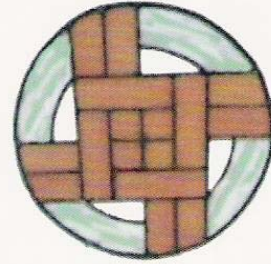


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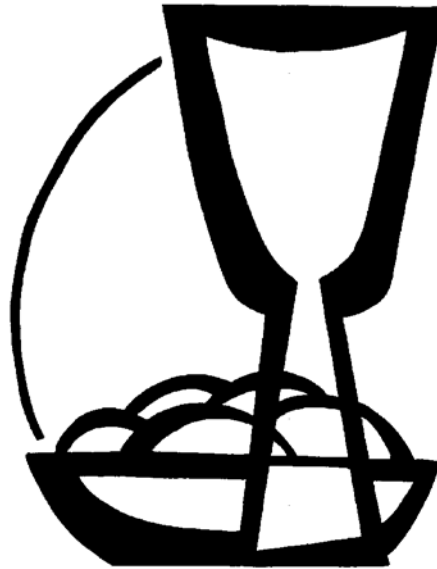
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**Sunday Mass
4:30 PM**

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Pastor**

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***Pastoral Services
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To arrange for Baptisms, Marriages, (including blessing of existing civil marriages), First Communion and Confirmation instructions, Funerals, house blessings and home Masses, visits to the sick or any other spiritual need, please call the number above, which serves as both Church and personal cell number. If no answer, leave a message. I'll respond as soon as possible.

Welcome to St. Brigid Oratory & Ecumenical Catholic Church!

St. Brigid Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA is an open, loving, non-judgmental, contemporary Catholic ministry that provides a place to grow, a place to heal, and a place to worship and return to and celebrate the sacraments. Everyone is welcome!

As a ministry of the Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA (An Old Catholic Church) the Faith Community of St. Brigid is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in structure, laws or governing rules, but does enjoy an affinity with all churches in Catholicism. We believe in the same Triune God, profess the same Creed, celebrate the same Seven Sacraments, worship God through the same Eucharistic Liturgy and practice the same moral theology. Most importantly, we enjoy the same Apostolic Succession of Holy Orders (necessary for sacramental validity) and seek to minister the same spiritual tradition as all other Catholic churches. **Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is present in the Eucharistic bread and wine.**

St. Brigid's welcomes you with open minds, open hearts and open arms!

Please remember in your prayers:

Phillip Basak, Robert Bernie, Andrew Best, Rick Biezewski, Richard Black,
Sr. Norine Burns, Guadalupe Castro, Robert Catlett, Sr., Karen Cole,
The Raymond Connors Family, John & Eileen Cranston, Margaret Demeter,
Deacon Jeremiah Donohue, George Forst, Elaine Furth, Becky Galan, Barbara Gibson,
Richard Harbers, Claudia Hunter, Susan Knotek, Rita Kreutz, David & Nancy Kroll,
Belen Michael, Kristen Middendorf, Michael Wolf O'Connor, Gene Rathgeb,
Paige Reiter, Kent Russell, Evelyn Rutkowski, Jessie Sequierra, Diane Spielman,
Fr. Dan Tomich, and Werner & Virginia Wackerman

Want to add someone to the St. Brigid Prayer List?

Just email their names to us and they will be added. Persons on our prayer list are remembered at all Masses and prayer services at the Oratory for one year or until they have recovered. There is no cost or obligation to add someone to the Prayer List.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a deceased relative or friend (or any other intention) please send an email to: RevRichard@juno.com

Saints and Feasts of the Week

(Some formally canonized; some just holy people or events that inspire us to seek God)

Mon, May 26	St. Philip Neri (d.1595), founder of a religious order of Preachers
Tues, May 27	St Augustine of Canterbury (d.605), evangelizer of the British Isles, first Archbishop of Canterbury
Wed, May 28	St. Bernard of Menthon (d.1008), evangelized the people of the Alps and established hostels for people traveling through the mountains. The large breed of dogs trained to search for lost mountain travelers is named for him.
Thur, May 29	Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council held at Nicea in 325
Fri, May 30	G. K. Chesterton (b.1874), author and Christian apologist St. Joan of Arc (d.1431), martyr; patroness of those living their faith in opposition to Church authorities
Sat, May 31	Visitation of the Virgin Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth



St. Brigid Wedding Ministry

Our Wedding Ministry for 2008 is now in full swing! Since our patron, St. Brigid, is also the patroness of brides (though she herself never married), we take special delight in helping couples get ready for marriage, presiding at their wedding ceremonies, and praying for them as they prepare to enter this marvelous sacrament.

It is truly a blessing for all of us that so many couples are seeking a Christian Marriage rather than just a civil ceremony. Since these couples recognize the importance of Christ and faith to their lives together, we hold them in our prayers. All friends and members of Saint Brigid Oratory are part of our marriage ministry through prayer. You are asked to keep the following couples in your prayers now through their wedding days:

Mark Rimkus and Casey Gleason	May 31, 2008
Allen Popels and Renee Jacobsen	June 7, 2008
Timothy Brazzale and Shannon Fitzpatrick	June 8, 2008
Alan Blum and Mary Alyce Buck	June 21, 2008
Michael LaCrosse and Janis Walenkiewicz	June 28, 2008
Michael Pudelwitts and Adelina Sessa	July 4, 2008
Dan Jacobson and Kathleen McNicholas	July 19, 2008
David Cantrell and Karolina Biernacka	July 26, 2008
Christopher Wagner and Margarita Molina	Aug 8, 2008
Dr. Derek Hartmann and Linzie Galassi	Aug 22, 2008
Kane Russell and Ally Basak	Aug 31, 2008
Michael King and Christina Milewski	Sept 26, 2008
Michael Swiss and Jacqueline Sbarboro	Oct 4, 2008
Anthony Davis and Farrah Cadichon	Oct 11, 2008

Man, Oh Manna!

(Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a and John 6:51-58)

It's amazing sometimes, how the liturgical calendar flows. In the last two weeks, the Church celebrated two "ethereal" mysteries: Pentecost and the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Both feasts celebrated the invisible God-in-the-distance: the unseen Spirit who infuses us with love and enthusiasm, and the utterly incomprehensible, mind-boggling mystery of the Three-in-One. The week, at last, we come to celebrate the Divine Mystery in the everyday Eucharistic elements of Bread and Wine. What a Gift!

It has been said that the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist is the Gospel made sacrament. A soldier was wounded in Iraq and another from his regiment gave blood. When the wounded man heard who had given him blood, he thanked his fellow soldier and said, "I feel like a new person." The same thing happens to us each time we receive Communion – we become new persons. At the elevation of the Eucharist at Mass, a priest I know says, "See what you believe in; eat what you see; become what you eat." Eucharist – What a Gift!

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