

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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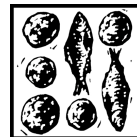
Rev. Joseph G. Bochenek*Pastor*
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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.



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 29, 2016
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." Luke 9:13

MAY

- 28 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Matt Lembach (Teresa Lembach)
- Lillian Schaefer-Birthday (Rita Schaefer)
- 29 ~10:30AM Eugene Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- Richard Urbanski (Rita Urbanski)
- 30 ~ 8:00AM Holy Souls in Thanksgiving (Nora Monaghan)
- 31 ~ 8:00AM In Thanksgiving (Joyce Mach)

JUNE

- 01 ~ 8:00AM Edward Harris (Pat Banz)
- 02 ~ 8:00AM Thomas E. Burns Sr. (Dennis Burns)
- 03 ~ 8:00AM Battered and Abused Children
- 10:00AM The Poor and Homeless
- 04 ~ 8:00AM St. Brigid Parishioners
- 4:00PM Melvin Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- Jimmy Patzwall (Bob Patzwall)
- 05 ~10:30AM Ann & Joseph Stachorowski (Mike Stachorowski)
- Margaret Dietsch & Family (Bette)

A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS.

Dear friends, sometimes we may be tempted to give into laziness, or worse, to discouragement, especially when faced with the hardships and trials of life. In these cases, let us not lose heart, let us invoke the Holy Spirit so that through the gift of fortitude he may lift our heart and communicate new strength and enthusiasm to our life and to our following of Jesus.

Reflection:

What steals your joy in life? What distracts you from being generous? From being motivated? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to continually seek Jesus' love as a source of your motivation and strength.

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, Joel Muth, Charlotte Nagle, Dot Parker, Anton Resch, Bob Schleicher, Robert Shorb, and Mattie Sobus.



Please remember in your prayers Anthony Storto (husband of Mary Storto) and his family & friends during their time of sorrow.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Feast of the body & Blood of Christ

Jesus fed all who would be nourished by him. Jesus' willingness to feed humanities physical hungers serves as a guide for those seeking to identify themselves as his disciples.

- + He fed those hungry for the truth with his teaching.
- + His compassion fed the sorrowing.
- + His mercy to the forgiven.
- + His caring fed the sick & dying.
- + His love fed those yearning to be loved.

If Jesus were to perform his miracles and ministries today, he would be wanted by the **FDA** for turning water into wine without an alcohol permit, and for the miraculous feeding of 5,000 people in the wilderness without proper food safety requirement, the **EPA** for the killing of fig trees, the **AMA** for practicing medicine without a license; and **the health department** for opening graves and raising the dead.

Today's Feast of Corpus Christi, The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ tells us that God is not limited to the possible. Since he makes all things possible, he can do the impossible. In this celebration we are reminded that the Eucharist provides the newfound energy to live out the command to become "**my flesh for the life of the world**". St. Teresa of Avila possibly said it best with these words: "**Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. You are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world**". We have partaken of the meal, now let us go and "**be bread**" for the world.

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



Collections from Last Week

	2015	2016
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	1517.01	708.35
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	404.98	230.75
<i>Total</i>	1921.99	939.10
<i>Poor Box</i>	46.68	19.48
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	157	86
<i>Children</i>	8	
<i>Next week's collection Liturgy & Religious Ed.</i>		

Lectors and Ministers – May 28 & 29

- Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold
C – Barb Kegan
C – Carroll Hock
L – Helen Toporzycski
- Sunday: 10:30AM** B – Fran Groves
C – Gerry Swann
C – John Swann
L – Vicky Walmsley

Lectors and Ministers – June 4 & 5

- Saturday: 4:00PM** B – Sue Gerhold
C – Ron DeBrosse
C – Chris Broughton
L – Joy Mays
- Sunday: 10:30AM** B – John Swann
C – Gerry Swann
C – Valeria Brown
L – Jonathan Swann

PARISH CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 30 – Memorial Day (Office is closed)

JUNE 6 – Office is Closed
19 – Father's Day
20 – 1st day of Summer
27th- 7/1 – Vacation Bible School
28 – Beans & Bread

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.*

TRI PIC WINNERS

05/02 M- 048 K. Curtis E-558 K. Curtis
05/03 M- 265 A. Impallaria E-532 A. Freund
05/04 M- 115 C. Piccione E-334 W. Sampson
05/05 M- 240 J. Sgroi Sr. E-444 B. Baynes
05/06 M- 354 D. Alemayku E- 260 J. Grebos
05/07 M- 135 R. Washel E- 086 L. Mierzwicki
05/08 M- 670 B. Kegan E- 526 S. Szymanski
Thanks to all of you who support our much needed Fundraisers. God Bless.

FOOD TRUCK RALLY

We are happy to report that the Food Truck Rally made \$6600. The winner of the 50/50 was Ron Lockwood, and Barbara Baines won the Corn Hole raffle. We would like to thank the members of the committee, all those who made donations and all the hard workers who showed up to lend a hand.

Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House

Our Silent Auction is on Friday, June 3, 2016 from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. 1st Prize is \$10,000 and 2nd Prize is \$1,000. Up to 4 people may share a ticket. Each ticket entitles you to attend the drawing on June 3 which includes hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction, and games of chance. The silent auction begins when doors open. For tickets call Jackie at 410-666-2400 ext 810.

BLOOD DRIVE

John Hopkins Bayview Medical Center is having a Blood Drive on Tuesday & Wednesday June 14th & 15th from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. All donors will receive a lunch pass for the cafeteria, a thermal bag for grocery shopping and a parking pass if you park in one of the lots on campus. To schedule an appointment for this blood drive please call Donna DiPaula at 410-550-0293.

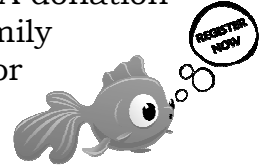
PARISH REGISTRATION

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.

WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH FORMATION

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

This year's theme is "**SUBMERGED**". Come and bring your friends as we meet and greet our neighbors. Children of all ages are 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.



HEART OF MERCY HEALING MINISTRY FOR WOMEN

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd offer counseling services with a licensed therapist. Are you looking for help dealing with depression, anxiety, post-abortion healing, relationship issues, spiritual difficulties, improving your self-esteem or other issues that keep you from experiencing the fullness of life that Christ offers? If so, please contact Sr. Mary Frances, RGS at 410-245-0870.

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM:

The Catholic Church in the United States will observe a Fortnight for Freedom, June 21- July 4. The Fortnight is a time for prayer, education, and action to support and defend religious freedom in our Nation and around the world. This year's Fortnight will celebrate past and present "witnesses to religious freedom." The Archdiocese of Baltimore will host events to mark the Fortnight, beginning with the nationally-televised opening Mass, celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori, at the Baltimore Basilica on June 21st at 7pm. Relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher will be on display during and after the Mass for veneration. More information about the Mass and about the other events taking place in the Archdiocese can be found at www.archbalt.org.



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