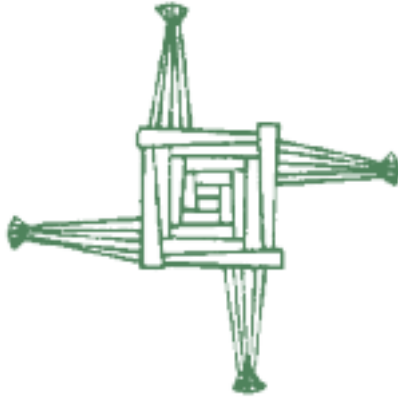


St. Brigid of Kildare Church



A Guide to Parish Life 2011-2012

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Parish Staff

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon and 1:00-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Deacon Frank Iannarino

Deacon Donald Poirier

Sister Joan Harper, CDP

Sister Pat McMahon, OSF

Karen Cremeans, Office Manager

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Dr. David Brattain, Director of Music and Liturgy

Greg Strang, Assistant Director of Music

Joe Burger, Business Manager

Jackie Mack, School Tuition Account Manager and Business Assistant

Sarah K. Moore, Development Director

Mass Schedule

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.

Holy Days

Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day 9:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Parish Educational Center

7175 Avery Road, Dublin OH 43017

www.stbrigidofkildare.com

St. Brigid School

School Office: 614-718-5825 Fax 614-718-5831

School Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Cindy Lombardo, Assistant Principal

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Cindy Sovik, Secretary

St. Brigid Preschool

Maureen DiDomenico, Director

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Wednesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon

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Pam Heil, High School Youth and Young Adult Minister

Parish History

Bishop James A. Griffin officially established St. Brigid of Kildare Parish on July 18, 1987 and appointed Father Paul Enke as founding pastor. During the first year, our neighbors from Muirfield Village Golf Club, Indian Run United Methodist Church and Scottish Corners Elementary School graciously opened their doors to us for our weekend Masses. On Christmas Eve in 1987, our young Parish celebrated its first Mass in the horse stable on the new land. The stable was renovated and became our worship space, called Our Lady of the Gael Chapel.

With the community growing quickly, our Parish focused its energy on providing a church large enough for its many members to worship. The church design was inspired by the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Kildare, Ireland. It was dedicated August 15, 1991, on the Feast of the Assumption. On that day, Bishop Griffin again provided a vision for the community by proclaiming his vision of a Catholic School on these grounds. The Parish embraced the idea and built the Parish Educational Center, which was dedicated on October 5, 1996. The Center brought all of our Catholic education, ministries and community under one roof for the first time. The original stable has been renovated into dedicated education space -- the Frauenberg-Connelley Center for Children houses performance arts space for music and band, a language lab, speech and hearing therapy room, and individualized instructional space, as well as a multipurpose interdisciplinary instructional area for student assemblies and activities.

In 2007, St. Brigid completed its new Pastoral Center, Msgr. Joseph M. Hendricks Hall. Hendricks Hall was designed for use as meeting halls, a nursery, support space for meetings, social gathering space after Masses, teen meetings, and administrative offices for the Parish. It was designed to complement and enhance the existing Parish facilities.

On May 10, 2009, the Parish dedicated its new Robert D. Walter Family Gymnasium. The facility includes a performance stage and a full-sized gym with a wood floor. Bleacher seating for 500 and the enlarged and updated stage allows us to host a wide variety of athletic events, guest speakers and performances.

On January 30, 2011, the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, bishop of the Columbus Diocese, blessed the new expansion of the Church. The Church can now accommodate over 1,500 people and has a new gathering area, cry room and additions to the exterior. The Church project has prepared our parish to be able to serve parishioners now and into the future.

St. Brigid of Kildare Parish continues to grow and ministers to about 3,000 families. It is projected that we will be home to over 5,000 families in the next 10 years.

Under the leadership of Monsignor Paul Enke and Monsignor Joseph Hendricks, our current pastor, St. Brigid Parish has always had a vision for the future, and has never lost the spirit of our patroness. A call for help never goes unanswered. We try to provide avenues in which every member of our Parish feels welcomed and needed. Our history is a testament to the Lord's many and frequent blessings and we invite you to be an active part of our future.

St. Brigid Feast Day is February 1

St. Brigid of Kildare, known to the Irish as "Mary of the Gael," is an ideal patroness for our Dublin Parish. The Irish Saint links our Parish to the universal Church and its history to our city's traditions. Brigid was born in County Louth, in the province of Ulster and may have been baptized by St. Patrick. She founded the ministry of Kildare, the first religious house of women in Ireland, which later became a center of learning and religion for both women and men. St. Brigid was best known for her concern for the poor and the hungry, always giving to those in need. She is often pictured in a pastoral setting with dairy animals. Many stories surround her patronage, but it was her concern for the poor that our Parish would adopt as one of its most important ministries. We celebrate her Feast Day each year on February 1 with Mass. Crosses made from the rushes of Kildare, Ireland, can be purchased in our Gift Shop for you to hang in your home.



**O Brigid, Mary of the Gael,
May thy protection never fail.
Spread thy mantle over me,
Where're I pass, where're I be.**

Safe Environment Program

As a community of faith, we believe that our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us and that the prevention of child abuse begins with each person. St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, in coordination with the Catholic Diocese of Columbus, is committed to the protection and safety of all children. This commitment follows the fundamental mission of the Church to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to give authentic witness to the moral teaching of the Scriptures and the tradition of the Church, and to uphold the human dignity of every person. Increased awareness and a willingness to take action are steps for every person to eradicate abuse in our society, in the community, in the neighborhood, and in the family.

At St. Brigid of Kildare Church, “Best Practice” policies have been established to ensure the safety of our children in every Parish and school activity. Our Safe Environment Program was designed for the protection of our children. With that in mind, ALL VOLUNTEERS 18 years of age and older (Athletics, Nursery, School, Scouts, Religious Education, High School Youth Ministry and all other programs involving children) who have “care, custody or control,” or regular supervised or unsupervised access to children must complete the following procedures prior to the first day of volunteering:

- Complete a Protecting God’s Children awareness session offered throughout the Diocese of Columbus. This program helps raise the awareness of adult volunteers for the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse and steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. *Please see page 7 for information on how to register for a Protecting God’s Children Awareness Session.*

- Undergo a Civilian Criminal Background / Fingerprint Check (BCI&I) completed by our National WebCheck System and if needed, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). *Please see page 7 for information on how to complete a Fingerprinting Background Check.*

- Complete a Volunteer Application Form and Signed Code of Conduct (documents available at www.StBrigidofKildare.org). *Please see pages 8 and 9 for examples of the Volunteer Application Form and Signed Code of Conduct. However, please note that these are examples only -- you need to go to our website to obtain these actual documents.*

Through these initiatives, we optimize child safe environments and empower our staff and volunteers with tools to help them protect all our children.

How to Register for a Protecting God's Children Awareness Session

Registration can only be completed online at www.virtus.org. Select "Registration" on the green bar, left side of screen. Complete the registration process. Print the email confirmation and bring it to the PGC session.

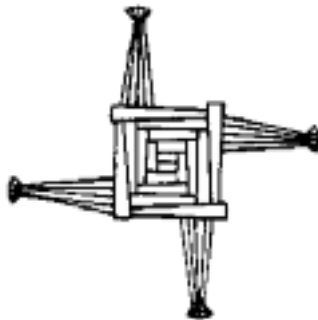
If attendance occurs at a location other than St. Brigid, a Certificate of Attendance must be obtained by you at the end of the session and forwarded to St. Brigid Parish Office to the attention of Stacey Nerone, Safe Environment Program Coordinator, before compliance can be recorded in our Parish records.

How to Complete a Fingerprinting Background Check

St. Brigid of Kildare requires that all volunteers complete a Civilian Criminal Background Check through the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation by being fingerprinted electronically by our National WebCheck System. This is required regardless of previous fingerprinting by your employer or volunteer work at another Parish. **If you take PGC at another Parish in the Diocese of Columbus, please note that you must still complete the background check here at St. Brigid through our Safe Environment Program.** Individuals must provide a valid Ohio driver's license and will be asked to provide their social security number.

Persons living in Ohio less than five years will also need a FBI civilian background check which is offered at St. Brigid. Volunteers will no longer need to go to their local police station to have fingerprints completed on an ink rolled print card.

Look for upcoming information on open fingerprinting sessions in the *Sunday Bulletin*. To schedule an appointment, please contact Stacey Nerone, Safe Environment Program Coordinator at snerone@midohio.twcbc.com or 614-761-3734 ext. 260.



Example Only:

St. Brigid of Kildare Volunteer Code of Conduct

Our children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. As a volunteer, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this Volunteer's Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children and youth at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish.

As a volunteer, I will:

- Safeguard children and youth entrusted to my care at all times.
- Faithfully represent and practice the teachings of the Catholic Church with integrity in word and action.
 - Treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
 - Avoid situations where I am alone with children and/or youth at Church activities.
 - Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism, competition, or comparison when working with children and/or youth.
 - Refuse to accept expensive gifts from children and/or youth or their parents without prior written approval from the pastor or administrator.
 - Refrain from giving expensive gifts to children and/or youth without prior written approval from the parents or guardian and the pastor or administrator.
 - Report suspected abuse to the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor. I understand that I have a moral obligation to report suspected abuse.
 - Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of children and/or youth.
 - Obey all traffic laws when driving children and youth and adhere to the Diocese of Columbus Volunteer Driver Form and Cell Phone Policy.

As a volunteer, I will not:

- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time while volunteering.
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time.
- Pose any health risk to children and/or youth (i.e., no fevers or other contagious situations).
- Strike, spank, shake, or slap children and/or youth.
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade children and/or youth.
- Touch a child and/or youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Use any discipline that frightens or humiliates children and/or youth.
- Use profanity in the presence of children and/or youth.
- Drive a vehicle not in compliance with regulations and/or inspections while driving children.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct may result in my removal as a volunteer with children and/or youth. I also agree to attend a Protecting God's Children session and submit to a background check.

Volunteer's Printed Name _____

Volunteer's Signature _____

Date _____

Example Only:
St. Brigid of Kildare Volunteer Application

Thank you for offering to volunteer with the children and youth of our Parish. Volunteers are indispensable to our programs. Because you will be working with our young people, we require some basic information. Please print clearly and bring this form along with a copy of your Protecting God's Children training certificate to a fingerprinting session or appointment.

Our Safe Environment Program was designed to protect children while they are in "care, custody or control" of any volunteer on behalf of the Church or School. ALL volunteers must complete three (3) requirements prior to the first day of volunteering: 1.) Attend the Diocese required course, Protecting God's Children 2.) Submit to a Civilian Criminal Background /fingerprint check 3.) Complete a Volunteer Application and signed Code of Conduct. You will receive a letter notifying you of your compliance. This will also be reflected in our Parish records.

Question may be directed to Stacey Nerone, Safe Environment Program Coordinator, at 761-3734 ext. 260 or snerone@midohio.twcbc.com.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Areas where you would like to volunteer:

- School Athletics Religious Education VBS
 Scouts Sunday Nursery Youth Ministry Parish
 Other or Volunteer Coaching Position

Name of Emergency Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Parish Ministries & Committees: Parish Administration

Bereavement Luncheon Committee

This dedicated group of volunteers provides a meal for the family and friends of persons whose funeral is celebrated at St. Brigid. The coordinators of the ministry plan the menu, order the main course, contact Parishioner volunteers to provide side dishes and desserts and organize the volunteers needed for set up, serving and clean up. Members of the Parish can sign up to prepare food and drop it off and /or to actually serve at the meal. Usually there is only a one to three day notification.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees many of the financial aspects of our Parish including the analysis and review of the annual budget, monthly income, expenditure and liability requirements and coordination of all Parish fundraising programs in accordance with Diocesan rules. The committee is limited to eight members and membership candidates must interview with Monsignor Hendricks.

Steering Committee

The Parish Steering Committee serves as an advisory body to the Pastor in his administration of the Parish by assisting in the strategic planning for the future of the Parish and the establishment of policies. Members, who represent all Parish committees and organizations, ensure communication and coordination among the Parish committees and ministries.

Tapestry Program Committee: “Many Strands, One Parish”

The Tapestry Program is our annual Parish commitment program. Each September, we celebrate volunteerism and invite all Parishioners to make a commitment of time, talent and treasure to St. Brigid for the coming year.

As part of the Tapestry Program, we ask that you plan to attend the Ministry Celebration Weekend in mid-September and commit by filling out volunteer and offertory cards. Automatic withdrawal, Bill Me or Envelope options are currently available for your financial commitment.

Volunteers are currently needed with a variety of skills to serve on the Tapestry Program Committee. This committee is not limited to the financial or fundraising side of Stewardship.

Ministry Weekend is also an opportunity for numerous volunteer opportunities. Please consider this important mission, helping others discover their calling to be involved in the life of our Parish.



Parish Ministries & Committees: Worship & Spiritual Life

Worship & Spiritual Life Committee

The mission of this committee is to promote and develop an environment for the worship of God and the spiritual life of our Parish. It is an advisory committee that reports to the Steering Committee. Members represent various liturgically oriented ministries as outlined below.

Children's Liturgy of the Word*

During the 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. Sunday Masses, the children of the congregation are invited to gather and are then escorted to the undercroft where they will listen to the Liturgy of the Word. The readings are those of the particular Sunday in the Liturgical Year, but are taken from the Children's Lectionary so the children can more easily understand the message. Training is available for those who love children and wish to share the Gospel with them.

Sunday Child Care*

Children over one year are invited to play during the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Masses in the Carr Child Care Center, located in Hendricks Hall. No advance registration is required. Parents and those who love small children can volunteer and are scheduled every two to three months.

Church Art & Environment

Committee volunteers ensure that the church is decorated each week according to the season and celebrations of the Church calendar. Volunteers are needed to help water and maintain green plants and altar arrangements each week and to help decorate the Church for Christmas and Easter.

Liturgical Ministries

The efforts of the Liturgical Ministers are vital to the weekly Eucharistic celebration and the success of the Parish liturgies. Each weekend Mass is planned and celebrated with the support of up to 20 lay ministers. These ministers are scheduled monthly based upon the Parish's worship needs.

There are usually two annual Liturgical Ministers Training and

Commissioning Workshops held each fall and early spring. You must be trained and commissioned in your respective ministry to serve in a liturgical role for St. Brigid of Kildare Parish. The Liturgical Ministries include the following:

Liturgical Ministry Captain

The Liturgical Ministry Captain serves the Parish community by coordinating the activities of all Ministry roles at weekend Masses. This experienced and knowledgeable Minister greets each Liturgical Minister before Mass and assures that all roles are filled. This Minister provides an atmosphere whereby the clergy can perform their roles with a full complement of Liturgical Ministry support. A Ministry Captain must be a commissioned Liturgical Minister at St. Brigid of Kildare with two or more years of ministry experience.

Altar Servers

Altar Servers provide an important liturgical function by assisting the clergy before, during, and after the liturgy, and serving as prayer leaders for the congregation. Mature boys and girls in sixth grade or above must attend one training session and complete a mentoring process prior to beginning their ministry.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

The lay Eucharistic Ministers are called “extraordinary or special” ministers. They function only when recommended by their pastors and are commissioned by the Bishop. This is a ministry where the Eucharist is distributed to our assemblies. Eucharistic Ministers also prepare the sacred vessels for the next Mass. All those who are confirmed and are at least 16 years of age are invited to participate in this ministry.

Greeters

The Ministry of Greeter serves the community by recognizing and welcoming each member of the assembly as if that person were Christ. Just as we greet guests to our homes, make them feel welcome and tend to their needs, so do these ministers help the members of the assembly feel welcome and comfortable as they gather for each Liturgy. All individuals, groups and families are welcome to participate in this ministry.

Lectors

Proclaiming the Word of God has always been a fundamental part of the Catholic Liturgy. Lectors read the Parish announcements, proclaim the scriptures, and read the Prayers of the Faithful in the absence of the Deacon. Lectors are provided with a Lector Workbook in order to prepare for their assigned reading prior to Mass. All individuals who are confirmed are invited to participate in this ministry.

Ushers and Junior Ushers

Ushers and Junior Ushers (fifth grade and older) serve the Parish community by greeting people as they arrive, escorting people to their seats, gathering and securing the collection, assisting in taking gifts of bread and wine to the altar, guiding the flow of communicants as they approach the Eucharistic Ministers and handing out *Bulletins* at the conclusion of Sunday Mass. All individuals are invited to participate in this ministry.

Jordan Conference (Child Baptism)

St. Brigid is seeking volunteer couples to assist with four to six Jordan Conferences or Baptisms per year. The Jordan Conference couple assists the clergy at each Baptism; each couple would assist approximately once every three months. The Jordan Conference couple will be trained on the sacrament of Baptism, who in turn, will instruct the parents who are seeking to have their child baptized. If you are interested in making a difference with the young parents of the Parish by joining this ministry, please contact Deacon Don or Julie Poirier at 614-889-9232. Prayerfully consider answering this call.

Baptisms for children are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month after the 12:15 p.m. Mass except during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Parents seeking Baptism for their child must attend one session of the Jordan Conference, which is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Registration for both the Jordan Conference and Baptism must be done through the Parish office at 614-761-3734.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA provides an opportunity for adults who are seeking full communion with the Church to learn about the Catholic faith. Classes meet Thursday evenings 7:30-9:00 p.m., October through the Feast of Pentecost in May. Full communion for catechumens (not yet baptized) and candidates (already baptized in the Christian

faith) occurs at the Easter Vigil. Catholic spouses or any Parishioners are welcome to attend the classes. Those interested in RCIA can talk with Deacon Frank Iannarino at 614-798-9763.

Volunteers are needed to act as companions to the candidates and catechumens or to serve on a hospitality committee. Any catechists (teachers) who are willing to share their talents are also encouraged to join our team. Contact Deacon Frank Iannarino if you would like to be part of this fulfilling ministry.

Pre-Marriage Ministry

Couples wishing to marry at St. Brigid must be established registered members and active in the Parish for at least six months before a wedding will be scheduled. A copy of the Marriage Guidelines may be obtained by contacting the Parish Office. According to Diocesan guidelines all couples must attend Pre-Cana classes six months before their wedding date. In addition, all couples must complete a survey covering a wide range of topics related to relationships and married life (FOCCUS). Results of the survey must be discussed with the couple prior to their wedding date. Couples can fulfill these requirements through our Pre-Cana and Couple-to-Couple ministries.

Pre-Cana

Pre-Cana is a two-day program (Friday 7-10 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) and is scheduled two times each year. Sessions are taught by married couples who volunteer to share their experience and insight about various aspects of married life. Engaged couples then privately discuss the topics. Married couples wishing to share their commitment to the sacrament of marriage are encouraged to join the Pre-Cana team. This is an opportunity to strengthen your marriage while ministering with others.

Couple to Couple

Engaged couples wishing to wed at St. Brigid are assigned to a married couple of the Parish. The married couple facilitates discussion of results from the FOCCUS survey completed by the engaged couple. Members of this ministry team receive extensive training and must be recommended by team members and the Parish clergy.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for anyone who is seriously ill (undergoing surgery, chronic or life-threatening illness, change in health condition). Our priests are available to administer the Sacrament whenever needed. Also, three healing Masses will be scheduled during the year. Please watch the weekly *Bulletin* for those dates.

Visitation to the Sick & Homebound

For those in our Parish family who are unable to join us in the Sunday celebration, we have a committed group of volunteers who bring the Eucharist to them. Eucharistic Ministers visit the Convalesarium, Emerald Crossing and Dublin Retirement Center on Sundays. Visits with the homebound are scheduled during the week based on individual needs. In addition to being commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers, volunteers participate in special training with Sister Pat McMahon, OSF and make their first visits with an experienced mentor. If you or anyone in your family would benefit from this ministry, please contact the Parish office.

Visitation to Hospitals

The priests, deacons and sisters of our Parish are available to visit any Parishioner or their family members in local hospitals. Because of current privacy regulations, you must give permission to the admitting clerk of the hospital if you would like them to notify the Parish or you may call the Parish office directly.

Ministry to the Bereaved

This committee provides one-on-one and/or group support for members who have experienced the loss of a loved one. It is in sharing our grief that we experience God's love and healing.

Community Prayer

We are a community of believers, a family through our Catholic faith. Prayer is essential to our faith and so we offer ways that we pray together or pray for each other.

First Friday Devotion & Eucharistic Adoration

On the first Friday of each month, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and concludes at 5:00 p.m. You are welcome to come any time to pray or if you prefer, commit to a scheduled time for adoration.

Family Rosary

All are invited to come and pray the rosary each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The Blessed Mother has promised special graces to those that pray the rosary; come and experience the beautiful tradition of praying the rosary with your Parish family. Children are welcome.

Prayer Chain

Parishioners can rely on volunteers from the St. Brigid Prayer Chain to pray for specific intentions of our Parish family. Prayer requests can be made by calling Mary Fran Cassidy at 614-761-1176 or the Parish office at 614-761-3734. Volunteers can join by calling Mary Fran Cassidy or mark "Prayer Chain" on the annual Tapestry Card.

Parish Prayer Book

The Parish Prayer Book is located in the Gathering Area of the Church. All are invited to ask your Parish family to join you in praying for your special intentions by writing them in the Prayer Book, found on the table near the choir entrance.

Holy Wash -- Martha's Ministry

Volunteers collect and carefully wash purificators and other linens used for Masses each week. Purificators are the linens used to cleanse the chalice between and after use by communicants. Because the purificator comes into contact with the Blessed Sacrament, it is treated with appropriate reverence. It is an encounter of holiness in the ordinary, where work becomes prayer and prayer springs from work. This is a ministry that appeals to the detail-oriented person who enjoys working "behind the scene." Ideally, the commitment is once a month or less.

Parish Ministries & Committees:

Music Ministries

Music is an integral part of every weekend Mass celebrated at St. Brigid. A variety of musical styles, from pre-Baroque and traditional to contemporary is incorporated in the celebration of Mass. Dr. David Brattain coordinates the music program. Opportunities for participation in music ministry include:

Adult Choir

The adult choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through May, as well as for the Midnight Christmas Mass, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday and Confirmation. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Adult Contemporary Group (Brigid's Gael)

This instrumental and vocal ensemble sings two to three times per month throughout the year at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Children's Choir*

The children's choir (Grades 1-8) sings once each month at the 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through May, as well as for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (4:00 p.m.). Rehearsals are weekly, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

High School Youth Ensemble*

Members of the High School Youth Ensemble serve as cantors, singers and instrumentalists once each month at a weekend Mass from September through May. High school students who wish to share vocal and/or instrumental talents are encouraged to participate. Rehearsals are on alternate Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Cantors

Cantors assist at all weekend Masses by leading through song. They also sing on Feast Days and for Evening Vespers during Advent and Lent. Cantors must have good vocal strength and quality. Ability to read music is helpful but not required.

Instrumentalists

Instrumentalists of all ages are encouraged to audition for ensembles, as accompanists, and as soloists at Mass (eg. Preludes, postludes, etc.).

Parish Ministries & Committees: Education

Our Parish provides opportunities for faith formation to all members from youngest to oldest, as well as those seeking to learn about the Catholic Church. Children three years through eighth grade receive religious instruction from Religious Education Programs or St. Brigid of Kildare School. In addition, we have High School Ministry for grades 9-12. We offer many classes, series and speakers to adults through our Religious Education Department.

St. Brigid of Kildare School*

“Our young people are the Church of tomorrow. It is imperative that we provide them with schools ready to address their spiritual, moral, and academic needs.”

-- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; June 2005.

St. Brigid of Kildare School provides a traditionally strong Catholic education supported by innovative and current methods. Guided by our mission statement and rooted in Christ, our school community provides Catholic faith formation and strong academic foundations to inspire lifelong learners and leaders in the 21st century. Academic achievement, perseverance, and reflection are stressed as we recognize each student’s potential for success. Our team of administrators, educators, and support staff collaborates to create an atmosphere that is most conducive to developing our students as learners, leaders, and people of faith and service.

St. Brigid of Kildare students complete rigorous studies in communication arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and religion, supported by classes in art, music, technology, Spanish, library media, and physical education. All students also develop portfolios in reading, writing, and math. Students’ different learning styles and learning needs are supported by our differentiated instruction and academic support specialists and by the work of our Special People in Catholic Education (SPiCE) committee. Students may also choose to participate in our ALSO program, extending their learning and service opportunities after school.

All students also participate in our service-learning program. Each day our students act on their maturing faith as they share the joyous message of God’s presence in our world. They share common experiences and undertake efforts as a student body, growing deeper in Christ’s love while sharing their gifts with our community.

Additional academic space was added to our school in 2007. The Frauenberg-Connelley Center for Children houses our music room, band room, mini computer

lab, half-day kindergarten and PreK classroom, offices for our instructional specialists, and a large group meeting room. Latchkey is also held here before and after school. The Robert D. Walter Family Gymnasium was added to the facility in 2009.

Please visit our website at www.stbrigidofkildare.com for more information. Tours can be arranged by calling our school office at 614-718-5825.

Latchkey*

Latchkey is available to all school aged children beginning at 7:00 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m. This program features on-site supervised social time, recreational time, creative and imaginative play, arts, crafts, and quiet time for homework. To register, please call the school office at 614-718-5825.

St. Brigid of Kildare Preschool*

Our Parish school offers preschool classes for our three, four, and five year old children. Half-day classes are offered to three year olds (Tuesday and Thursday,) four year olds (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,) and pre-kindergarten students (Monday-Friday.) Our preschool is located in a separate wing of the Parish Education Center and shares its outdoor play area with our kindergarten classes.

Home & School Association

Home and School strives to enrich the Catholic school experience for students and their families by providing a volunteer base and money for supplemental programs, fun activities, and classroom equipment. Volunteer sign-ups take place at the beginning of each school year.

School Advisory Committee

The mission of SAC is to promote and support a distinctive religious learning environment that provides for the propagation of the Catholic faith and values, fosters academic excellence, and develops fully the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional capabilities unique to each student. Members are appointed to three-year terms through a nomination process led by the Pastor and current SAC members.

Special People in Catholic Education Committee (SPiCE)

Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) is a program to support the education of children with special learning needs in our Parish and school. SPICE will assist our Parish as we work to serve a broad range of students, including those who may be gifted to those who have roadblocks to successful learning. SPICE was founded for the purpose of providing financial support and commitment to the belief that each child in our Parish is a child of God and possesses his or her own unique spiritual and educational needs.

St. Brigid Religious Education Department*

The Religious Education Department provides faith formation opportunities for all parishioners, preschool through adult. All classes for children and youth follow the Diocesan Graded Course of Study for Religion. All religious education teachers (catechists) are certified in Religious Education through the Diocese of Columbus. Participation in this sequential learning program provides a firm foundation for lifelong learning about and practice of the Catholic faith. In addition to the age-appropriate sequential learning, immediate preparation for the reception of the sacraments of the Eucharist, Confirmation, and Reconciliation is presented through classes, workshops, retreats and service opportunities. Adults are also encouraged to participate in life-long learning! Many opportunities are offered annually, including five series of courses: Introductory Catechesis, Scripture, Christ and the Church, Liturgy and Sacraments and Morality, which may be taken in whole or in part for credit or enrichment. In addition, Advent and Lenten series are an annual offering. Registration for all classes is required. Forms are available through the Religious Education Office.

Religious Ed: Preschool and Kindergarten*

Preschool and kindergarten classes are held in the Parish Educational Center at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday September through May. Kindergarten classes are also offered on Mondays and Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. September through May. Registration is required.

Religious Ed: School-Age Children*

Classes for students in grades one through eight are offered on Mondays from 5:00-6:00 p.m., 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Additionally, classes are offered for grades 6-8 on Mondays from 7:45-8:45 p.m. For those children who are beyond second grade who have not yet received their First Communion, the "Sacraments" class is offered on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. For older students who have missed First Communion or skipped a grade level, a "Basic Review Class" is offered on Mondays from 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Religious Ed Teachers & Volunteers*

St. Brigid is blessed to have an experienced staff of catechists, many of whom have taught for more than 10 years. Monthly All-Teacher Meetings provide additional enrichment to the certification classes and other educational opportunities offered throughout the year. At the present time, there are nearly 1,200 students in St. Brigid's Religious Education classes. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact Mary Fran Cassidy.

In addition to Catechists/Teachers, S.P.I.C.E. (Special People in Catholic Education) Aides assist children with special learning needs during weekly classes. Teacher Aides, Hall Monitors, Babysitters and Office Aides also assist with the weekly classes. Volunteers need not have children in the program to participate, but all volunteers, in accordance with Diocesan guidelines, must take Protecting God's Children and be fingerprinted at St. Brigid.

In addition to weekly volunteers, additional help is needed for special events including, but not limited to Operation Cookie Storm, the Hunt for Treasure Sale, the Religious Articles Sale, First Communion Workshop and Confirmation Retreat. To volunteer your time and talent in any way, please call the Religious Education Office at 614-761-1176.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)*

Children age 4 through grade 5 are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School, which will be held in June 2012. Adults and students in grades 6 through high school are invited to participate as aides in a variety of locations and activities.

Education Committee

The mission of the education committee is to plan and provide for the on-going faith formation needs of our community. Education committee members represent not only the Religious Education Department, but also St. Brigid of Kildare School and liaisons from many other Parish committees. The Education Committee meetings are open to all Parishioners.

*High School Youth Ministry**

All high school students are invited to come Sunday evenings during the school year for “Living the Questions.” We have an open format where teens can explore life’s questions from a Catholic Christian perspective in a safe environment. We meet in Msgr. Hendricks Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Our yearly schedule is shaped by a Core Team of high school leaders and includes social, educational, service, and spiritual opportunities. High school students are welcome to any and all events.

The Massey Teen Room in Msgr. Hendricks Hall is next to the Youth Minister’s office where we run smaller focus groups dealing with various teen issues. We also have a weekly Bible Study and Youth Ministry Ensemble which accompanies Mass each month (see the Music Ministries section). To stay current and to assure you don’t miss out on any opportunities, check the Parish *Bulletin* or our Parish website, www.st-brigidofkildare.org; Senior High Youth Ministry. You may also call Pam Heil at (w) 614-718-5832 or (c) 614-975-3930 if you just want to chat or hang out, need to sort out options or need a confidential, adult listener. (Pam’s goal is to get to know you.)

Youth Ministry Adult Volunteers*

“It takes a village to raise a child.” Research indicates that the teens of the world need at least three adult role models in their lives besides parents and family. A positive adult influence is essential to the development of a teen’s faith. We are looking for those with a strong love for teenagers who would like to help in ministering to high school youth.

Adult Core Team Members assist the youth leadership with the directory, newsletter, service projects, music or other areas. Volunteers are also always welcome to provide refreshments, help in the office, chaperone events, assist with transportation or witness on retreats. Sharing your expertise and experience at a monthly educational night would always be welcome. Your ideas will help our program continue to grow!

Core Team*

The Core Leadership Team for high school youth ministry consists of teens, young adults and adults who choose to guide the growth of ministry to teens at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish. The Core Team meets before “Living the Questions” on Sunday and will meet regularly as needed.

Young Adult Ministry

Many adults who have graduated from high school lose that feeling of connectedness to their Church family. At St. Brigid, we have a network of young adults who are single or newly married without children, who plan social events, faith in action opportunities, Bible Study and other experiences that enrich their faith journey. To get in the database, contact Pam Heil at 614-718-5832.

Adult Faith Formation

Parishioners are encouraged to continue to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith. Our Parish offers classes covering a wide range of topics at various times throughout the year. All classes and speakers are announced in the weekly bulletin as well as on the Parish website. Schedules and registration forms are also available in the Religious Education Office. Call 614-761-1176 for more information and/or to register for classes.

Tuesday Morning Group

This discussion group meets Tuesdays, 9:45-11:45 a.m., in the Pastoral Center, September through May. Topics vary and cover a broad spectrum. Mary Fran Cassidy facilitates the discussion and invites you to join anytime. Please call 614-761-1176 for specific information and/or to register.

Diocesan Catechist Certification Program

Primarily designed to satisfy Diocesan requirements for teacher certification, these series of two hour classes are taught by Diocesan instructors and are offered throughout the year at St. Brigid. We encourage anyone interested in learning about our rich Catholic history and current beliefs to attend these excellent classes. They may be taken for credit or personal enrichment. Call 614-761-1176 for more information and/or to register for classes.

Family Gathering: Reconciliation -- It's a Family Matter

Come as a family to the third annual Family Gathering on Palm Sunday, from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Each family will be seated together for a presentation, followed by shared activities within your family, all meant to better prepare participants to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation following Vespers at 5 p.m. The gathering will be facilitated by Mary Fran Cassidy, DRE. To register, please call 614-761-1176.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Little Rock Scripture Study is designed for adult Catholics who want to continue on their journey of faith. The program is facilitated by Claudia Gomez, a Little Rock facilitator, and consists of daily personal study, weekly small group meetings, a video lecture and concluding prayer. All classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and will be announced in the Parish *Bulletin*. Please call 614-761-1176 for more information and /or to register.

Seasonal Presentations

Advent and Lenten series are scheduled for three Wednesdays in both December and March. Deb Sabo, M.A., will present three meaningful, informational and inspirational classes during each of these important Liturgical Seasons. Watch the Parish *Bulletin*, the Advent and Lenten booklets, and the Parish website for more details. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Parish Ministries & Committees: **Social Action**

The Social Action Committee was the first established committee of the Parish and is the avenue by which our Parish has helped those in need in our community and the world. Our mission is to coordinate programs and donations for alleviating human suffering and outreach targeting to the needy in the Parish community, the Dublin area and Greater Columbus area. We do not conduct fundraisers on our own behalf as we are fully supported by Parish funding. 100% of all money and donations we collect are distributed to the recipients of our charitable projects.

General meetings are held every other month and Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to attend (watch the weekly *Bulletin* for dates). Our goal is to provide service opportunities to Parish families and we welcome your input. We currently conduct over 20 projects per year, with volunteer commitments ranging from weekly to once/year. Specific project and contact information is located in the Parish Committee Contact Listing, found in the back of this guide. Volunteer opportunities are also included in the weekly *Bulletin*.

In addition, the Social Action Committee accepts donations of canned foods, household goods, and toiletries, at any time, in the Collection Closet, which is located in the coat room of the church. These donations are distributed monthly to local social agencies.

Join Social Action by marking it on the Tapestry Program's green Volunteer Commitment Card or contact our committee chairs for more information on specific projects. The following is a partial list of some of our activities:

Bloodmobile

Our Parish hosts a Red Cross Bloodmobile two or three times a year.

Giving Trees

This annual Christmas event gives Parishioners the opportunity to donate gifts and financial support to children and adults in need through nine organizations.

Project Magi

Each January, we take up a collection of new and gently used winter clothing.

School Supplies

Supplies are collected and distributed to elementary school students of financially distressed families within the Columbus area.

Habitat for Humanity

This is a volunteer opportunity to build new homes for Habitat partner families.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Volunteers provide home-baked cookies and prayers for prison ministry.

Parishioner Assistance

Volunteers provide individual assistance to Parishioners who are unable to conduct everyday tasks.

Pretzel Tutors

Volunteers provide ESL (English as a Second Language) tutoring.

Respect Life Baby Shower

A baby shower is held in October to benefit Pregnancy Decision Health Center and Birthright agencies. These are two local organizations that are committed to offering help to women in troubling pregnancies to choose life for their unborn child.

Sandwich Saturday

Volunteers gather on the fourth Saturday of each month to make sandwiches to be distributed at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus and area shelters.

Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

Parishioners are welcome to volunteer in many capacities.

Please contact the Furniture Bank to find out how you can help at 614-272-9544 or www.furniturebankcoh.org.

Parish Ministries & Committees:

Parish Life

St. Brigid Parish is a vibrant community where we minister to each other by reaching out to serve each other's needs, sharing our common journey together or celebrating the gifts we have to offer one another. Committees are listed alphabetically in the following subcategories. Contact information is available in the back of this guide.

Parish Life: Ministry

Bethany Women

A joint effort between St. Brigid and St. Brendan Parishes allows women who are either divorced or in the process of divorce, to come together for spiritual conversation and social support. This is not a formal support group or therapy; it is simply an opportunity for women to share this life-changing experience in a safe environment.

Cum Christo

Cum Christo is a Lay Catholic Renewal Movement which brings Christians together in a three-day experiential weekend to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to motivate them to persevere, to live authentic Christian lives and to grow as leaders in their churches and many environments.

Cum Christo functions within the Catholic Diocese of Columbus and has adopted many practices from the Cursillo Movement. An application can be obtained from the current contact person or from someone who has experienced God's grace through Cum Christo.

Elizabeth Ministry

Committed to celebrating the gift of motherhood, this ministry provides a spiritual and educational outlet for women. They meet each month to connect and provide one-on-one support and to strengthen each other through prayer, education, community and community outreach. All women are welcome to come and listen or share their experiences.

Family First

Family First is a ministry of St. Brigid of Kildare Parish that seeks to empower parents in their roles as leaders in the home / domestic church. Family First offers insight into all stages of child development as well as marriage enrichment. We currently offer a weekly discussion group, have an email distribution list of support materials and sponsor special events such as family picnics and speakers which build fellowship among Parishioners.

Gift Shop and Lending Library

The Gift Shop and Lending Library, located in Hendricks Hall, are open 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month and from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The Gift Shop is packed with beautiful religious articles and literature. Items not in stock can be special ordered. The Lending Library has over 1,000 titles that Parishioners can borrow for up to four weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Religious Education Office.

New Parishioner Welcome Committee

The goal of our welcoming committee is to give every new family or individual a sense of belonging and help them become an integral part of our faith community. We personally contact our newest members and invite them to participate in a special blessing at Mass.

St. Joseph League

For those of our community who are unemployed or under-employed, assistance with tools of the job search process is provided through discussion and formal presentations. Group leaders guide you through re-evaluating your skills and on how to successfully market those skills for a successful job search. Meetings are held every Tuesday evening, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Confidentiality is assured. Anyone who specializes in human resources or wishes to become a mentor is encouraged to join this volunteer group.

Sunshine Committee

This sub-committee of the Women's Club helps Parish families celebrate new babies or supports them through illness or injury by taking them home-cooked dinners or meeting some other need. This caring group continues its efforts all year. Simply call the current chairperson or the Parish office and let this dedicated group bring some sunshine to your day.

Parish Life: Children and Families

Athletic Association*

Under the guidelines of the Diocesan Recreation Program, St. Brigid of Kildare offers fourth through eighth graders of registered Parish families an opportunity to participate in athletics. Teams from St. Brigid play other Diocesan teams. The main goal is to build confidence in our youth while teaching the fundamentals of a sport. All children who participate are guaranteed to play.

The seventh and eighth grades are the only teams divided into competitive and developmental leagues. All coaches, administration, concession crew, equipment and facility maintenance crews are volunteers. Adults (18 or older) who love sports and enjoy working with children are encouraged to volunteer.

Children's Play Group

The Children's Play Group is a community of parents and children, including babies, toddlers and preschoolers who enjoy making new friends, supporting each other and exploring the Dublin/Columbus area. Children's ages vary, and our group is always changing. All young children are welcome.

Playgroup is absolutely free! This group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) throughout the year in the homes of our participants. There are generally one or two outings a month with visits to playgrounds or other kidfriendly locales such as museums or the zoo. Drop in whenever you wish; this is a relaxed group that understands busy schedules don't always allow for weekly participation.

The Playgroup's weekly meeting place is listed in the Parish *Bulletin*. Regular attendees receive a schedule and are added to the phone/email lists so that they can receive schedule changes and other helpful information.

Boy & Girl Scouts*

St. Brigid is home to Cub Scout Pack 117 (grades 1-5) and Boy Scout Troop 117 (grades 6-high school). Any boy, regardless of school affiliation, is invited to join. We currently have about 65 Cub Scouts and 110 Boy Scouts. Scouts is a structured program that is dedicated to fun with a purpose. The Cub Scout fun includes camping, hiking, swimming, field trips, bb shooting, archery, car racing and much, much more. The purpose is to teach boys respect for God, their community and their family while gaining the self-confidence and self-esteem that they will need to succeed in life. The Boy Scout program continues to build on the fundamentals that the boys have learned -- knot tying, fire building, year-round camping, skiing, canoeing, service projects and high-adventure opportunities are all a part of this experience.

St. Brigid is also home to the Girl Scouts, with about 50 girls (k-grade 8) who participate. Girl Scouting is a wonderful opportunity for girls to participate in programs related to the arts, science and technology, outdoor activities, and community service. Through the experience offered by getting involved in scouting, these girls will learn a variety of skills they can use in life beyond school. However, it is not only the above skills that they will take with them. They will also gain team-building and leadership experience needed to help them on their journey in becoming successful young women.

Parish Life: Social and Community

55 Plus Club

All adults over 55, married or single, are invited to join our group. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in Msgr. Hendricks Hall. Speakers discuss topics related to the educational, spiritual, physical and psychological health of seniors. Refreshments and socializing follow each monthly meeting. On the second Friday of each month, we meet at 1:00 p.m. for lunch at a local area restaurant. Monthly tours are also planned throughout the year.

We have men's breakfasts, women's breakfasts, and occasional Sunday brunches. Many members belong to the St. Brigid Players and volunteer for JOIN, as well as the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. We have First Friday Adoration in the chapel from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Frequent tours are planned locally and several out-of-town ones are scheduled with overnight stays. We also have a Christmas party at a country club and donate funds to an unidentified needy family in our Parish chosen by our Pastor. Good news, we pay no dues!

Knights of Columbus

Founded in 1882 for the purpose of aiding widows and orphans left destitute and dependent on their local Parish, the Knights of Columbus has grown to become the largest organization of Catholic men in the world with over 1.6 million brother Knights. St. Brigid's Council has been recognized as one of the "Top Ten" councils in Ohio for several years. A year-round program of family, fraternal and service activities includes the annual Measure Up campaign for physically challenged children, the popular Knights' Pancake Breakfasts, children's Easter Egg Hunt, the Council Family Picnic, Roses for Motherhood, Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Golf League, London Prison Ministry and the Couples' Christmas Party. Membership in the Knights is open to practicing Catholic men age 18 and over.

Sunday Socials

You are invited to come to the Pastoral Center after the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Masses for donuts, coffee and fellowship. Make it a weekly tradition to socialize with your friends and sign up to serve every couple of months. Volunteers set up tables and handle the food. Shifts are 1-1/2 hours and volunteers report to a team leader. Individuals, groups and families (children seventh grade and above) are encouraged to call the Parish office to get on the roster. Volunteers interested in becoming part of the lead team (managing a social every other month, scheduling or ordering) are asked to call the Parish office at 614-761-3734.

The Main Event

This annual dinner/dance promises an elegant evening while also serving as a fundraiser for specific designated causes each year. Ticket information is available in the weekly church bulletin as the dance approaches. Subcommittees are set up to cover all aspects of the event (e.g. decorations, hospitality, auction items, etc.) and volunteers can indicate their preference of subcommittee.

The St. Brigid Players

The St. Brigid Players provide an avenue for Parishioners to pursue artistic expression and develop a strong faith community. We are a troupe of adult performers and crew members who come from a vast array of stage experience -- from those who acted throughout school and beyond, to those who have never set foot on a stage. The goals are to bring wholesome entertainment to the Parish family and the surrounding community, and to provide friendship, fellowship, teamwork and community outreach. The St. Brigid Players illustrate the sharing of time, talent and treasure with the following goals: perform at least one production for the Parish and surrounding community per year; support functions sponsored by other Parish ministries; provide community outreach; and provide a social and spiritual setting for Parishioners.

Volunteer Dinner Dance

The Parish celebrates and thanks those adult volunteers who volunteer at St. Brigid with a casual evening of food, fun and dancing. All who give of their time and talent are invited to come. Volunteers are needed to plan and put on this fun event. To volunteer, please contact the Parish office at 614-761-3734.

Women's Club

With a theme of Faith, Friends & Fun, the Women's Club strives to develop a strong faith community among the women of our Parish. We meet the third Wednesday of each month, and our mission is to provide a social and spiritual setting. We assist and support with the planning and executing of Parish functions sponsored by the Women's Club or other Parish committees and perform at least one service project per year. Some of our events include the Great Pumpkin & Bake Sale, Cookies with Santa, and the Progressive Dinner. The Women's Club is open to all women of the Parish. Please join us!

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Sandwich Saturday	Kathy Windau 766-2733 kwindau@columbus.rr.com
	Courtney Karam 873-2051 ckaram@columbus.rr.com
School Supplies for CSS	Colleen Mar 937-642-4403 cwmarr1@aol.com
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Parish Life: Ministry

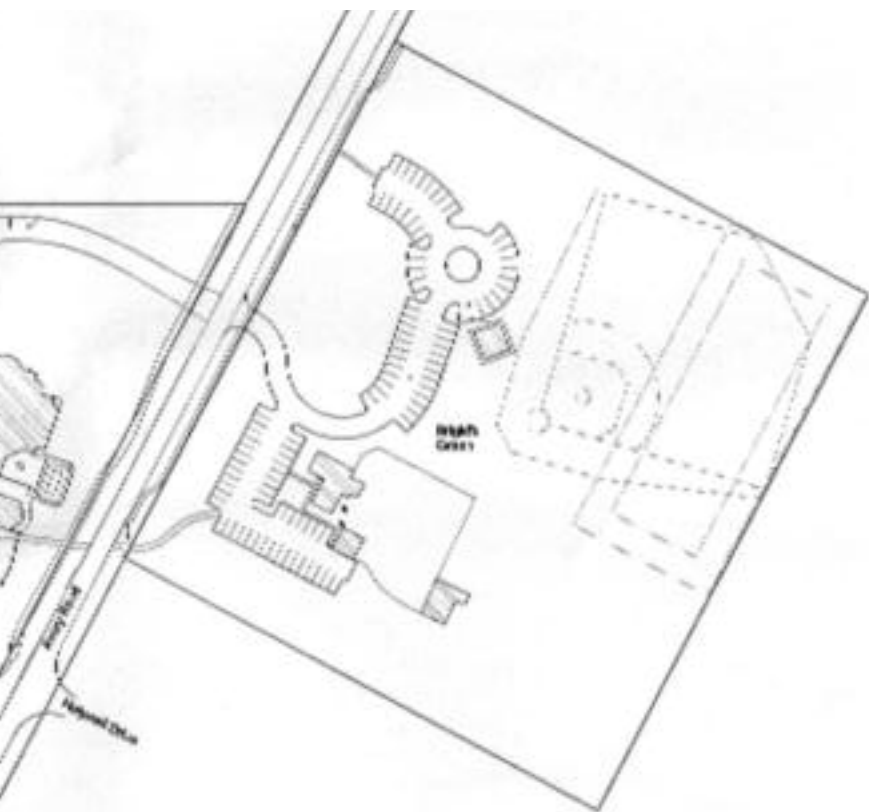
Bethany Women	Lori Hutta 889-0221 lhutta@sbcglobal.net
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New Parishioner Welcome	Christine Drab 761-0524 christinedrab@sbcglobal.net
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	Ray Taylor 873-6461 rtayloroh@columbus.rr.com
Sunshine Committee	Beth Putz 792-5236 beth@khptel.com

Parish Life: Children & Families

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Children Play Group	Linda Martyna 873-4351
Boy Scouts	John Francis 395-8529 john.francis@realliving.com
Girl Scouts	Michelle Funge 798-1613 michelle_funge@yahoo.com
Cub Scouts	Deb Obert 798-1012 dobert@columbus.rr.com

Parish Life: Social & Community

55 Plus Club	Dick O'Connor 766-9467 dickocon1@aol.com
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Sunday Socials	Jeff Zimmerman 889-7621 jzimme4@columbus.rr.com
The Main Event (2012)	Parish Office 761-3734
The St. Brigid Players	Christine Gawronski 553-8912 christig@stratcommerce.com
Volunteer Dinner Dance (2012)	Parish Office 761-2724
Women's Club	Lori Ryan 733-0884 cryan15@columbus.rr.com



Notes



Blessing Prayer for
The Feast of Saint Brigid
& for the
Hanging of Her Cross

*May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell
Bless every fireside, every wall and floor;
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof,
And every tongue and mind for evermore;
Bless every hand that toils to bring joy
And every foot that walks its portals through.
This is my wish today, my constant prayer
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.*

The Saint Brigid Cross, pictured on the cover, is traditionally made of green rushes that grow in County Kildare, Ireland.
The Irish hang them in their homes and you'll find them throughout our Parish campus.
St. Brigid crosses can be purchased in the Parish Gift Shop to bless your home.