

# Saint Brigid Parish

967 Chancery Lane  
Meadville, PA 16335



**Join Us!**

**Wear Your Green**



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thru Age 12 - 9:30 Mass

## NURSERY

Infants thru age 4 - 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

## CONFESSIONS In Chapel:

Saturday ..... 4:00 - 4:45 P.M.  
First Friday..... 11:00 A.M.

## STAFF HOURS:

Monday - Friday..... 8-Noon 1-3 P.M.

## HOME COMMUNION CALLS

The sick or confined (or their next of kin) should phone the parish office to have their names put on the Communion call schedule.

## PASTOR

*Rev. Mark A. O'Hern*

## SENIOR ASSOCIATE

*Rev. Rocco A. Tito*

## DEACON

*Ken Reisenweber*

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*Cindy Fiorillo*

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*Christine McGinnity*

## SETON CATHOLIC PRINCIPAL

*Regina Merritt*

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Parish Fax.....724-2996  
Seton School..... 336-2320  
Youth Ministry ..... 333-2274  
Social Service Office..... 337-5551

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[www.StBrigidChurch.org](http://www.StBrigidChurch.org)

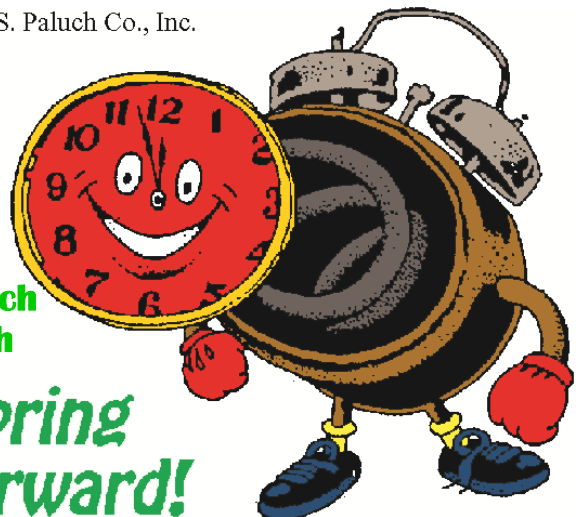
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St. Patrick's Day

it's great to be Irish!

Be a part of the Saint Brigid Parish group walking in the Jack Curtin Saint Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 13th Meet @ 11:55 AM at Diamond Park Parade begins at noon Bring along wrapped candy.

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March 14th

Spring forward!

**WORSHIP**

**Monday – March 8**

7:30 AM John Merchbaker (Mary Mulligan Haines)  
 11:30 AM Bill Dinsmore (Jack & Connie)

**Tuesday – March 9**

7:30 AM Rev. David Findlay (Friend, Mary)  
 11:30 AM Dave Byers (Jack/Carole Jones)

**Wednesday – March 10**

7:30 AM Mary Zeroskie (Frances Buchanan)  
 11:30 AM Bill Dinsmore (Marti/Frank Germick)  
 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction

**Thursday – March 11**

11:30 AM Donald Sippy (Lynette/Gary Fabian)

**Friday – March 12**

7:30 AM Mary Palchuck (Ken/Gerry Kightlinger)  
 11:30 AM Ruth Ott (Lynda/Ralph Streng)  
 7:00 PM T Stations of the Cross

**Saturday – March 13**

11:30 AM Yolanda Barco BD (Estate)

**Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses**

5:15 PM **TR** Andrew & Sophia Dronko  
 (Tim/Fran Maziarz)  
 7:30 AM **O** People of St. Brigid  
 9:30 AM **TR** Ed Schuster (Patricia Constantinovich)  
 11:30 AM **O** Jim Costello (Lingo fam/Cecelia Franczak)

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** Bernice Eberhardt, Margaret Rudler, Betty Hobson, Mary Kardosh & David Johnson. Please remember them in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** to the family of William E. “Bill” Davern, husband of Betty Jane Davern; brother of Marie C. Smith & Frances Williams.

<b>READINGS</b>	Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
	Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
	Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
	Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
	Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
	Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
	Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

<b>AREA SUPPORT</b>	724-3669	Bereavement Support
	337-5551	Catholic Social Services
	337-7323	Read Program
	333-5403	Hospice Grief Support
	724-5174	Prayer Line
	333-2851	Visitation (ill, elderly) 333-4315
	337-1226	Transportation (Mass, dr. appts.)
336-1792	Alzheimer’s Support Group/3rd Monday @ Active Aging 6:30 PM	

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Sunday – March 7**

9-10:30 YG Grade 9 @ St. Mary Center  
 9:50-11:15 YG 2nd Yr. Confirmation @ Seton Gym  
 9:50-11:15 YG 1st Yr. Confirmation @ St. Brigid Center  
 10:30-Noon Rel Ed (Pre-thru Grade 6 classes)  
 10:30-Noon YG Grades 7 & 8/Classrooms

**Monday – March 8**

7:15 PM R.C.I.A./Library  
 8:00 PM Shout/Church

**Tuesday – March 9**

Noon-3:30 PM 55+ Club/Room 5

**Wednesday – March 10**

Noon Ecumenical Lenten Lunch/Stone UM Church  
 6 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church  
 7 PM Choir Practice/Church  
 7 PM Adult Bible Study/Center  
 7 PM Catholic Daughters/Social Hall

**Thursday – March 11**

7 PM River of Life Prayer Group/Room 4

**Friday – March 12 (Abstain from meat)**

4:30-6:30 PM Lenten Fish Dinners/Social Hall

**Saturday – March 13**

11:55 AM St. Patrick’s Day Parade/Diamond Park

**Sunday – March 14 (Turn clocks ahead)**

NO Religious Education P-6th today  
 9-10:30 YG Grade 9 @ St. Mary Center  
 9:50-11:15 YG 2nd Yr. Confirmation @ Seton Gym  
 9:50-11:15 YG 1st Yr. Confirmation @ St. Brigid Center  
 10:30-Noon YG Grades 7 & 8/Classrooms  
 12:30 MACYM Parent Meeting/Social Hall

**2010 CSA ~** The opportunity still exists for those who have not yet responded to pledge a gift—no matter how great or small—can go a long way. A pledge of \$5 or \$10 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause.

To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. For those who still owe a balance on your pledge, please be sure to fulfill it to ensure we are able to do God’s work here at St. Brigid and throughout the Diocese of Erie.

**LENTEN FISH DINNER INFO**

Our **Lenten Fish Dinners** will be held Fridays thru March 26th from 4:30-6:30 PM in our social hall.

We still need many volunteers (ages 15 and older only) for our parish function, especially on cleanup. Please sign up today or call the parish office to sign up.

Menu is: Icelandic Haddock (baked/fried), scalloped potatoes, coleslaw/applesauce, vegetable, bread & beverage. \$7.50 adults; \$4 children ages 5-12. Macaroni & Cheese dinners also offered \$5 adults/\$3.50 children. For dessert, come to our Ice Cream Bar for \$1 person.



## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### FRUITFUL OR PRODUCTIVE?

“Yes,” said Joel, “I’m hooked on productivity. I run a business, and my wife and I have three young children. I have to produce and my employees have to produce if we’re to accomplish anything. My days are jam-packed. If there’s any time left over I spend it with my family.” Joel’s thinking on productivity received a shake-up at a men’s retreat. The retreat leader asked a question. “When you think of Jesus, do you think of him with a daily to-do list? (‘Three people healed today. Two fast comebacks to the scribes and Pharisees. One really great parable told. Oh yes, and dinner for 5,000. And I got the disciples to distribute the leftovers. A very good day. Well done, me’).” Joel listened intently. “Jesus spoke wisely and constantly extended mercy and grace. He might now and then retreat from the crowds, yet when he was with people, he was really with them. He saw needs that others could not see. He loved people well. But was he productive? Productivity can become a mind-set of constantly moving forward. Being busy, not at times and in moderation, but as a lifestyle. Productivity seeks what fruitfulness claims as its starting point—the assurance of God’s presence and love.” Fruitfulness, Joel saw, allows you to be fully present in the moment. Fruitfulness is deeply rooted in the soil of God’s grace. Fruitfulness requires a fundamental trust in the Holy Spirit, like compost around the roots of the fig tree in today’s Gospel. The Spirit is working at all times and in all places and, if we allow it, is at work in us—busy or not.

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### Summer Brainstorm

Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30PM @ St. Brigid there will be a gathering for students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades next school year and their parents who are interested in doing something spiritual this summer. We have some ideas and need your input. This gathering and the activities are strictly voluntary and are sponsored through MACYM. We are asking parents to come because whatever we end up getting involved in will require some committed adults to help with the logistics. Hope to see you there.

*Fr. Mark*

### EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**Mother-Daughter Retreat** offered April 9-11 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry, PA (near Oil City). Please reserve the date on your calendar and get your ‘group’ together! If you would like more info visit [www.liturgyofthehours.org](http://www.liturgyofthehours.org) and check the flier under ‘latest events’. Or call us at (814) 676-1910. **Retreats at St. Vincent, Latrobe:** *Christian Marriage in the World, but not of the World* held May 21 (5:30 PM) to May 23 (1 PM) will affirm this Christian partnership and will address challenges presented by the contemporary culture. \$300 per couple. *Entering the Silence of Nazareth* held June 4 (5:30 PM) to June 6 (1 PM) seeking to pierce the mysteries of Nazareth and enter into that hidden, silent place and our everyday lives. \$160. *May the God of Peace Make you Perfect in Holiness* in the midst of the Sermon on the Mount—experience how the joy of the Lord is in the journey. \$160. *Life in the Spirit According to St. Paul retreat for men* held July 22 (5:30 PM) to July 25 (10 AM) with Brother Elliott sharing insights from his new book. \$195. *Fathers & Sons together in the Lord* held July 30 (5:30 PM) to Aug. 1 (10 AM) . \$215 for father and one son; \$90 additional sons. You can contact St. Vincent Retreat Program at 724.805.2139 or [www.stvincentstore.com](http://www.stvincentstore.com). It is located at 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe, PA. Family & Community Christian Assoc, 378 Chestnut St. (formerly YWCA) **Family Fun Nites** held: March 11-Ponyo; 18th-Night at the Museum:Smithsonian; 25th-Lion King; April 1-Alice in Wonderland; 8th-Finding Nemo; 15th—Toy Story; 22nd—Disney’s Little Einsteins; 29th—Beauty & the Beast; May 6—Shreck; 13th—Monsters, Inc. \$2 person, hotdogs, chips & snacks can be purchased. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Other events: \$25 month ages 4-18 held Wed. 6-8 PM/Sat. 11-1 for twirling, marching, fun dance steps—participate in competitions, parades, contests & twirling camps. Instructor: Jess Anthony & Krissy Cafaro; \$60 for ages 4-18 Tues. & Sat. thru April 30 for cheerleading & dance with instructor Dee Calgren. Ages 4-9: Tues. 6-7 PM & Sat. 9-10 AM; Ages 10-18: Tues 7-8 PM & 10-11 AM. After school on Mon. & Wed. from 3:30-5 PM for \$2 per tudent—pool table, ping pong, air hockey, Wii games, fitness activities, board games & more... Any questions, call Family & Community Christian Assoc. at 337-4279.

**MACYM "YOUTH GROUP"**

**SUNDAYS, MARCH 7TH & 14TH**

- Regular sessions for ALL MACYM

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH**

- Summer Events Meeting for parents/Gr. 9+ students

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST**

- Bake Sale to benefit Haiti Earthquake Victims

**SUNDAYS, MARCH 28TH & APRIL 4TH**

- NO Youth Group ~ Holy Week

**SUMMER EVENTS PARENT/STUDENT MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 12:30**

...for all students 9th grade+ & their parents. Plan to attend a meeting in our social hall that will discuss all summer programs being offered: CLI (Catholic Leadership Institute, week-long Erie event), ND Vision (a 5-day summer conference at Notre Dame Univ.), TEC (To Encounter Christ, a 3-day encounter with the suffering, dying and rising of Jesus) held in Erie, and we are also looking into Catholic work camps. Parents are needed to chaperone some events. Consider coming and learning about these opportunities for our young people held at St. Brigid social hall next Sunday.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY**

...for 2010 is scheduled for April 25th at Beloved Disciple Parish in Grove City. Registration forms & an information letter were sent out this week to all 6th-7th-8th graders.

**2ND YEAR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

Personal interviews for the 2nd year Confirmation Candidates are now taking place. **Be prompt** as appts. are back to back.

**2ND YEAR CANDIDATE DRAFTS TO BISHOP**

Final drafts of your letters to Bishop Trautman are NOW PAST DUE! E-mail them to: [macym@windstream.net](mailto:macym@windstream.net).

**MACYM BAKE SALE MARCH 21 ~ 8 AM-1 PM**

...in St. Brigid gathering area to benefit the Haiti victims. **ALL STUDENTS ARE TO DONATE BAKED GOODS!**

**This Mon., March 15th**, the World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing to St. Agatha Parish (Meadville) the National Pilgrim Statue of the USA. This beautiful Image of Our Lady of Fatima was given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima to carry the important message of Fatima to the United States. It is a message Pope John Paul II said is more important today than ever.

Visitation of the statue will begin with 9 AM Mass for the remainder of the day, with a closing ceremony at 7 PM. The rosary will be prayed at 10, Noon, 2 & 6...and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 PM. The closing ceremony (7 PM) will include a talk on the "message of Fatima"; the brown scapular ritual; and benediction.

**RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6**

*Congratulations to our First Reconciliation class . . . Jillian Ball, Mark Conrad, Isaac Fiely, Carson Jones, Paul Leech, Kathryn Lynn, Bella McEnroe, Hannah Parks, Gabriella Sommers, Lindsay Stefko, Patrick Stevens, Paige Tucker, Sean Wheelock. A special thank you to: Fr. Mark, Fr. Tito, Shari Bronson, Regina Merritt, Mary Ann Erdos, Shelly Parks, Kathleen Wheelock and the families of our students for all their help in preparing the children and celebrating this sacrament of God's forgiveness and mercy.*

Congratulations to *Gino Barretta* for knowing his grade-level prayers. He'll receive a certificate of achievement. Excellent!

**Our saint of the week is St. Christopher** He is the patron saint of travelers, his feast day is July 25. For centuries he has been invoked as the patron saint of travelers because, according to a legend, he carried travelers across a dangerous river. One of his "passengers," it is said, was the Child Jesus.

Mandatory **First Eucharist Parent Meeting** at Saint Mary's Center on Monday, March 15th from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

**No** classes next Sunday, March 14th. We're on Spring break!












**Lenten Service Project—"Acts of Charity"** We are re-doing **St. Brigid Nursery!** Rel ed students are holding a contest as a Lenten project & to assist *Laura Mummert* with her senior project! For our contest, students are being asked to save up their change and/or donate gently used toys appropriate for newborns thru age 4. Donations will be used for paint, a new kitchen play set, kids table, and work bench. We are accepting donations thru March 28.



NATALIE GRANT with special guests Britt Nicole & Phil Stacey—Appearance on April 15th 7 PM  
Cornerstone Ministries, 2200 Cornerstone Lane,  
Export PA \* 724.733.0070 \* [www.cornerstonelive.net](http://www.cornerstonelive.net)  
Tickets: [www.genexconcerts.com](http://www.genexconcerts.com) \* 724.744.3524

**Month of March ~ National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the World Apostolate of Fatima**

- 9th: OL of Peace, 2401 W 38th St, Erie-time?
- 10th: St. Boniface, 9367 Wattsburg Rd, Erie-4:30-7 PM
- 13th: St. George, 5145 Peach St, Erie-7 AM-5 PM
- 14th: Imm Heart of Mary, 100 Penn Ave, Mercer-7 AM
- 15th: St. Agatha, 353 Pine St, Meadville-9 AM-7 PM
- 16th: Sts Cosmas & Damian, 616 W Mahoning St., Punxsutawney-Noon-7 PM
- 20th: St. Patrick, 949 Liberty St, Franklin-unknown time
- 21st: St. Michael, 18765 Rt 208, Fryburg-8 AM-1 PM
- 25th: St. Andrew, 1116 W 7th St, Erie-unknown time

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