



HI HO SILVER AWAY

Question: If a king sits on Gold, who sits on Silver? For those who are baby boomers, the answer was easy, **The Lone Ranger**. As a child growing up during the 1950's, one of the many happy memories was enjoying listening to the radio and watching the "Lone Ranger" on television or in the movies. With Tonto, his faithful Indian sidekick and you may recall that at the end of each episode you would hear the town's people say as he rode out of town, **"Who was that masked man"?**

One of the characteristics of the Gospel of St. Mark is what has been called the **"Messianic Secret"**. Why is it that Jesus tries to conceal his identity? There are specific times when Jesus tells the demons, "Be Quiet, Tell no one". St Mark wrestles with the question and struggles to find an answer as **to who is this Jesus**. I like that because I can identify myself in wrestling with life and the struggles of suffering. St Mark is the first of the Evangelist to make an attempt in writing the life of Jesus Christ. What words can be adequate to describe the Greatest Love that this world has ever known. **I've often referred to St. Mark as Jack Webb who plays Sgt. Joe Friday from "Dragnet"**. Joe Friday is only concerned with the facts, **only the facts**. St. Mark begins his Gospel by stating the simple fact: **"Here begins the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."** St. Mark lists all the things that Jesus did, especially bringing healing to the suffering, thereby giving his reasons as to why Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

At the conclusion of the Gospel for today, Jesus tells his disciples that they must go to the other villages and proclaim the good news. There is a great resemblance to the Lone Ranger, who after restoring law and order, leaves the vicinity as the celebration is about to begin. **"Hi Ho Silver Away"**! There is more to be done, so much evil to overcome before I can finally take off the mask. It seems as if his **job of the Lone Ranger will never end**, there will always be bad guys to bring to justice. Like **Jesus there are many more who need healing, many more need to hear the good news that Jesus is Lord.**

God Loves You and so do I, Fr. Joe.



FEBRUARY 2012

- 04~ 4:00 Thaddeus Benicewicz** (Joyce Pace)
Michael J. Lauer Jr. (Agnes Lauer)
- 05~10:30 John Victor Toporzycski** (Helen Toporzycski)
Special Intention (Joyce Mach)
- 06~ 8:00 Edward & Kevin Kordaz** (Bernadine Kordaz)
- 07~ 8:00 Prayers for World Peace** (Alice "Sam" Raatjes)
- 08~ 8:00 John & Genevieve Killian** (Fr. Joe)
- 09~ 8:00 Lowell Curtis Sr.** (M/M Ken Curtis)
- 10~ 8:00 John A. Wanger Jr** (JoAnn & Carroll Hock)
10:00 Tom Gresham (Betty Bosley & Mort Teves)
Mass said at Brightview
- 11~ 8:00 St. Brigid Parishioners**
4:00 John & Margaret Zaczek (Rita Zaczek)
Edward A. Keerans (Julia Scott)
- 12~10:30 Grace Baldassare** (Kaczmarek Family)
Tillie Pawlak (Lois C. Pawlak)

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.

February 5, 2012
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up."
 Mark 1:31



<i>Collections from Last Week</i>		
	2011	2012
Offertory Envelopes	1258.00	1952.00
Offertory Loose	499.00	592.67
Total	1757.00	2544.67
Poor Box	37.96	76.62
Attendance	129	171

DAILY CHAPEL VISITATION

Please know that the 3rd floor chapel, is always open for private prayer & visitation from 8 am Mass until 4pm Monday through Thursday. We welcome your presence.



CELL PHONES - Respect those around you.
Turn off your cell phones during Mass.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Michael Ball, Elizabeth Bamberger, Kass Banz, Audrey Battersby, Nick Bertoldi, Fran Biedronski, Diane Boemmel, Bob & Betty Bosley, Rosalie Boswell, Jack Bromwell, Genevieve Brukiewa, Sister Barbara Ann Brzezcko, Richard Brzezcko, Janice & Eugene Connell, Ann Crossland, Frank DiGregorio, Marian DiSaia, Logan Dunnigan, Barbara Dutkowski, Marge Foble, John Gryken Sr., Dorothy Haas, Drew Hagan, John Hahn, Patricia Heron, George Holland, Joe Hybdzinski, Samuel Jackson, Jerry Kaczmarek, Diane Kearney, Bill Klaus, Pete Klaus, Pauline Knight, Zachary Lederer, Marie Leonard, Christina Long, Marge Long, Leopold Luberecki, Cass Machowiak, Daryl Marciszewski, Joe Manfre, John McCusker, Fr. James Miles, Beata Monaghan, Chuck Myers, Jean Nauta, Thomas Northern, Linda Oleszczuk, Dolores Para, Marlene & Charles Parks, Catherine Paskiewicz, Edward Pazdan, Evelyn Picker, Sharon Putzulo, Marie & Nicholas Reimer, Steve Richie, Colin Rohrbaugh, Eric Schmidt, Betty Schroeder, Stan Sdanowich, Paula & Tom Skarda, Justin Skarda, Eva & Laurine Sloboda, Curtis Snyder Sr. Mary Stevens, Melva Stratemeyer, Haylee Sudbrook, John Saweikis, Rita Urbanski, Debbie Van Court, Marian Weiderhold, Margaret Wiley, Mary Jane Wittstadt, Helen Wolski, & Mary Woods.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

- 12 NO CLASS-Teacher Mtg 9-10:30am
- 19 Week fifteen - Ashes/Lent
- 26 Week sixteen

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
ENTRUSTED WITH A STEWARDSHIP
(1 CORINTHIANS 9:17)**

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, *AAA funds support Vacation Bible School, Youth Ministry, and much more.*

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Entrusted With a Stewardship." We have been entrusted with a stewardship to care for the less fortunate members of our community. Let us act as our Savior Jesus Christ and touch their lives with compassion. Let us share the many blessings that God has bestowed on us and give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We pray to the Lord...."

Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$13,000. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

Being blessed doesn't mean you have everything you want, it is appreciating the thing you have.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Daniel Smith, Neil Pitruzzella, Maradone Sylvester, Nathan Flores, Alan Sherrod, Matthew Hughes, Brian Gracey, Sean Fitzgerald, Andrew Perry



Saint BLAISE Feast Day
Feb. 3rd

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly

open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Prayer: - Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen

Throats will be blessed after Masses this weekend.



LENTEN MEALS -

Lent 2012 begins on **TUESDAY**, February 28th. We will be resuming our Lenten Meals. For the following 4 weeks, from 4-6PM, parishioners volunteer their time & talent to cook & donate wonderful recipes of various soups.

Each meal will include soup, rolls, drinks & a dessert at a cost of only \$5.

On these 4 Tuesdays, there will be no 8AM Morning Mass. However, we will celebrate Mass 4:00PM so that those who come for the Meal may also attend Mass in the Chapel before time.

BOOK OF CONCERNS

Everyone has likes, dislikes, is happy or may become upset at times with happenings and life at St. Brigid. Because our parishioners and patrons are important to us, we would like to hear directly from you. We will begin to have a "Book of Concerns" made available at each of our upcoming affairs. We invite individuals to use this book to express their feelings and/or ideas about the particular event. All entries will be given direct attention; however, we require a name and phone number so that we may respond. Entries without contact information will not be considered.

BONANZA BINGO next Sunday,

February 12th. A Ham Dinner will be served. Cost is \$20. Please call Parish Office @ 410-563-1717 or Betty Schroeder @ 410-675-9463 for reservations by Wednesday, February 8th so that we can adequately prepare for dinner. Hope to see you there.



LIVING ALONE We are asking for information in case of emergency, lifesaving crisis. Please urge seniors & their families to help us gather this information. Forms are on the table in the back of church.

If you need a receipt for your 2011 donations to St. Brigid, please call the office.

We welcome the newly baptized to our parish community:



- Connor Francis Wenck**
Son of Brentin F. Wenck & Stacey Piskor
- Evan Andrew Middleton**
Son of Brian Middleton Jr. & Cheryl Hyatt
- Brayden Alexander Bennett**
Son of Christopher Bennett & Lisa Sujack
- Daniel William Gilman Jr.**
Son of Daniel W. Gilman Sr. & Christina Foote
- Maxine Rose Noel**
Daughter of Steven Edward Noel & Pamela Prisco
- John Edward Heil**
Son of Matthew Heil & Rosina Hillis
- Liam Michael Monaghan**
Son of Dennis Monaghan & Beata Filmanowicz
- Jackson Thomas Straughan**
Son of Michael Straughan Sr. & Nicole Watts

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SAVE THE DATE

- April 22nd** Annual Shrimp Feast
- April 27th** Vera Bradley Bag & Longaberger Basket Bingo
- May 6th** First Communion
- May 13th** May Procession & Crowning of the Blessed Mother
- June 13th / 16** Annual Carnival
- June 23** Parish Flea Market

Carnival We will begin collecting items for the buckets used at the Carnival. We need paper products, cleaning supplies, and groceries. Please bring your donations to church and place in the bin on Mary's altar or drop them off at the parish center.



Parish Calendar of Upcoming Events	
FEBRUARY	
7	Baptism Prep 7pm
9	Sodality Luncheon Bingo 12 noon
12	Bonanza Bingo
13	Office Closed
20	Office Closed
22	Ash Wednesday Masses 8 am, 12 noon, 7pm All Masses in Church
24	Stations 1pm - Chapel
28	Hatton 1 Beans & Bread Lenten Meal-Chicken Noodle Soup Carnival Mtg – 5:30 pm
MARCH	
2	Stations 1pm - Chapel
6	Hatton 2 Lenten Meal – Beef Barley Soup Baptism Prep 7pm
8	Sodality Luncheon Bingo 12 noon
11	Bonanza Bingo starts 12noon
13	Hatton 3 Lenten Meal - Ham & Potato Soup
18	Healing Mass – 10:30 am
20	Hatton 4 Lenten Meal – Crab Soup
27	Hatton 4 Beans & Bread

TRI PIC WINNERS

01/22 Correction E- 750 Darlene Brzozowski

01/25 M- 695 J. Fair E- 524 M. Olenz
 01/26 M- 664 F. Karpus E- 577 H. Niziolek
 01/27 M- 843 A. Kirby E- 962 T. Silberzahn
 01/28 M- 297 J. Hybdzinski E- 975 M. Phipps
 01/29 M- 391 T Y R Stevens E- 241 M. Mezewski
 01/30 M- 532 J. Wisniewski E- 346 D. Lantz
 01/31 M- 028 J. Manfre E- 275 C. White

Thank you to all who support this fundraiser. Call the office 410-563-1717 for more information.

JANUARY 2012 LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS!

01/03 Charles Otter
 01/05 Katelyn Thayer
 01/10 Kathleen Hopkins
 01/17 Anna Shorb
 01/20 Brooke Toporzycki
 01/23 Judi Freyer
 01/25 Rita Mislak
 01/31 Alice "Sam" Raatjes

Congratulations to all the winners.



NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

JUST A REMINDER If you would like to have an event published in the bulletin, it must be put in writing & sent to the Parish Office at least two weeks before the event. This will help to avoid errors. Pulpit announcements must be sent to the office.

ARCHBISHOP CURLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Shrimp Feast, Feb 11, 2012 7-11PM at Tall Cedars Hall (Parkville) \$35 per person
"All That Curley Jazz" March 3, 2012 7-11 PM at the school \$25 per person
"Hello Dolly!" March 16 and 17 at 7:30 PM, March 18 at 2:00 PM \$15 per person
The Curley Gala Dinner-Auction, March 31, 2012 6 PM - Midnight \$95 per person
 For more information and to purchase tickets online, go to Curley's website at www.archbishopcurley.org.

ST. CASIMIR SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE

St. Casimir Catholic School, 1035 S. Kenwood Avenue in Canton, will host a Prospective Parent Open House on Monday, **February 20** from 9 to 11 a.m. Guests may tour the school, visit classrooms, and meet our principal and faculty. For further information, please call 410-342-2681 or visit our website: www.stcasimirschool.us.

HELP KEEP A CHILD WARM

You can help a child stay warm this winter with a donation of a new or gently used clean coat. HEADSTART is **begging** for the sizes below.

GIRLS 3T-3, 4T-6, 5T-10, 5/6- 2, 6/7-3.

BOYS 3T-3, 4T-14, 5T-6, 5/6-3, 6/7-2, & 8-1

Coats can be brought to Church or dropped at the Parish Office. Please feel free to include a small card with your donation. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.



You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you. Anonymous

February is American Heart Month! Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States; one in every three deaths is from heart disease and stroke & equals to 2,200 deaths per day. Make sure you know your heart! Talk with your doctor, take medications properly, eat well and exercise.. Your family needs you and so do we!