UP, UP AND AWAY

Four…Three…Two…One… “We have lift off!

Space shuttle Endeavor leaves the earth, and steadily gains speed on its way to 17,500 miles per hour. It takes eight minutes for the blue sky in the window to turn black when the shuttle reaches orbit at 210 miles above the planet. Commander Mark Kelly and crew steer the spaceship. Like a small star, Endeavor rises in majestic silence, beginning its race around the world. Watchers can only stare at the sky and wonder as the shuttle flies unseen in the realms of outer space.

History is in the making, as this stage of the space era draws to a successful mission and the space shuttle is put to rest.

History has also been made as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Jesus rose into the unseen realms of his Heavenly Father. The disciples were left gaping at the empty sky where once he was. Jesus disappeared from sight, but reappears in our lives in the faces of all humanity. He is present within us now. WE celebrate the intimacy of God’s Love and the union that will last forever.

All glory and praise be to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All the earth sings for joy for you have given to us eternal life. Praise be to Jesus Christ, the faithful obedient Son, true to His promise, true to His word. This mission is accomplished and salvation has been won. Celebrate Life, Celebrate God’s Love for us!

God loves you and so do I, Fr. Joe

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JUNE 2011

04~ 4:00 Kordaz & Lewandowski Families
(Bernadine M Kordaz)
05~10:30 John Victor Toporzicky, Sr (Helen Toporzicky)
   Francis & Sally, Francis & Margarite & Daniel Hall (Marian Weiderhold)
06~ 8:00 Mary Rostkowski (Sharon Putzulo)
07~ 8:00 Guy Clarocco (Catherine Paskiewicz)
08~ 8:00 Melvin F. Brukiewa (Mary O. Brukiewa)
09~ 8:00 Thanksgiving (Joyce Mach)
10~ 8:00 Friendship & Love of God
   (Alice “Sam” Raatjes)
10:00 Gerard “Jerry” Kowalewski
   (Genevieve Brukiewa)
   Mass said at Brightview
11~ 8:00 Tillie Pawlak (Lois C. Pawlak)
   4:00 Eugene C. Brukiewa (Genevieve Brukiewa)
12~10:30 Henry & MaryClaire 40th Anniversary
   Bette & Lou Brocato 57th Anniversary

Please remember in your prayers, Roger Austun (brother-in-law of Joe Hybdzinski) & Joseph Oleszczuk, husband of Linda who passed away. Remember also their families during this very difficult time.

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Collection(s) from Easter 2010 2011

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The Second Collection this Weekend is an Archdiocesan Collection for Catholic Communication and Catholic University of America. Envelopes are in the pews for this collection.
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

**ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL** Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Appeal. As of May 24, we have reached our goal and surpassed it. Our total is $14,847. If you have not contributed, please send it in as soon as possible. Now that we have reached our goal, we will receive the highest percent in returns from our parish contributions. Funds also support our Religious Ed Program, Vacation Bible School & our Youth Program.

**Catholic Charities’ Answers for the Aging** a free telephone information & referral service for older adults, families, friends & caregivers. Saff is experienced & answers questions re options for housing, in-home care, community resources & much more. They also offer telephone support to caregivers - those who are caring for a loved one or friend. They welcome & serve people of all faiths & races. If you are looking for someone to take the time to listen to your situation & help sort out your thoughts about options for care, please call ANSWERS FOR THE AGING - 410-646-0100, Monday through Friday 9:30AM to 3:30PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**St. Brigid Youth Group:**

“The L.I.T.E. - nurturing spiritual growth while enjoying social interaction.”

*Please pass the word.....* The LITE is open to youth from Middle to High school age. We welcome all youth to spend a Sunday morning with us or join us for a Youth Group Event or activity. If you know a young person, tell them about us.

**JUNE VBS**

*Slide into your flip-flops, grab a pail and shovel, and head for oceans of fun with St. Brigid’s Beach Blast Vacation Bible School.* Kids will catch the wave of God’s faithfulness as they learn all about His love for them.

*When: June 27 thru July 1 (Monday – Friday)*
*Where: St. Brigid Parish Hall*
*Time: 9:00 – 12:00 Noon*
*Cost: $15 per child, $25 per family (Includes snacks, crafts, awards’ party & more)*

St. Brigid Annual Vacation Bible School is open to ages 4 to Junior High (3-year olds may attend if accompanied by adult). Attendees will participate in daily events designed for fun & learning. Daily snacks, craft projects & an awards party are included in the cost per child. Contact the Parish Office at 410-563-1717 for more information.

**REGISTER EARLY** to ensure placement.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO**

Bingo is closed on June 7. It will reopen on June 14.

**BONANZA BINGO** - On Sunday, June 12th, we will have our last Bonanza Bingo until Sept. Come and join us for an afternoon of good company and lots of bingo. Cost is $20 and a Summer Cook-Out dinner will be served. Call the office @ 410-563-1717, Betty @ 410-675-9463 or Patty @ 410-675-3691 for reservations.
JUNE 4TH – FEAST OF THE FIRST FORD AUTOMOBILE, 2 A.M.

Early on this day in 1896 in a brickwork shed in Detroit, Michigan, Henry Ford and his associates began an American revolution. As they completed work on his first automobile, an age of making the automobile available to the common person began. The first road test of his car had to be delayed for an hour or so because the genius Ford had overlooked a minor detail: His car was wider than the door of the brickwork shed! Some bricks had to be axed down by his workers to widen the opening.

Parish Calendar of Upcoming Events

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LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening is coming to St. Brigid on June 29, 2011. There are flyers for Life Line Screening in the pews. Consider that 4 out of 5 stroke victims have no warning signs & 80% of strokes can be prevented. Appointments are limited, so please call 1-800-679-5192.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Come join us on Fridays at OLF parish at Pratt and Kane St. Doors open at 5:30. Bingo starts at 7:00. Food available. For info, call 410-661-1131.

This June day would be ideal for enjoying a leisurely drive in your car – and an ideal day to be grateful for Henry Ford’s invention that has given so much freedom and pleasure to so many. Also, it can be an occasion to feel better about yourself the next time you forget something or make a mistake. If a genius can overlook an important detail such as the size of the door through which he must drive his invention, you needn’t get down on yourself when you miscalculate a project or forget to plan ahead – or even when you forget where you placed your car keys.

Welcome

It is important to have a Home away from Home. Make St. Brigid your personal place to visit with our Lord. Are you New to our Community? Want to Join St. Brigid Parish? Contact our Parish office at 410-563-1717 for more information. Come, Join our Parish Family, you are always welcomed here.

TRI PIC WINNERS

05/24 M-149 Virginia Branagan E-773 Helen Staniewicz
05/25 M-735 Jackie Fiersuck E-483 Harry Thoman
05/26 M-509 MaryClaire E-913 Constance Marciszewski
05/27 M-821 Margie Policastro E-560 Pete Melnyk
05/28 M-772 Phyllis Dietrick E-532 Robert Farr
05/29 M-486 Lou Brocato E-316 Pat Harhoe
05/30 M-492 Bill Huggins E-110 not sold

If you would like to buy a ticket and/or could sell a few tickets every month for our Tri Pic Fundraiser, please call the parish office or see Linda in the back of church at Mass. The tickets are $5 each with two winners every day. We use the daily Lottery Drawing. The afternoon winner receives $25 and the evening payoff is $50. Sunday evening payoff is $100. They make a nice gift for any occasion. Call the office 410-563-1717.

As always, we are deeply appreciative to all of our ticket sellers and buyers for their support of St. Brigid Parish.
remember to continue your Sunday giving while you were away on vacation. Our bills continue to come in each month religiously. Thanks, and have fun!

NEWS Around the Archdiocese

SUPPORT YOUR NEW PRIEST! On Friday, June 24 at 6:00 PM, Warren Tanghe will be ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at the Basilica of the Assumption of Mary. He gives his life for us! He is the only man being ordained this year, and he is in his 60’s! Come show him your gratitude. Attend the ordination. It is an awesome ceremony. And pray that more men will offer up their lives for Christ.

SUMMER CAMPS: This summer, Mount de Sales Academy summer camps are the place to be! The Athletic Department at Mount de Sales Academy is offering various summer camps for girls of all ages. Camps available throughout the summer months include: Lacrosse and Field Hockey Combination Camp, Basketball Camp, Volleyball Camp, Strength and Conditioning Camp, Soccer Camp, and Cheerleading Camp. Visit the Mount de Sales website for registration forms and camp brochures at www.mountdesalesacademy.org/athletics/camps/ or contact Clare Odell, Assistant Athletic Director, at 410-744-8498 x163 or codell@mountdesales.org

Prayer Intentions

The Holy Father’s Intentions for June

General Intention: That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God.

Missionary Intention: That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities many missionaries who are ready to be fully consecrated to spreading the Kingdom of God.

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1-410-676-6000, or visit the web at www.masstimes.org.

My Sunday Mass.. http://heartofthenation.org/ In 1984, Heart of the Nation began broadcasting the Sunday TV Mass in Los Angeles, CA. Over the past four years. Late last year they begin broadcasting the Mass nationally on the ION Television Network, reaching tens of millions of additional homes across the country. Visit My Sunday Mass for information about what TV channel provides Mass for its views in your viewing area or watch Mass online.

A Daily Prayer….Loving God, we come before You in need and in gratitude. In times of illness or struggle, we ask for the help we need to remain strong in our faith. In times of loneliness, we ask for a renewed sense of belonging, knowing that You want us to reach out to one another. In prayer, we give You thanks that, in asking, we have already received the grace we need to believe. Amen

Prayer for Life at the Beginning….God our Father, you lovingly knit us in our mothers’ womb. Grant that each human embryo will be respected as a human being, and not dismissed as a product to be manipulated or destroyed. Grant us the courage and conviction to be your voice for our sisters and brothers at the very earliest stages of their development, and for all defenseless unborn children.

Jesus, Divine Healer, foster in those conducting medical research a commitment to finding cures in ways that respect these little ones and all your vulnerable children.

Holy Spirit, grant us the wisdom to develop morally sound treatments for conditions now thought to be incurable. Help us persevere in defending human life while alleviating suffering.

Show mercy to all who have cooperated in killing our tiniest brothers and sisters. Bring them and all who support destructive embryo research to true conversion. Grant them the ability to see the immeasurable dignity of all human beings even in the first days of life.

Father, we ask this in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.