

# 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* Jo Ellen Shorb .....*Director of Religious Education/Youth*  
Bette Brocato ..... *Pastoral Associate & Business Manager* MaryClaire Battersby ..... *Administrative Assistant*

## 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.



Saturdays - 4PM                      Sundays - 10:30AM  
Weekdays – 8:00AM                Holidays - As Announced  
Family Mass - As Scheduled  
Office hours Mon~Thurs 8:00-5:00pm Fri Closed

## FEBRUARY 2017

- 04~8:00AM Ted Brown & Family (Bette)
- 4:00PM Mary Zaranski (Carol Chase)
- Boleslaus W. Majka (Bernie Majka)
- 05~10:30AM Stanley Brzozowski  
(Carolyn Rzeczowski)
- Genevieve Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 06~8:00AM Lowell C Curtis (Ken/Connie Curtis)
- 07~8:00AM John P Pawlak (Lois Pawlak)
- 08~8:00AM Grandma Haesch (Jeanette Fisher)
- 09~8:00AM Eugene C Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 10~8:00AM John A Wanger Jr  
(Joanne/Carroll Hock)
- 10:00AM Sara Curtis (Ken/Connie Curtis)
- 11~8:00AM Gregory Wright (Mom)
- 4:00 PM Edward A. Keerans (Julia Scott)
- Ray Lubinski (Cathy & Brian)
- 12~10:00AM Grace Baldassare  
(Kaczmarek & Baldassare Families)
- Bob Bosley (Helen Toporzycski)



**February 5, 2017**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. **Matthew 5:13**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK??  
How can my discipleship contribute some aspect of gospel truth, unobtrusively, like salt, to the worlds in which I move? Is there another situation that calls for my baptismal witness to shine more obviously, like a light on a lampstand?

## ROSARIES

**There is a retired Redemptorist Brother at Sacred Heart of Jesus who makes Rosaries. If you are interested in obtaining one; please leave your name and phone number and we will provide you with additional information.**

## BLESSING OF THROATS

The feast of St. Blaise, Patron of Throat Illnesses is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Joe will be blessing throats following Masse this weekend.



*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.*

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### BRIGID OF IRELAND

St. Brigid was born on February 1<sup>st</sup> 454 AD and was baptized by St. Patrick and died 524 AD at the age of 70.

The daughter of a slave woman and a slave herself to her brutal father. She was known as a dairy maid who took care of the chickens and cows. The master demanded so many eggs and a certain quantity of milk. Through the miracles of Brigid, not only did the chickens and cows provide the exact quantity for the master, but they provided a surplus supply of more eggs and milk. It is this surplus amount that Brigid gave to the poor every day.

Known for her generosity to the poor, and gift of humor and laughter, she was said to have woven a cross known as The Brigid Cross crafted of green rushes and appropriately placed in homes over the door way or above the mantels of fireplaces, in barns and stables. A large Brigid Cross can be found on the front wall of our church.

Our beloved parish of St. Brigid is a mission church of St. Patrick Church on Broadway. The former Pastor of St. Patrick, Fr. Dolan named the mission church in honor of his mother Brigid. After the death of Fr. Dolan, the mission church became a parish and was renamed after the patron saint of Ireland.

This year St. Brigid Church will be celebrating 163 years of continued ministry since 1854. Our motto is that we are a **WELCOMING, CARING, HOSPITABLE COMMUNITY**. Come celebrate with us as we uphold the lively spirit of St. Brigid and remember all of our families and benefactors throughout the ages.

As St. Brigid might say, "May the oil in your hair, light your way into heaven"!

God Loves you so do I  
Fr. Joe

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fr. Joe needs strong, healthy people to help him on the snowy, icy days of winter. If you can help shovel paths around the church, clear the steps and spread the ice melt, he could sure use your help. Please put your name and phone number on the sheet marked snow help.



### Collections from Last Week

	2016	2017
Offertory Envelopes	1521.00	1765.00
Offertory Loose	311.90	468.00
Total	1832.90	1805.00
Poor Box	36.98	29.71
Attendance-Adults	89	98
Children	3	6

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

### Lectors and Ministers- February 4 & 5

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Terrie McKittrick  
L – Patricia Banz  
10:30AM B – Gerry Swann  
L – Jonathan Swann

### Lectors and Ministers- February 11 & 12

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Fran Groves  
L – Helen Toporzycki  
Sunday: 10:30AM B – Lindsay Reedy  
L – Mike Brown

### REGISTRATION DATES

**TO DATE WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED 11 REGISTRATION FORMS FROM THE 325 THAT WERE MAILED OUT.** For those who wish to make St. Brigid their parish family with future plans to celebrate a baptism, a wedding or to obtain a letter to be godparent or sponsor, ***it is necessary to be formally registered and actively participating.***

### TAX STATEMENTS

We are sorry for the delay in getting out the tax statements, but there are always glitches. However, we are working hard and will get them to you asap. Thank you for your patience.



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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOX AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH.**

## **BONANZA BINGO**

Thank you and God Bless to all who attended the Bingo last Sunday. Our net proceeds were \$1338 which will help with our monthly bills. Thank you to Fr. Bruce and SHJ parishioners for the use of the hall, Lou Blasetti for cooking, Diane Corkran & Linda Thibodaux for serving & cleaning, Fr. Joe and Bette & for shopping, Mike Holt for calling and all who work the tables. Your help is really appreciated.

Our next St. Brigid Bonanza Bingo at Sacred Heart of Jesus Hall is **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will be serving a Chicken Dinner including coffee & tea. We sell soda. Cost is \$20 which includes the dinner and a package of all the regular games. We sell Bonanza bingos, Quickies, and raffle tickets that are extra. Please call St. Brigid @ 410-563-1717 to make a reservation so that we can prepare meals for all who wish to attend.

## **ANNUAL SHRIMP FEAST/BULL ROAST**

**DATE:** Sunday, April 2, 2017

**TIME:** Food served 3 hours: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Beverages served 4 hours: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**COST:** \$40 PER PERSON

**LOCATION:** UAW Hall; 1010 Oldham St.

*Steamed Shrimp*

*Top Round Beef on the Pit*

*Sweet Honey Ham on the Pit*

*Sweet Italian Sausage on the Pit*

*Homemade Shrimp Soup*

*Shrimp Creole*

*Whipped Garlic Potatoes*

*BBQ Chicken*

*Seasoned Green Beans*

*Creamy Caesar Salad*

*Homemade Pasta Salad*

*Assorted Cheese Platters*

*Assortment of Breads & Rolls for the Pit items*

*All Fixin's & Condiments*

*Assorted Sheetcakes*

*Draft Beer (2) Selections*

*Soda~Coffee~Ice Tea~Lemonade~Bottled Water*

## **WHOLE COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

FEB 5 *Feast of St. Brigid*  
Liturgy 10:30  
**\*\*SOUPER BOWL\*\***  
12 Session 10  
19 Session 11  
26 Home Study 5

**BLAST FAMILY NIGHT!!**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 7:35PM**  
1 FREE YOUTH TICKET (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND UNDER) ALL ADDITIONAL TICKETS DISCOUNTED - \$17 EACH. (regular price \$25)  
✓ Meet and greet with Blast players prior to game  
✓ Parade of champions for all youth during opening ceremonies.

For additional information or a ticket order form, please call Jo Ellen at 410-563-117. Offer not available at the Arena box office or Ticketmaster. Deadline to order is Wednesday, 02/15/17.

## **TRI PIC WINNERS**

01/22 M-636 C. Callinan	E-627 M. Policastri
01/23 M-367 P. LaCotti Sr	E-726 J. Rochstroh
01/24 M-094 B. Damesyn	E-326 B. Smith
01/25 M-052 not sold	E-049 L. Arthur
01/26 M-115 C. Piscione	E-498 E. Johannes
01/27 M-147 C. Chase	E-550 not sold
01/28 M-849 B. Swann	E-884 B. Kegan

**FOR TRI PIC TICKETS AND CALENDAR SALES:  
CALL LINDA AT 410-563-1717.**

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

## **FEBRUARY 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of Throats at Mass  
Souper Bowl Collection  
Celebration for St. Brigid Feast Day after 4pm  
5<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of Throats at Mass  
Souper Bowl Collection  
**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**  
7<sup>th</sup> – Baptism Class 7pm  
19<sup>th</sup> – St. Brigid Bonanza Bingo @SHJ  
28<sup>th</sup> – Beans & Bread



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