

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

Rev. Joseph G. Bochenek *Pastor*
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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.



MAY

- 14 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Melvin F. Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- Raymond Lubinski (Brian & Cathy)
- 15 ~10:30AM Fr. Joseph G. Bochenek (St. Brigid)
- Sara Curtis (Mr/Mrs Ken Curtis)
- Ian Michael Wright (Grandma)
- 16 ~ 8:00AM Sarnecki-Kotkowski Fam.
- (Michael Sarniecki)
- 17 ~ 8:00AM Walter G. Toporzycki
- (Helen Toporzycki)
- 18 ~ 8:00AM Frances Doerfler (Teresa Lembach)
- 19 ~ 8:00AM Joseph F. Pilachowski
- (Rita Urbanski)
- 20 ~ 8:00AM Wanda, Pete, Pan Pilachowski
- (Teresa Lembach)
- 10:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 21 ~ 8:00AM Helen Glodek (Mary Kaczmarek)
- 4:00PM Henry J. Schroeder, Sr.
- (Betty Schroeder)
- Boleslaus W. Majka (Bernie Majka)
- 22 ~10:30AM John Pawlak (Lois Pawlak)
- Genevieve Brukiewa
- (Mary Brukiewa)

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.

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 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

"Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21

A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

For everyone, even for our society that is showing signs of fatigue, if we want to save ourselves from sinking, it is necessary to follow the path of poverty. That does not mean misery—this idea should be refuted—it means knowing how to share, how to be more in solidarity with those in need, to entrust oneself more to God and less to our human efforts. Reflection: How can you follow the path of poverty? Do you need a poverty of spirit where you rely less on your own efforts? Do you need a poverty of material goods where you learn to live with less

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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



PASTOR'S CORNER

PENTACOST

This weekend the church celebrates **PENTECOST**, the birthday of church. Could there be any better way to portray the emergence of a community of believers that in the terms of **WIND AND FIRE**? These forces of the universe are immeasurable, unpredictable and often uncontrollable. The imagery of **WIND AND FIRE** have figured importantly to many encounters between God and mankind.

FIRE signified the presence of God sealing a covenant with Abraham, summoning Moses to the burning bush & leading the Hebrew people through the desert with a pillar of fire at night. **FIRE** also purified the mouths of the prophets in proclaiming God's holy word.

WIND also signified the power and presence of God. Sweeping over the waters of creation, **WIND** brought forth life from the breath of God. It describes also a sign of God's Spirit, who blows whenever and whenever and in whomever it chooses.

With the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, the **church has become known as the oldest established organization in the world**. Many an empire has risen and fallen, yet the church still stands. It has overcome all adversity relying on the promise of Jesus, **"that I will be with you always till the end of time."**

Since, **Pentecost is the birthday of the Church**, and birthdays usually means **gifts**. Ours is the **gift of faith**, which comes **wrapped in the bright red love of the Holy Spirit**. Are you wearing something red? The color **symbolizes the love of the Holy Spirit, it also represents the tongues of fire on the heads of the believers** when they were anointed with great power. This can be our reminder that today we received the **FIRE** of God's love. **COME HOLY SPIRIT FILL THE HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH

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

Collections from Last Week		
	2015	2016
Offertory Envelopes	1366.00	1285.00
Offertory Loose	361.47	130.02
Total	1727.47	1415.02
Poor Box	68.91	31.00
Attendance-Adults	118	102
Children	6	9
Next week's collection Utilities.		

Lectors and Ministers – May 14 & 15

- Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Barb Kegan
 C – Marge Kaniecki
 C – Carroll Hock
 L – Mike Kegan
- Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Anthony Reedy
 C – Connie Curtis
 C – Lindsay Reedy
 L – Dennis Olver

Lectors and Ministers – May 21 & 22

- Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Marge Kaniecki
 C – Ron DeBrosse
 C – Chris Broughton
 L – Joy Mays
- Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Carmelia Endres
 C – Steve Endres
 C – Antoinette Sheridan
 L – Patrick Massey

**PARISH CALENDER OF
UPCOMING EVENTS**

- MAY** 24 – Beans & Bread
 30 – Memorial Day (Office is closed)
- JUNE** 19 – Father's Day
 20 – 1st day of Summer
 27th- 7/1 – Vacation Bible School
 28 – Beans & Bread

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.

TRI PIC WINNERS

04/25 M- 704 not sold E- 032 T. Resch
04/26 M- 863 M. Olency E- 797 not sold
04/27 M- 308 I. Ruby E- 679 J. Hybdzinski
04/28 M- 181 R. Kulacki E- 690 T. Ullman
04/29 M- 032 T. Resch E-138 Fr. Joe
04/30 M- 859 L. Charles E- 055 L. Charles
05/01 M- 570 P. Gasiorowski E- 270 M. Brocato

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

Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House

Only 4 weeks until our annual \$10,000 Raffle and Silent Auction on Friday, June 3, 2016 from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.! Raffle tickets are \$100 each and only 500 tickets will be sold. The 1st Prize is \$10,000 and 2nd Prize is \$1,000. Up to 4 people may share a ticket, and each ticket entitles you to attend the drawing on June 3 which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction, and games of chance. The silent auction begins when doors open. Please support the mission of the House by being a part of our biggest fundraiser of the year. Get your tickets TODAY by calling Jackie at the Retreat House at 410-666-2400 ext 810. You need not be present to win and must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

A PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I fall;
I am nervous when I'm walking
And on Thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I'm on the stair,
Let me know you are beside me,
Listen to my fervent prayers.

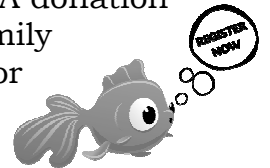
Bring me to my destination,
Safely every single day,
Help me with my undertaking,
As the hours pass away,

And when evening falls upon us,
And I fear to be alone,
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
Once again and lead me home.
Amen

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
FAITH FORMATION**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 27 – JULY 1, 9 am-12noon**

This year's theme is "**SUBMERGER**". Come and bring your friends as we meet and greet our neighbors. Children of all ages welcome. Join together for games, crafts & snacks, indoors & outside. A donation of \$15 per child or \$25 a family provides a **WEEK OF FUN** for all. Call the office and speak with Jo Ellen for more information.



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They bring great joy your way.

***But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. We can trust God...He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done.
1 John 1:9***



When the day of Pentecost had come...from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...divided tongues, as of fire, rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability...speaking about God's deeds of power. ~ Acts 2

JUST A REMINDER If you would like to have an event published in the bulletin, it must be put in writing & sent to the Parish Office at least two weeks before the event. This will help to avoid errors. Pulpit announcements must be sent to the office.

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



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