LITURGICAL ROLES & SERVICES

LECTORS:
March 19 & 20
5:00 pm  Steve Himmelberg, Ann Seibolt
9:00 am  Lorraine Fiore, Pam Thompson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST:
March 19 & 20
5:00 pm  Nancy Bouvier, Kathy Vogel, *Pat & Trudy Garry, Liana Kilgore, Jane Fry
9:00 am  Garrett Canaan, Cole Myers

SACRISTAN:
March 19 & 20
9:00 am  Rick & Nancy Bouchard

USHERS:
March 19 & 20
9:00 am  Hummel, Kelch, O’Connell, Palomba

MONEY COUNTERS:
March 26 & 27, 2016
Dan’s Team

SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEKEND
March 12 & 13
St. Bridget Parish: $2,784.00
Love One Another Campaign: $140.00
Parish Debt: $159,460.26
Youth Group Collection: $45.00
Votive Candle: $2.00
Special Collection: $155.00

Please remember our Love One Another Campaign.
Each month St. Bridget needs Capital Campaign Contributions of $8,066.77
for our principal and interest payment.

2016 LENTEN SCHEDULE & ACTIVITIES

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Palm Sunday
(Weather permitting)

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HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER
(March 24th)  ~  (March 25th)  ~  (March 27th)

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12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
2700 East Mechanic
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use Sponsor Code: HARRMOCOMM. For additional details contact Bill Ryan at 816-380-4887 or annbill7@centurylink.net.

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“Blisters for Sisters”

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Saturday, May 7, 2016
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The St. Bridget Altar and Rosary Society have items in their religious goods case that make wonderful gifts for recipients of upcoming sacraments, as well as for anyone else. If there is something you would like that you do not see, it can be ordered. The prices marked are just a little over what we pay because we offer this as a service to the parish. It is not a fundraiser. Please allow us to be of service to you. For more information, please contact Pat Devolder.

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APOSTLES NEEDED: Six more Apostles are needed for Holy Thursday’s Mass. If you can help, please contact Msgr. Murphy or Laurie before Mass on Holy Thursday.

SOR NEWS: Due to Holy Week next week, we will not have SOR. Classes will resume on Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30 pm.

TRIVIA NIGHT SIGN-UP: A sign-up sheet has been placed on the small white table in the vestibule for team sign-ups. Please include on the sign-up sheet the name of the team captain.

LAY CLERGY NEWS

Food Pantry: The food pantry is very short on spaghetti sauce and noodles.

Spaghetti Dinner: First Presbyterian Church is having a fund raiser for The Lay Clergy, April 16th 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. $7 for adults $3 for children. Served with bread, salad and a variety of desserts.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will close @ 3 pm on Holy Thursday, March 24th and will be Closed on Good Friday, March 25th & Monday, March 28th in observance of the Easter Holiday. We will resume our regular business hours on Tuesday, March 29th.

Palm Sunday

Please note that we will begin Mass in Leddidge Hall with the blessing of the Palms this weekend, where we will then proceed outside, up the sidewalk and into the front of church to begin Mass.

Note: Please wait until palms have been blessed before removing. Thank you.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, April 23rd in Leddidge Hall

REGISTER YOUR TEAMS NOW!

ONLY 20 ROUND TABLES AVAILABLE!

Plan to join us for **TRINA** on Saturday, April 23rd

Rules for 2016

1) $80 Per TABLE (Maximum of 8 persons per table)

Please note that if you reserve a table and only have 2 - 6 people to your team the table cost is still $80. Prizes will be awarded for 1st & 2nd Place.

2) Each team shall have a Team Captain who is responsible for paying the Trivia Cashier. It will be the responsibility of the Team Captain to collect from their team members.

3) Cost for individuals with no team is $10.00

4) You will have from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm to decorate your table. Prize awarded for Best Table Theme (Costumes Optional)

5) Trivia will begin at 7:00 pm

6) Must be in High School or Older to participate.

Food & Beverages

Once again, we will have a Concession Stand where you may purchase the following

Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Popcorn, Chips, Nachos, Table Snacks, Candy
Coffee & Desserts

Once again we will be serving alcoholic beverages during the evening.

RAFFLE DRAWING

We will hold a 50/50 raffle drawing during the evening.

Contact Laurie Himmelberg at the parish office or by email at lhimmelberg@embargmail.com for any questions you may have.