 5-10pm

The 2nd food Truck Rally to benefit St. Brigid Church will be held in the school yard on Saturday, May 14th, rain or shine. We hope to use this event to attract people and money from the greater Canton/ Highlandtown Community in an effort to inform people about our parish and raise money from non-parishioners. In order to do this, we need the support of our dedicated parishioners who are able to donate time or goods:

NEEDS: bottled water, diet and regular soda in cans, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, hand sanitizer pumps, 33 gal. heavy-duty trash bags, and individually-wrapped desserts. Please direct donations and inquiries to Pat Freburger at 410-563-1717.

We also need about 30 volunteers for two time slots (4-8pm & 7-11pm – times include set-up and clean-up) to work the Gates, Wheels, Instants/Raffle games, and Dessert/Drink sales. Please sign up in the back of the church with your preferences and availability, or call or email Chris Broughton/Katie Lawler at 410-241-4696/kalawler@gmail.com.

DONATION NEEDED:

In conjunction with the Food Truck Rally, we need to rent Porta Potties. If you are able to make a monetary donation towards this expense, you may send your donation to the Office or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Porta Potty. No donation is too small. Thank you.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever, we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what you are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits." Amen

WHOLE COMMUNITY

FAITH FORMATION

God Bless Our Communicants



Breanna Bennett

Kaitlyn Orzechowski

Sunday School Schedule

- May 1 **No classes**
- 1st Communion – 10:30 mass**
- May 8 **May Procession – 9:30 am**

Confirmation Schedule

- May 1 **No classes**
- 1st Communion – 10:30 mass**
- May 8 **May Procession – 9:30 am**

TRI PIC WINNERS

- 04/11 M- 144 H Rowlette E- 306 M. Weitzel
- 04/12 M- 099 not sold E- 057 A. Kulacki
- 04/13 M- 391 M. Poggiole E- 202 not sold
- 04/14 M- 953 M. Sarnecki E- 173 W. Alderson
- 04/15 M- 698 L. Hetmanski E- 255 D. Dawson
- 04/16 M- 894 not sold E- 115 D. DeSantis
- 04/17 M- 359 D. Brzozowski E- 022 J. Duszynski

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

HATTON SENIOR CENTER BUS TRIP TO:

Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, Md. On Monday, June 13th. Mountain Gate offers an all you can eat buffet and bingo. Cost: members \$38 & non-members \$43. For reservations and additional information, call the Hatton Center at 410-396-9025 between 9am and 3pm.

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.



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