

ST. BRIGID CHURCH

1854 – 2017 ~ 163 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 and Funerals are the special pleasure of our ministry. Since individual needs differ, it's best to contact the Parish Office for appropriate consideration. Please do not hesitate to call, since these celebrations are our service to you & a joy for us.



DECEMBER

31~8:00AM Margaret Callinan- (Lynda Altman)
4:00PM Eugene Brukiewa- (Mary Brukiewa)
Special Intention-(Joyce Mach)

JANUARY 2017

01~10:30AM– Milton Glodek
(Kaczmarek/Baldassare Families)
Carroll Weber – (Fr. Joe)
02~8:00AM Mildred Mikulski-Cook-(Ruth Hahn)
03~8:00AM Mary Owens-(Joan & Tim O'Toole)
04~8:00AM Michael Smertycha-(Pat Freburger)
05~8:00AM Henry Wohlfort– (Sonny Gabriel & Fam.)
06~8:00AM Henry Wohlfort-(Kenneth Peluso & Fam)
10:00AM Frank Buczkowski-(Jeanette Fisher)
07~8:00AM Ida Buczkowski – (Jeannette Fisher)
4:00PM Anna Mary Majka- (Bernie Majka)
Ray – (Cathy & Brian)
08~10:30AM– Steve Rzeczkowski-
(Carolyn Rzeczkowski)
Marge Callinan – (Henry & MaryClaire)

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. Happy New Year.

Saturdays - 4PM
Weekdays – 8:00AM
Sundays - 10:30AM
Holidays - As Announced

Family Mass - As Scheduled
Office hours Mon~Thurs 8:00-5:00pm Fri Closed



January 1, 2017
The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. **Luke 2:18**

POPE FRANCIS –

Let Us Courageously Ask

As 2016 draws to a close, we gather up, as in a basket, the days, weeks, and months we have lived in order to offer them all to the Lord. And let us courageously ask ourselves: How have we lived the time which he has given us? Have we used it primarily for ourselves, for our own interests, or have we also sought to spend it on others? How much time have we reserved for being with God in prayer, in silence, in adoration?
Reflection: Each season and moment in our lives is a gift from God. When we reflect back it is a chance to reflect with gratitude on God's mercy, love, and providence in our lives. What have you done with these gifts? Where can you improve? Make a resolution to make a change toward greater freedom and mercy this next year.

PASTOR'S CORNER

MARY PONDERED

January 1st has an almost carnival like atmosphere to it. To celebrate it, we do all sorts of things: watch football games, drink champagne, toast new beginnings, wear crazy hats, set off fireworks, kiss and hug old friends, travel to visit extended families.

It's the time of year when we roll out the old and bring in the new – even to the point of dusting off the treadmill in the corner that has become nothing more than a resting place for dusty potted plants. It's time for making new resolutions, new promises to ourselves.

On this first day of the new year, another way to celebrate is with a blessing of calendars. We are so time conscience, so busy doing so many things to the point of becoming exhausted and yet take little time for taking care of our self.

In recent years January 1st has been regarded as the Feast of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Luke tells us that “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart”. Consider what she had to ponder: an angel telling her she would bear God's own son a census causing her to travel to Bethlehem on a donkey, a manger filled with straw intended for animals, a group of shepherds who are “amazed”. She had to be asking herself “What does all this mean”?

In her heart, Mary's ultimate answer to these questions was singular “TRUST”.

On this first day of the new year, let us resolve to make the heart of Mary our own. Let us promise ourselves that we will clean out a room in our hearts so there will always be space for God to be wrapped in the Swaddling clothes of our love and trust – a space within us in which the child Jesus can be re-born.

God Loves you so do I
Fr. Joe

Tragically, the house fire on Belnord Ave on Thursday, December 22, 2016 was at the home of our parishioners, Betty and Bob Bosley. Sadly, Bob perished in the fire and the house was gutted. We asked that you keep Betty in your prayers during this time. There will be a Memorial Service at Kaczorowski Funeral Home on Sat. 1/7/2017 @ 2pm for Bob. If you would like to make a donation to Betty, you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection.

Rest in Peace, Bob.



Collections from Last Week

| | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Offertory Envelopes | 1969.00 | 1840.40 |
| Offertory Loose | 967.00 | 1352.40 |
| Total | 2936.00 | 3192.80 |
| Christmas | | 2701.00 |
| Poor Box | 73.82 | 40.92 |
| Attendance-Adults | 206 | 220 |
| Children | 33 | 1 |

Just a reminder: 1st & 2nd Collection are taken one after the other. If there is a 3rd Collection, it will be taken after Communion.

Lectors and Ministers– December 31 & Jan.1, 2017

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Fran Groves
C - Carroll Hock
C - Antoinette Sheridan
L – Tim O'Toole

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Carmelia Endres
C - Steve Endres
C - Val Brown
L – Mike Brown

Lectors and Ministers– January 7 & 8, 2017

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
L – Mike Kegan

Sunday: 10:30AM B – Fran Groves
L – Dennis Olver



THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Mike Stachorowski for his generous donation of \$250 which helped pay for the Christmas ornaments that were given out in church. We appreciate the donation and all that you do for St. Brigid.

ENVELOPES FOR 2017

The envelopes for 2017 are on a table at the back of church. Please pick up your box. If you would like envelopes and your name is not on a box, please put your name and phone number on the paper on the table. We will take care of it.

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

ST. BRIGID BONANZA BINGO

DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 11AM

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 12NOON

COST: \$20 INCLUDES BINGO AND DINNER.

QUICKIES & RAFFLES WILL BE SOLD.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO RESERVE
YOUR SEAT NO LATER THAN, WED.,
JANUARY 25, 2017, BEFORE NOON

TRI PIC WINNERS

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 12/18 M-268 C Kramer | E-857 M Tarburton |
| 12/19 M-397 J Hybdzinski | E-735 M Poggioli |
| 12/20 M-196 R Winkler | E-172 C Marciszewski |
| 12/21 M-170 P Ullrich | E-761 not sold |
| 12/22 M-651 M Winkler | E-764 T Resch |
| 12/23 M-967 J Hybdzinski | E-888 not sold |
| 12/24 M-929 T Taylor | E-516 J Duszynski |

Thank you to all who support this most important Fundraiser. God Bless.

FOR TRI PIC TICKETS AND CALENDARS SALES: PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE: 410-563-1717 AND ASK FOR LINDA.

JANUARY 2017

1ST - New Year's Day Mass 10:30 am

2nd - Office closed

3rd - Office opens at 8:00 am

15th - Office Closed – MLK Day

24th - Beans & Bread

29th - St. Brigid Bonanza Bingo @ SHJ

FEBRUARY 2017

4th - Blessing of Throats at Mass
Souper Bowl Collection
Celebration for St. Brigid Feast Day
After 4 PM

5th – Blessing of Throats at Mass
Souper Bowl Collection
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

7th - Baptism Class 7pm

19th - St. Brigid Bonanza Bingo @ SHJ

28th - Beans & Bread

*Fr. Joe and the Staff
Wishes all of our wonderful
Parishioners and Friends a
Happy, healthy and prosperous
New Year!!*

WHOLE COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

PARENT MEETING FIRST COMMUNION

NOTE: A meeting for parents *regarding First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th at 9:15 am in Church.* Anyone interested in having their child receive 1st Communion this Spring must attend this meeting or have an adult representative in attendance. Thank you.

JAN 1 NO CLASS – Solemnity of Mary
8 Session 8 (1stComm Mfg. – 9:15)
15 MLK/Peace Liturgy 10:30
22 Session 9
29 Home Study 4

FEB 4 St. Brigid Celebration, UEC 5-8
5 *Feast of St. Brigid* Liturgy 10:30
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



AS 2017 BEGINS, REMEMER...

“Count your blessings instead of your crosses.

Count your gains instead of your losses.

**Count your joys instead of your woes.
Count your friends instead of your foes.**

Count your smiles instead of your tears.

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full times instead of your lean.

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth.

Love your neighbor as much as yourself.”



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