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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.

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



MARCH 2017

- 25~8:00AM Kyle Simons (Fr. Joe)
- 4:00PM Carolyn & Steve Rzeczkowski
45th Anniversary (C. Rzeczkowski)
Ray Lubinski (Cathy & Brian)
- 26~10:30AM John C. Battersby Sr. (Henry & MC)
Malone Children (Mike Sarnecki)
- 27~8:00AM Edward A. Keerans (Julia Scott)
- 28~8:00AM Louis Joseph Brocato (Bette)
Kalie Liz Simons (Grandmom)
- 29~8:00AM Martha Antkowiak (Henry & MC)
- 30~4:30 PM Jack Kutcher (Lois C. Pawlak)
- 31~1:00 PM Helen Bartkowiak (Jeanette Fisher)
- 10:00AM B Leonard Hersl (Jeanette Fisher)

APRIL 2017

- 01~8:00AM Francis Gregorek (Jeanette Fisher)
- 4:00PM Boleslaus W. Majka (Bernie Majka)
Melvin Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 02~10:30AM John C. Pawlak (Lois C. Pawlak)
Michelle Wright & Family (Mom)



March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent
His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **John 9:**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK??

How can I kindle Jesus' light in my daily life?
Who now "outside" should I go out searching for to bring "home" as this Lent unfolds?

LENTEN MEALS

This week's Lenten Soup & Sandwich meal will be Diane & Wayne Navy Bean Soup with a sandwich & dessert. Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm on Wednesdays of Lent. This allows those who attend to easily join us at United Evangelical Hall at 5:30 for Lenten Meals and fellowship. We hope you will make this neighborly get together one of your weekly Lenten activities.



Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased longtime parishioner, Marvis Fiorenza and her family and friends during this most difficult time.



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

LIBERATING LIGHT...I WANT TO SEE!

In her autobiography, "**The Story of My Life**" **Helen Keller** described her own experience of liberation. A childhood illness left her deaf and blind at 19 months and her next few years were filled with angry outbursts and frustrated fits of violence against those who were at a loss as to how they could best help her. Keller said, "**I got used to the silence and the darkness that surrounded me and forgot that it had ever been different until she came...my teacher...who was to set my spirit free.**"

"I want to see"! There is a frightfulness associated with the dark, whether that darkness is physical or spiritual. Being born blind means never knowing color, rainbows, beautiful sunsets and all the other wonders we see in the world around us. The sacred tests this weekend attest that there is no darkness so deep or so powerful that one cannot be liberated from it by God and by grace.

Although Helen Keller never regained her sight or her hearing, she went on to experience the beauties and mysteries of life with such clarity that she could share what she called her "**soul's sudden awakening**" with others. **In her blindness, she has helped many to see, in her deafness she has enabled many to hear.**

At Jesus' word, the blind man began to know dignity and a freedom that had previously eluded him. He saw, he believed and he emerged from his physical blindness, as well as, his spiritual darkness. This illustration from the 4th Sunday of Lent, invites us to turn with renewed trust to the One whose coming, whose dying and whose rising can illuminate our darkness. Jesus leaves us with a challenging thought: "**I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and seeing blind,**" because we tend to believe what is comfortable and see only what we want to see.

**God Sees You and Loves you and so do I.
Fr. Joe**

The Calvert Hall College High School Theatre presents the musical *Les Misérables*, featuring a cast of more than 60 performers, including John Endres as Jean Valjean. Performances are March 31, April, 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:00pm, Sundays at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.calverthall.com/theatre.

PARISH GIVING

Collections from Last Week

	2016	2017
<i>Offertory Envelopes</i>	1411.25	1364.00
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	698.25	555.00
Total	2109.50	1914.00
<i>Poor Box</i>	22.07	38.95
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	155	93
<i>Children</i>	7	8

Lectors and Ministers– March 25 & 26

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Antoinette Sheridan
C – Carroll Hock
C – Ron DeBrosse
L – Tim O'Toole
Sunday: 10:30PM B – Fran Groves
C – Val Brown
C – Connie Curtis
L – Vicky Walmsley

Lectors and Ministers– March 18 & 19

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Fran Groves
C – Ron DeBrosse
C – Carroll Hock
L – Tim O'Toole
Sunday: 10:30PM B – Anthony Reedy
C – Lindsay Reedy
C – Antoinette Sheridan
L – Vicky Walmsley

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- St. Brigid's will have their **First Easter Flower and Bake Sale** on Palm Sunday Weekend. We will set up in front of church at 3:00 pm on Saturday & 9:30 am on Sunday and remain until till 5:30 pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday (in back of church in case of rain). This fundraiser will provide an opportunity to purchase spring flowers for your loved ones, and to save yourself some baking! Remember also the **Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms** celebration in Canton Square that begins at 9 am. For more information or to donate baked goods, contact the parish office or Joy Mays at 410-236-7346.

HATTON CENTER

Join us on Tuesday at the Hatton Center for the Spring Life Series at 10AM as Fr. Dennis Grumsey, OFM Conv., St. Casimir Church shares thoughts of Lent with us. Everyone is invited; **you do not have to be a member to attend.** Hope to see you there.

Tour of Churches In celebration of the Easter Season, parishes of the Harbor East Cluster are hosting a tour of their churches on Saturday, April 22. The tour begins at Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9 am, followed by visits to St. Brigid, St. Casimir, St. Leo the Great, (lunch will be provided), St. Elizabeth, Our Lady of Pompei, and Holy Rosary. There will be a 45-minute presentation at each church. Bus transportation and lunch is included in the cost of \$25.00 per person. Reservations by April 10. Contact Bernadette Vece at 410-276-1981 or email bvece@verizon.net

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHISIS
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

APR 2 *Seder Meal 9:30 am*
9 Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms 9am
O'Donnell Sq.
16 NO CLASS
Mass of New Life 10:30 am

St. Brigid Annual

Deluxe Shrimp Feast & Bull Roast

Where	UAW HALL 1010 Oldham St.
When	Sunday, April 2, 2017
Time	12NOON – 4:00 PM Doors Open at noon
Cost	<i>Cost is \$40.00 a person (NO MINORS)</i> ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN MON. MARCH 27TH
Caterer	Catering by Superior Catering by M & M Food served from 12:00 – 3:00PM
Music	Music Provided by: Don Bellew Music from 1:00 PM – 4:00PM
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR NO FOOD CAN BE TAKEN FROM THE HALL	

MARCH

28TH – HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 4
Beans & Bread
29TH – LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL
Navy Bean Soup

APRIL

2ND - SHRIMP FEAST
4TH – HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 5
5TH - LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL
Beef Barley Soup
9TH - PALM SUNDAY

Come on out and give blood on April 8!
Saturday, April 8th, 8:30 am-2 pm. The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be parked on the 3200 block of Dillon Street outside the church office door (corner of East Avenue and Dillon Street). Please contact Cissy Funk to sign up or with any questions (443-676-9957, cissy.funk@jakcoinc.com). Help save a life and give blood! Thank you!

TRI PIC WINNERS

03/12 M- 785 J. Duszynski E- 635 W. Sampson
03/13 M- 628 A. Satterfield E- 703 J. Policastri
03/14 M- 251 D. Dawson E- 295 J. Reitz
03/15 M- 130 P. Gasiorowski E- 218 L. Carson
03/16 M- 995 not sold E- 295 J. Reitz
03/17 M- 238 J. Schultz E- 951 L. Friedel
03/18 M- 229 C. Frank E- 798 J. Lanocha

**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

3RD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS AN
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OUR CREEK BED – your glasses will allow you to

SEE: Our creek bed is growing, evolving, changing. More water flows and swells, increasing its speed as it flows downhill.

SEE: The water splashes and hits rocks and debris dampening the soil and giving rise to fragile but firmly rooted clusters of new plants and mosses.

SEE: The water makes new paths around what was once obstacles of debris and clutter, pushing it aside and creating deeper channels for the current to explore.

Where are you in your Lenten journey? Are you beginning to GROW, EVOLVE, CHANGE like the creek bed?

Have you become less fragile and more secure and rooted in your prayers and conversations with Jesus?

What new paths and directions have you ventured on to make a spiritual change and deepen the channels of your life this Lenten season?



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