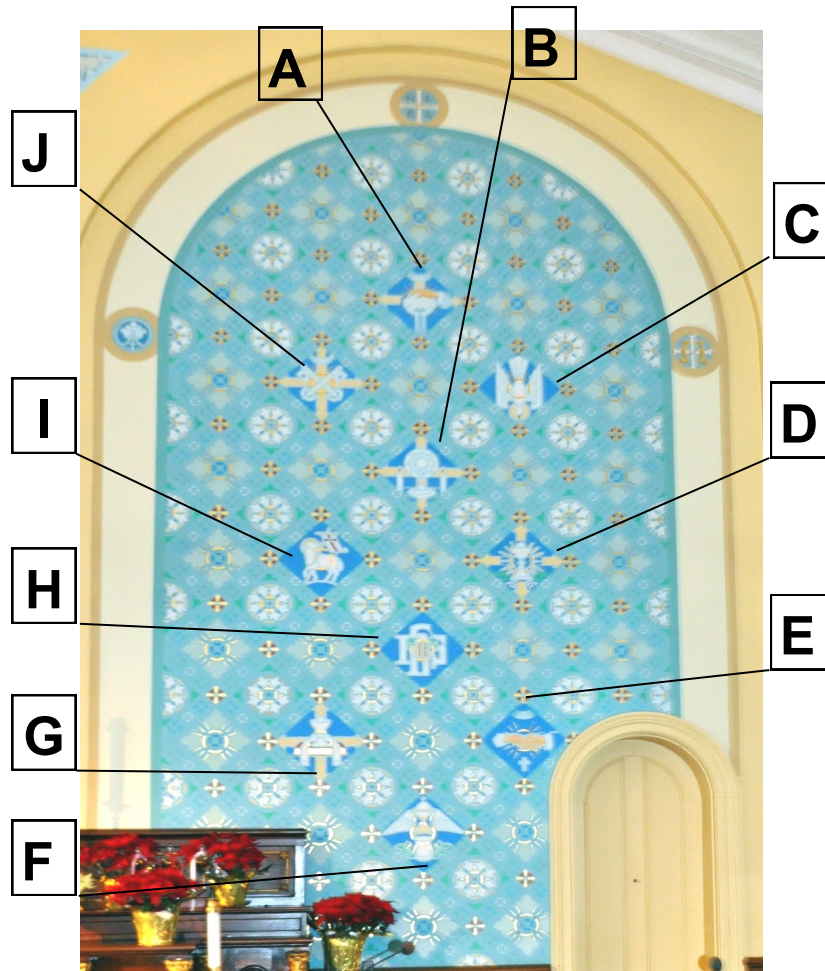




KNOW & GROW TOPIC OF THE WEEK: THE SYMBOLS IN ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH, PART 2



Symbols of the Right Arch: the Sacraments

- A. Baptism**—The Sacrament of new life in Christ. The seashell and water as reminders of the importance of the water used in this sacrament
- B. Eucharist**—One of four Eucharistic symbols on this wall, this one illustrates the monstrance, in which the consecrated host is displayed for adoration
- C. Confirmation**—The dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit. In this sacrament we are “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
- D. Eucharist**—This shows the host and chalice, as bread and wine are consecrated into Jesus’ Body and Blood.
- E. Matrimony**—The rings given as a symbol of unity and oneness between husband and wife form the principle sign of this sacrament.
- F. Anointing**—The form of this symbol is highly reminiscent of the title formerly given to this sacrament: *Last Rites* or *Extreme Unction*. The hour glass is filling as the person nears death. The wings of angels picture a soul rising to Heaven, supported by a bed of olive branches as a sign of peace and forgiveness
- G. Ordination**—This symbol includes the stole of the priest, the gift of Eucharist he provides to the community, and the Book of Scripture
- H. Eucharist & Reconciliation**—This depicts IHS (which form the monogram of His holy name, derived from the Greek six-letter word for Jesus) and ten red circles representing the ten Commandments
- I. Eucharist**—This illustrates the image of Jesus, the Lamb of God.
- J. Reconciliation**—Reminiscent of the keys given to Peter as symbol of his authority, the action of reconciliation, when sins are loosed and forgiven.