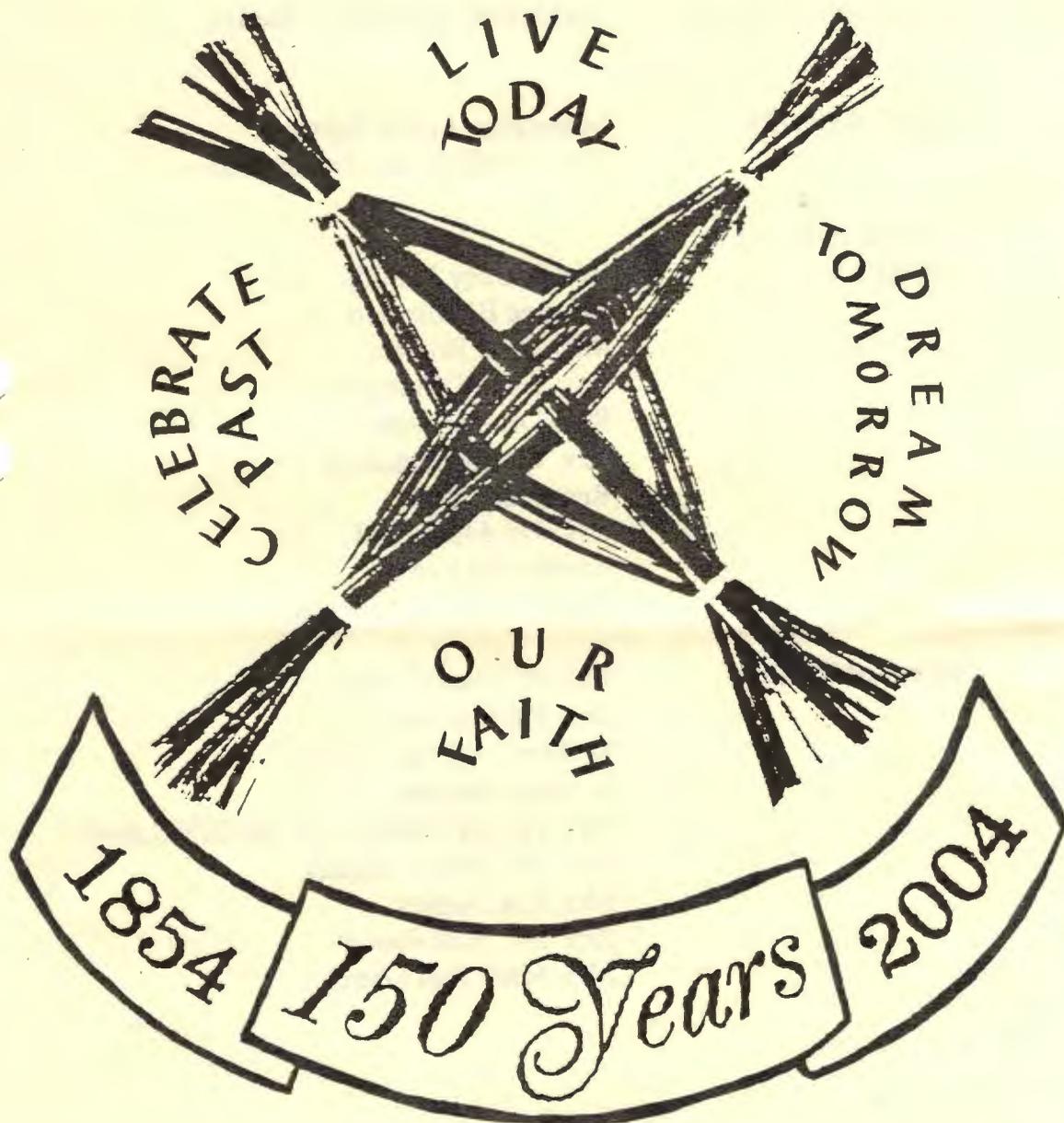


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ST. BRIGID CHURCH  
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**Principal Celebrant**

Archbishop William D. Borders

**Con-Celebrants**

Monsignor Arthur Bastress  
Rev. Joseph G. Bochenek, Pastor

**Visiting & Guest  
Clergy**

Rev. Stanley Juanitis  
Ms. Lee Blumenfeld  
Mrs. Bette Brocato  
Rev. Joseph Simmons  
Rev. Lou Esposito  
Rev. Casimir Peterson  
Rev. Frank Ernst  
Rev. Jim McDonald  
Brother Sal Furnari  
Pastor Catherine Oatman

**Honored Guests**

Dick & Helen Choma  
Mrs. Pat Skarupa  
Sr. Marie Goretti, SSND  
Sr. Mary Buettner, SSND  
Mrs. Phyllis Karko, Principal/BJN School  
Rev. Mr. Walter Shipley  
Mrs. Eva Shipley  
Rev. Mr. Nick Feurer  
Mrs. Mary Ann Feurer

**OPENING SONG:**            *GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD*

**Refrain:**        **Glory and Praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days,  
Many are the blessings he bears,  
To those who trust in his ways.**

1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains,  
Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings.
2. In his wisdom, he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save.
3. Every moment of every day, our God is waiting to save,  
Always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.
4. God has watered our barren land and sent his merciful rain.  
Now the rivers of life run full for anyone to drink

**RITE OF BLESSING AND SPRINKLING HOLY WATER**

**OPENING PRAYER: (TOGETHER)**

Father in heaven, from the days of Abraham and Moses until this gathering of your Church in prayer, you have formed a people in the image of your Son. Bless these people with the gift of your kingdom. May we serve you with our every desire and show love for one another even as you have loved us. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GLORIA:**            Mass of the Bells

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:**     Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**    *I WILL SING, I WILL SING  
OF YOUR SALVATION*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING**      1 Corinthians 12:31-13-13

**GOSPEL**              Luke 4: 21-30

**HOMILY**              Msgr. Arthur Bastress  
*We Are The Church (Parish Youth)*

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (RESPONSE)**

*LORD, FILL US WITH YOUR BLESSINGS*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**              *EVEN SO*

**Refrain**

**Even so, oh Jesus come, as we gather at your table now.  
Even so, oh Jesus come to us, be for us the bread of our lives.**

We have murmured, grumbled in our deserts  
We have doubted, lamented your plan  
We have fashioned idols of our choosing  
Followed pathways other than your own. **(REFRAIN)**

We have failed to see you in the hungry  
We have judged those fallen from grace  
In the stranger, the poor and the homeless  
We have failed to meet you face to face. **(REFRAIN)**

We are yours.....your handy work, your chosen  
We are yours.....the children of your heart  
We are yours.....you've cherished us forever  
Still we often turn away from you. **(REFRAIN)**

Gracious Lord we are not worthy  
That you should come unto us  
Speak your word and we shall be healed  
O Jesus have mercy on us. **(REFRAIN)**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (TOGETHER)

Lord be pleased with the gifts we bring to your altar, and make them the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

## ACCLAMATION WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

*We remember how you loved us till your death  
and so we celebrate for you are with us here.  
And we believe that we will see you when you come  
in your glory Lord, we remember, we celebrate we believe.*

## OUR FATHER (Carey Landry)

## GREAT AMEN --KISS OF PEACE-- LAMB OF GOD

## COMMUNION HYMNS O LORD I AM NOT WORTHY

1. O Lord, I am not worthy that thou should come to me; but speak the words of comfort, My spirit healed shall be.
2. And humbly I'll receive thee, the bridegroom of my soul, no more my sin to grieve thee or fly they sweet control.
3. Mighty eternal Spirit, unworthy though I be, prepare me to receive him and trust the Word to me.
4. Increase my faith, dear Jesus, in thy real presence here, and make me feel most deeply, that thou to me art near.

**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY (REFRAIN)**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one  
Lord.**

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more **(Refrain)**
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **(Refrain)**
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. **(Refrain)**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (TOGETHER)**

Lord, you strengthen us with this help to our salvation. By this Eucharist give the true faith continued growth throughout the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

**MEDITATION HYMN: SONG OF ST. BRIGID (Folk Group)**

**FINAL BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL SONG: CITY OF GOD**

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Refrain: Let us build the City of God  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our Light and our love,  
Has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
A light for his people to set their hearts free. **(REFRAIN)**

**BLESSING OF THROATS will follow the closing hymn.**

## OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL PRAYER

**All knowing, All loving and All powerful God,**

**We thank You for 150 years of grace given to our parish community. We praise You for the priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers and for the inspired lay leadership that has brought us to this occasion of joy!**

**We desire to continue what You have started by striving to build up a holy nation through the individual conversion of hearts, the sincere celebration of the Sacraments, and service to Your people—our brothers and sisters in faith.**

**In this year-long celebration, may we never forget Your bountiful goodness, the lessons of our past, the grace of the present, and the hope of tomorrows.**

**Through the intercession of our Virgin Mother Mary, Our beloved patroness, St. Brigid, and all the angels and saints, may our parish continue to be a living sign of the presence of Jesus Christ through the words and actions of each person who has been and will become a part of our parish family. With humility of heart, we ask this through Christ, our Lord.**

**May the souls of the all the faithful departed, especially those of St. Brigid Parish, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**Amen.**