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Mission Statement
To Be Open, Caring,
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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



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)
- 03~8:00AM Anna A. Burns (Dennis Burns)
- 04~8:00AM Genevieve Brukiewa (Mary Brukiewa)
- 05~4:30 PM Anthony M. Wanger
(Joanne/Carroll Hock)
- 06~8:00 AM Victoria J. Sarnecki (Mike Sarnecki)
- 07~1:00 PM Helen Muth (Shorb Family)
- 10:00AM B St. Brigid Parishioners
- 08~8:00AM Jack Kutcher (Henry & MaryClaire)
- 4:00PM Ray Lubinski (Cathy & Brian)
- Robert Bosley (Helen Toporzycycki)
- 09~10:30AM Victoria Sarnecki (Mike Sarnecki)
- Fred Rzczkowski
(Carolyn Rzczkowski)



April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb...Jesus said, "Take away the stone." - **John 11:38-39**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK??

Have you ever wished for a second chance? Jesus gave Lazarus a second chance at life. Lent gives all of us the opportunity at another chance to renew our relationship with God. Ask yourself – have I fully taken advantage of this opportunity to breath new life into that relationship?

APRIL ISSUE OF THE CATHOLIC REVIEW

The April issue of the Catholic Review features a special tribute to Bishop Denis Madden, now auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, who celebrates his 50th anniversary as a priest this weekend. Friends and coworkers talk about the bishop's willingness to serve the people of God, especially in the City of Baltimore. Stories and interviews detail the bishop's upbringing and his vocation to the priesthood. Also, a story on those entering the church at Easter features a Frederick County family of five that will inspire you. Pick up a copy of the Catholic Review on your way out of Mass today.



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

AWAKENING

A popular movie from the 1990's entitled "**Awakenings**" based on the life of a doctor Oliver Sacks recounts the medical treatment offered to certain mental patients in New York City during the summer of 1969. Those patients suffered from **encephalitis** and thus were left in a coma. With the permission from their families, Dr. Sacks administered the drug **Levodopa**. Astoundingly, a patient named Leonard and others **woke up and began to live again with great enthusiasm**.

Those who had appeared banished from the land of the living like Lazarus would be called forth as if from their graves and each would begin to live again the life that had seemed lost forever. **New life** had been breathed into them through the wonder drug.

Among the most profound miracles of Jesus Christ is the raising of Lazarus. His words to Martha, "**I am the Resurrection and the Life, he who would believe in me, even though they die, shall rise again in glory**" **Do you believe, Martha? Yes, Lord, I do believe that you are the Christ the son of the living God.**

Jesus summons Lazarus to come out. **Lazarus** who was **reawakened to life**, experienced **not resurrection but resuscitation** and would eventually die again. However, because of Jesus' saving death and resurrection, Lazarus and all who believe will one day **be awakened to never-ending life**. Lazarus' experience of a second chance at living reminds us to **make the most of each day, dying to self and to sin as to live for God and others**.

The Awakening of Lazarus helps us to **prepare for the celebration of Easter** that lies ahead. The story challenges us to **come forth from our graves of indifference, or boredom or laziness or doubt**. We are called to **awaken to life anew, to love fully and freely until death becomes our final passage to everlasting life**.

God 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 April, 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9, with Friday and Saturday 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>	3019.00	1562.00
<i>Offertory Loose</i>	1165.81	397.00
<i>Total</i>	4184.81	1959.00
<i>Poor Box</i>	92.66	32.08
<i>Attendance-Adults</i>	269	102
<i>Children</i>	21	4

Lectors and Ministers-- April 1 & 2, 2017

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

Lectors and Ministers-- April 8 & 9, 2017

Saturday: 4:00PM B – Barb Kegan
C - Antoinette Sheridan
C – Carroll Hock
L – Helen Toporzycki
L – Joy Mays

Sunday: 10:30PM B – John Swann
C – Gerry Swann
C – Val Brown
L – Mike Brown
L – Jonathan Swann

NEXT SUNDAY -- 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 Mark Parker of The Breath of God Church share 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

APRIL

- 4TH - HATTON CENTER FAITH LIFE SERIES 5
- 5TH - LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL
Beef Barley Soup
- 9TH - PALM SUNDAY
FIRST EASTER FLOWER & BAKE SALE
BLESSING
- 12TH - RECONCILIATION SERVICE 7PM
- 13TH - OFFICE CLOSED
MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER 7PM
- 14TH - NO MASS
CARRYING OF THE CROSS 10 AM
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 3 PM
- 15TH - NO MASS
EASTER VIGIL - 7PM
- 16TH - MASS OF NEW LIFE 10:30 AM
- 17TH - OFFICE CLOSED
- 22ND - CHURCH TOUR
- 30TH - BONANZA BINGO

BONANZA BINGO

Our next St. Brigid Bonanza Bingo at Sacred Heart of Jesus Hall is Sunday, April 30, 2017. 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 by April 25th, so that we can prepare meals for all who wish to attend.

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!

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

- APR 2 Seder Meal 9:00 am
- 9 Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms 9am
O'Donnell Sq
- 16 NO CLASS
Mass of New Life 10:30 am
- 23 Session 14
- 30 Session 15

TRI PIC WINNERS

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 03/19 M- 412 B. Smith | E- 151 M. Ehrhart |
| 03/20 M- 619 J. Hoppa | E- 969 not sold |
| 03/21 M- 991 M. Storto | E- 976 J. Hybdzinski |
| 03/22 M- 907 K. Curtis | E- 567 R. Malkowski |
| 03/23 M- 137 not sold | E- 844 not sold |
| 03/24 M- 616 A. Karpovich | E- 324 R. Miller |
| 03/25 M- 985 G. Kaczmarek | E- 839 G. Kaczmarek |
- 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 CALENDAR WINNERS

\$100 2/15 562 No Winner

\$25 Winners

- 2/02 280 Mary Storto
- 2/04 130 Lois Pawlak
- 2/06 454 Patricia Freburger
- 2/07 513 Ian Wright
- 2/16 136 Frank Brown
- 2/23 392 Tom Claybaugh
- 2/25 507 Chad Dunnigan
- 2/26 104 John Stankowski

A St. Brigid Prayer

Dear St. Brigid, Patroness and Mary of Gael, we delight in your love of music, gaiety, hospitality and all creatures of the farms and woodlands around us. Bless us and give us your heart of generosity that we may always have a special love for the poor and suffering. Amen



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