

Saint Brigid Parish



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Meadville, PA 16335**

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WEB SITES:

www.StBrigidChurch.org
www.seton-school.com
www.calendarwiz.com/calendars

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5:15 P.M.
Sunday..... 7:30, 9:30, 11:30

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thru Age 12 - 9:30 Mass

NURSERY

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

BAPTISMS:

By appointment after Baptismal program.

CONFESSIONS In Chapel:

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

WEDDINGS:

Arrangements must be made with one of the parish priests 6 - 12 months in advance.

STAFF HOURS:

Monday - Friday.....8:00 A.M. - 3:00 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.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Mark A. O'Hern

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Rev. Rocco A. Tito

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Ken Reisenweber

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Jamie Longo

REMEMBER ST. BRIGID IN YOUR WILL

(Suggested form to be included in your last will and testament)

"I give and bequeath to St. Brigid Parish, 967 Chancery Lane, Meadville, PA 16335, the sum of ___ dollars, real estate, and/or stock for the purpose of assisting St. Brigid in furthering the work of the Church."

WORSHIP

Monday – August 4

11:30 AM Dale Betz Anniv. (Maryanne & Eleanor
Niewiedomski)

Tuesday – August 5

11:30 AM Fr. David Findlay (Catholic Daughters)

Wednesday – August 6

11:30 AM Alfonso DeLoss (Theresa Perrotto)

Friday – August 8

11:30 AM Rose & Clell Milliron (Theresa Perrotto)

Saturday – August 9

11:30 AM Intention of Art & Lee Hostert
for their 50th Anniversary (Family)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses

5:15 PM O Mary Dronko (Genevieve Clark)
7:30 AM T People of St. Brigid
9:30 AM O Tony Digiacomio III (Lucy Yanak)
11:30 AM T Lewis Morfenski (Pniewski family)

WEDDING BANNES:

Michael Benjamin Bahurinsky (Saint Brigid) and
Mallory Blair Anderson (Saegertown).

50TH ANNIVERSARIES: Maxine & Paul Crowl;
Louine & David Johnson both on August 9th!

IN THE HOSPITAL: Chester Maziarz, Beverly
Neff & Ida Shesky. Please remember them in your
prayers.

CLERGY APPOINTMENT has just been an-
nounced for Deacon Ken Reisenweber to be at Saint
Brigid Parish for a five-year term. Congratulations!

AREA SUPPORT GROUPS

724-6892 Bereavement Support
337-5551 Catholic Social Services
337-7323 Read Program
333-5403 Hospice Grief Support
724-5174 Prayer Line
336-4583 Visitation (ill, elderly) 336-6495
337-1226 Transportation (Mass, dr. appts.)

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday – August 3

11:30-6 PM OLQA Annual Dinner/Conneaut Lake

Wednesday – August 6

Noon-2:30 PM BASICS Picnic/Bi-Centennial Park

Sunday – August 10

4 PM Cursillo GR/Room 4

Monday—August 11

7 PM Planning for Parish Picnic/Room 4

Tuesday—August 12

Noon 55+ Card Club/Social Hall
6 PM Caregiver Support Committee/Room 5
7 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Room 4

Wednesday—August 13

7 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting/Social Hall



**Cemetery
Flowers**

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CLEANING OUT YOUR FLOWER BEDS?

Saint Brigid Cemetery could use your plant donations.
Call 336-4459

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36
or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mt 17:1-9
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

STEWARDSHIP

Sacrificial Giving

Offering Last Week.....\$6,329

MINISTRIES – AUGUST 9/10

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:15 **Needed**
- 7:30 Corsi
- 9:30 Bowden/Melvin
- 11:30 **Needed**

READERS

- Holzer
- Corsi
- Erdos
- Kiter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:15 Tidball/Jones/**3 Needed**
- 7:30 Holzer/**2 Needed**
- 9:30 Bowden/Higbys/Wheelock/Melvin
- 11:30 Prenatt/Offis/**2 Needed**

GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS

- 5:15 Spinnato & Keppel
- 7:30 Jastromb
- 9:30 Gilmores
- 11:30 Amatos

A SIGN OF THE TIMES—with the exception of sales for Giant Eagle, Quality Market, and Valesky’s sales have decreased significantly in our “Loaves & Fishes” program. Therefore, once we have exhausted our existing inventory of all other businesses, we will offer only certificates for these 3 grocery stores. GE certificates can purchase a wide-variety of gift cards.



*Picnic for
Saint Brigid Members
(Single, 60 & over)*

Saint Brigid BASICS

**Brothers And Sisters In Christ’s Service
has planned A PICNIC FOR YOU!
(Alone, 60+ parishioners)**

TIME: Noon-2:30 PM on Wed., Aug. 6

PLACE: Kenneth Beers Park
(French Street by Mead Ave.)

In the event of rain, please go to St. Brigid Social Hall.

Please RSVP by calling **336-4459**

PRO-LIFE BANQUET

September 19th is the date for this year’s Crawford County pro-life banquet held at Smith’s Country Gardens in Blooming Valley (Route 198) near Meadville.

“*Standing for Life*” is this year’s theme with speaker Bryce McMinn of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. Doors open at 5:45 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30. For information call Citizens for Life 724-4490 or e-mail *citizens4life@yahoo.com*.

This week we pay tribute to:

The **Catholic Daughters of Americas** consist of women (age 18 & older) who are practicing their Catholic faith. They are from our parish, as well as from other local Catholic parishes. Their goals are “Unity and Charity.” The group meets in our McCrory Social Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the evening. The next meeting will be Wed., Aug. 13th at 6 PM beginning in church. For more information, call Joanne at 336-2274 or visit their website at: www.catholicdaughters.org

PARENT BAPTISM PROGRAM

Two sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM at the following parishes. Parents preparing for the baptism of their child must attend both sessions; however, both program sessions need not be at the same parish. Godparents are welcome and encouraged to participate. Expectant parents may wish to come prior to the birth of their child. To register, call 382-7252.

August 14 & 21—OL Queen of Americas, Conneaut Lake

Rummage Sale items are being accepted for Seton Catholic School sale. All items are accepted, esp. costume jewelry. The sale will be held Thurs., **Aug. 7th** from 4-8 PM; Friday, **Aug. 8th** from 9 until 5; Sat., **Aug. 9th** (Bag Day) from 8 until 12 noon in the school gym.

All those wishing to donate items may bring them directly to the school gym TODAY/Sun., Aug. 3 from 2-5 PM and Monday, August 4th from 11 AM—4 PM.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LISTEN HEEDFULLY

The invitation to come and satisfy our hunger and thirst in Christ offers a great comfort to us who sometimes ache with longing for God or feel emptiness when we want to feel full of God's love. This longing is God's gift and call to us to withdraw from all the noise and racket of our lives and our world and pay attention to the quiet voice of God within us. How do we respond to such a loving invitation? By paying attention, by stilling ourselves; not by struggling and striving to make some spiritual experience happen, but just by sitting still and listening for God's delicate promptings. Our desire for prayer, even if we feel our prayer to be too distracted and ineffective, is effective because the call is from God and our response is a willingness to hear and be fed by God's holy word to us.

ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED

Jesus fed the five thousand men, "not counting women and children" (Matthew 14:21). We can assume, since women were among his most faithful followers and they tend to bring their children with them everywhere, that the women and children outnumbered the men—a vast crowd indeed! Yet how were they fed with five loaves and two fish? Matthew notes that first, "[Jesus] said the blessing" (Matthew 14:19). He gave thanks to God for what was given: an act of thanksgiving that is always transformative. This act of praise and thanks transforms our bread into his body and blood, and conforms us to Christ for the life of the world. The desire for God is a gift that reflects God's desire for us. It doesn't matter if we feel that our prayer is ineffective, or if we are comforted or not by our images of God. God is working in us by the gift of that desire, and our will to respond is our consent to God's call. Come to the water; come to the feast!

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the *anaphora* and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome's former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city's only glory. The Romans wanted "good order" not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled.

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Seven-day pilgrimage to Mother Angelica (EWTN) Birmingham, Alabama and additional shrines and churches during the month of The Most Holy Rosary, October 19th thru 25th, 2008. For more information or reservations call Norb & Marlene Figurski in Erie at (814) 455-7163. **Summer Social** on Friday, August 8th at Mount Aloysius College, 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA. Presentations of Admissions & Financial Aid at 2:30 PM; Campus Tour @ 3:15; Ice Cream Social @ 4:15. Call (888) 823-2220 or visit the web at www.mtaloy.edu.

Dea·Ken²

Last week in the Faith Life insert in the bulletin, you may have noticed that Deacon Ken Reisenweber has been formally assigned to Saint Brigid parish for a term of 5 years. Within the structure of the Catholic Church, deacons are ordained by bishops - as assistants to bishops. From the early days of the Church the apostles recognized the need for help with much of the practical hands on work of the ministry and thus the position of the deacon was created, thus freeing up the apostles for other sacramental duties. Permanent deacons, although ordained as assistants to the bishop are effectively 'on loan' to pastors and parishes for the same level of ministry.

The diaconate is the first level of 3 degrees of clerical life. Laymen can be ordained to the diaconate, deacons can be ordained to the priesthood, and priests can be ordained to the episcopate (bishop) Each level of ordination defines a different / additional set of sacramental roles. Deacons have the capacity to proclaim the gospel, preach a homily, formally bless sacramentals and persons, formally baptize and officiate at weddings and funeral rites without a mass. Retaining all the capacities of a deacon, a priest has the additional capacity to hear confessions and absolve sins, consecrate the Eucharist, and anoint the sick. Retaining all the functions of priesthood, a bishop has the additional sacramental functions of confirmation and ordination of deacons, priests and other bishops.

It is good to remember that there are only three levels of ordination, because we may be confused by the various titles and rankings: 'Monsignor', 'Pastor', 'Vicar', 'Cardinal', 'Pope' which are either elected or appointed offices or honorary titles and do not change in any way, the sacramental capacity that they have by right of their ordination. Pope Benedict may run Christ's Church on earth as a successor of St. Peter, but when it comes to functioning Sacramentally, God's grace knows no difference between the pope and any other validly ordained bishop. We welcome Deacon Ken to clerical life, and look forward to his ministry within our parish.

(Trivia: the formal title of a deacon in print is 'Rev.-Mr.')

Fr. Mark

**Annual Conneaut Lake
ROAST BEEF or CHICKEN
Dinner at OL Queen of Americas**

Sunday, August 3 ~ 11:30 until 6 PM
Air-conditioned hall
Polka Mass at 10:30 AM

Adults \$8; Children \$4 (under 13)

Includes mashed potatoes & gravy,
coleslaw, vegetables, bread, beverage,
homemade fruit pie.

Many basket raffles, 50/50 & more...

**Annual Saint Mary's
BBQ CHICKEN DINNER**

Sunday, Aug. 17th ~ 11:30 until 5:30 PM
St. Mary Center, 1093 Water St., Meadville

Adults \$8 ~ Full dinner
Children (12 & under) \$4 ~ Chicken leg dinner

Includes baked potato, corn on the cob,
coleslaw, Italian bread,
coffee/punch, homemade pie

*Carry outs available
Enjoy a nice meal before heading to the fair.*

Raffles & Bake Sale