

# Saint Brigid Parish

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thru Age 12 - 9:00 Mass

## NURSERY

Infants thru age 4 - 9:00 A.M. Mass

## 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 the pastor 6 - 12 months in advance.

**SISTER PARISH:** St. Peter Church, Casa Cural, Sotuta,

Yucatan MEXICO

## STAFF HOURS:

Monday - Friday ..... 8-Noon & 1-4 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. Johnathan Schmolt*

## DEACON

*Ken Reisenweber*

## SETON PRINCIPAL

*Julia Strzalka*

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

*Christine McGinnity*

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

*Gerry Kightlinger*

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*Cindy Fiorillo*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

*Shari Bronson*

## MEADVILLE AREA CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

*Sandy Clancy*

## SETON CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

*Jamie Longo*

Blessing  
of  
Throats



**ALL WEEKEND**

**MASSES TODAY**

**WORSHIP**

**Monday – February 6**

11:30 AM Emmaline D. Barco Anniversary (Estate)

**Tuesday – February 7 ~ No Mass**

**Wednesday – February 8**

9:30 AM Mass with Seton Students  
Jeanne Lucas (RoseAnn & Art Provost)  
2:30 PM Crawford County Care Center Mass  
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction

**Thursday – February 9**

11:30 AM Robert Filliben (Lois Curtin)

**Friday – February 10**

11:30 AM Tony Digiacomio BD (Family)

**Saturday – February 11**

11:30 AM Lewis Morfenski (Vickie, daughter)

**Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses—February 11/12**

4:00 PM **S** Confessions in Chapel  
5:30 PM **R** Erie Kline BD (Ken/Gerry Kightlinger)  
7:00 AM **R** People of St. Brigid  
9:00 AM **R** Katherine Schillinger BD (Estate)

All Masses scheduled on Tuesdays will be **changed to Thursdays**. Fr. Johnathan's day off each week will be Tuesday.

**IN THE HOSPITAL:** John Kralj. Please remember him in your prayers.

**READINGS**

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;  
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**SUPPORT**

800-673-2535 Catholic Social Services  
337-7323 Read Program  
333-5403 Hospice Grief Support Group-death of loved one  
724-5174 Prayer Line  
333-2851 Visitation (ill, elderly) 333-4315

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Sunday – February 5**

10-11:30 Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms  
\*\* Youth Group Souper Bowl Collection/Weekend Masses

**Monday – February 6**

7:15 R.C.I.A. / Library  
8:00 K of C Meeting/St. Mary Social Hall

**Tuesday – February 7**

6:15 PM Altar Rosary Valentine's Tureen/Social Hall  
6:00 PM Seton Scouts/Room 1/2/3/Library  
7:15 PM Seton Webelos/Room 2

**Wednesday – February 8**

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7 PM Choir Practice/Church  
7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 4  
7 PM GR/ Room 2

**Sunday – February 12**

10-11:30 Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms  
10-11:15 AM Grades 7 & 8 @ St. Brigid Room 7  
9-10:15 AM Grade 9 @ St. Mary Center  
10-11:15 AM 1st Yr Confirmation @ Seton  
10-11:15 AM 2nd Yr Confirmation @ St. Brigid Center



**Altar Rosary Society** meets this Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 6:15 p.m. in our social hall for a Valentine's Tureen Dinner. Meat, beverage & dessert will be provided. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend. Please bring a generous tureen and place setting.

**This week we pay tribute to:**

The **Altar Rosary Society** is a spiritual and social organization that is open to all women of the parish. The next meeting is this Tuesday, February 7th at 6:15 PM with a tureen. Ladies, come and join us.

The society furnishes and maintains items used within the sanctuary of the church. This includes, but is not limited to hosts, wine, candles (includes the Paschal Candle), the altar linens, vestments, altar server robes, liturgical books, and the Advent wreath. Other projects may be undertaken at the discretion of the pastor.

The annual rummage sale, and the St. Patrick's Card Party, and the ice cream social provide funding.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Sacrificial Giving**

Offering Last Week.....\$5,477

**MINISTRIES – FEBRUARY 11/12**

<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>
5:30 Corsi	McClimans	Spinnato/Keppel
7:00 Hess	Cihon	Swartzfager
9:00 Yoder	Toner	Buzzas

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:30 Smith/4 Needed  
 7:00 Chisholms  
 9:00 Jindra/Jastromb/Amato/Bowden

**ALUMINUM CANS** are being collected by Knights of Columbus Council 388 and recycling aluminum cans for Catholic Education. Please rinse out cans and crush, if possible. Containers are located in the parking lot entrance. All donations are appreciated.

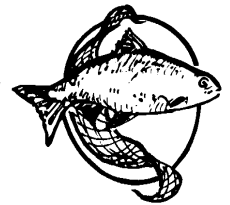
**K of C monthly meeting will be held this Monday, February 6th at 8:00 PM at St. Mary Church Social Hall, 1085 Water Street, Meadville.**



**Youth In Ministry** – come and learn how to encourage the future of ministry in our parishes: **February 25th at St. Peter Church in Conneautville**, 9:45 am-1:00 pm. Fr. Steve Schreiber, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Erie will be the guest speaker.

This program is sponsored by the Meadville Deanery National Pastoral Musicians, and is open to all who are interested in the youth of our church. We will have a pot luck lunch during the meeting – please bring a dish to share. Please make reservations by February 20 with Janet/Arco Wasserman either by email at [j4fams@gmail.com](mailto:j4fams@gmail.com) or by phone at 814-683-5641.

**CAN YOU HELP OUT?**



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*Lenten Fish Dinners will be held Fridays beginning February 24th thru March 30th from 4:30-6:30 PM in our social hall. Adults \$8; Children \$4.*

*We will need many volunteers (ages 15 and older only) for this important parish function on six Fridays of Lent. Please sign up on the poster located in the gathering area or call the parish office 336-4459 to sign up.*

**Presentation: Teachings About Divorce, Annulments & Life After Divorce**

February 12th, 1 - 7 p.m.  
 St. Luke Parish cafeteria, 421 E. 38th Street, Erie  
[stluke@slserie.org](mailto:stluke@slserie.org)

The process of obtaining an annulment will also be discussed. Any personal issues on marriage and divorce you would like to ask are welcomed after the presentation. Talk given by Deacon Richard Shewman, D. Min., JCL. Deacon Shewman is a judge on our Marriage Tribunal.

**Caregivers' Support Group**

The meeting is this Monday, February 6th at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 649 Park Avenue. The sessions are open to any caregivers. This is an ecumenical effort of Trinity & the Catholic community of Meadville to give much needed support to all caregivers. For info, call Julia at 724-9841.

**Pre-Cana Sessions**

Facilitated by a team of married couples and a priest.

**Feb. 18 & 19** at St. Andrew, 606 Raspberry St., Erie  
 Saturday 12:30-5 PM & Sunday, 8:45 AM-1 PM  
 Includes Saturday Mass. Reservations: (814) 454-2486

**February 26** at St. Michael, 85 N. High St., Greenville  
 Sunday 8 AM-5:30 PM Inc. Mass. Res.: (724) 588-9800

**Engagement Encounter**

**Feb. 24-25-26** at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie Begin on Friday at 7 PM thru Sunday at 3 PM. Reservations: (814) 824-1265. For couples of all ages & faiths who wish to begin married life with a better understanding of themselves.

## 5th Sunday of the Year

### SPEAK LIFE

Some frogs were looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a deep hole. It was so deep the other frogs shouted down they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and made mighty efforts to jump out. The other frogs jeered and told them to give up. Finally, one of the frogs fell on his side and died. The other frog kept jumping as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him just to give up and die. He jumped even harder and made it out of the hole. Astonished, the other frogs said, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog asked them to repeat what they just said because he was deaf. He thought they were shouting encouragement to him! Destructive words can deprive people of hope and life. So speak life to those who cross your path. The person who encourages another is special indeed.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

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### EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?** Life Line Screening will be at on offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical on **Thursday, March 1, 2012** at Lew Davies Community Center, 1034 Park Avenue, Meadville. To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, register at 1-800-690-0323 or visit the web site at [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159. There is no time like the present to take action!

## M.A.C.Y.M. Grade 7 thru Confirmation

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY

Our M.A.C.Y.M. students will conduct their annual Souper Bowl of Caring. All proceeds will go to the Meadville Area Soup Kitchen. Hopes are to surpass last year's total of \$1,890. This is an opportunity to perform a Corporal Work of Mercy—Feed The Hungry.

### REGULAR SESSIONS NEXT WEEK

Regular sessions for all M.A.C.Y.M. students.

### NO MAKE UP SESSION TUESDAY, FEB. 14TH

### BAKE SALE RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18TH

The Bake Sale for our Sister Parish in the Yucatan has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 18th at St. Agatha Center from 7:30 until 1:00 pm.

### 2012 NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY VISION

We are now planning the ND Vision Trip. This summer we will join hundreds of high school students at the University of Notre Dame to ask important questions about life, faith, our own gifts, and the ways in which we are each called to be the change we want to see in the world. If you think you would like to be one of these students than please contact the Jim Budney at 337-2515 or the M.A.C.Y.M. Office at 333-2274.

### 2ND-YEAR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

A reminder that the rough draft of your letter to Bishop Donald Trautman is due next Sunday, February 12th!

### SAINT SPOTLIGHT

#### **ST. AGATHA (FEB. 5 VIRGIN & MARTYR)**

According to legend, she was born into a wealthy and noble family in Catania, Sicily. During the persecution of Decius, Quintian, a Roman consul desired her. Agatha refused his advances and was sent to a house of prostitution. She was reportedly tortured and had her breasts cut off. Subjected to harsh torments. Agatha suffered death with courage and was united with Jesus, her Lord, about 251. On the way to her death she prayed:

*Lord, my creator,  
You have protected me from birth  
And given me patience in times of trial.  
Now receive my soul.*

## RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

### Important First Reconciliation Dates

**First Reconciliation Tri-Parish Parent Meeting** - Parents are required to attend at St. Mary Center, 1085 Water Street on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fr. Marc Solomon will talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and important information will be given out. If at least one parent is unable to attend please call Shari at 336-4459.

**“Jesus is the Good Shepherd” Reconciliation Retreat** – Children are required to attend at St. Brigid Social Hall on Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** – will be celebrated at St. Brigid on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., reception following in the church social hall.

## M.A.C.Y.M. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **Sunday, February 5th**

- Souper Bowl of Caring ~ NO sessions

#### **Sunday, February 12th**

- Regular Sessions for all students

#### **Sunday, February 19th**

- No regular sessions/activities

#### **Sunday, February 26th**

- Regular sessions for all students

#### **Sunday, March 4th**

- Regular sessions for Grades 7-8-9
- **FACE TO FACE WITH JESUS for all Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors 10-11:15 AM @ St. Brigid Church**

#### **Sunday, March 18th**

- No regular sessions
- **Bake Sale for all students @ St. Agatha 7:30 AM-1 PM**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caretakers,

It is hard to believe that half of the school year is over. Luckily, we have had a very mild winter.

We began the new year at Seton with our "Safe Environment and Child Abuse" in-services for students. Mrs. Landefeld taught all of the classes and did a superb job. We thank her! If your child did not participate in this event or they were absent from school on those days, the "Safe Environment and Child Abuse" teaching materials will be sent home for you to use.

Thank you to all of you who attended the parent meeting. Everyone seemed very positive regarding Seton's future, and I am glad to see that it prompted some valuable dialogue. If you have any ideas on ways to help Seton or if you would like to bring your ideas to a School Advisory Committee, please contact a committee member or myself.

I would like to welcome Father Johnathan Schmolt. Father Johnathan was born and raised in Cincinnati where his parents and his two sisters still reside. He graduated from Covington Latin High School in Covington, Kentucky in 1990 and Northern Kentucky University in 1994 with a degree in Chemistry. After being ordained a priest in 2008, he began his ministry at St. Jude's Parish and then St. George's Parish, both in Erie. In January, he became the new pastor at St. Brigid Church. We look forward to having him join our Seton family.

On Tuesday, January 3, we had a snow day. Unfortunately (for the children), we have to make-up that day. Our make-up day will be Friday, February 17. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Presently, we are in the middle of Catholic Schools Week. On Friday, we will end the week with a prayer service at 11:30, a luncheon to follow and a variety show at 1:00. Everyone is invited to attend. Students will be dismissed at 1:30.

If you have any questions or concerns, remember that you are always welcome to call or stop by the school.

Wishing you many of God's blessings.

Sincerely,  
Julia Strzalka  
Seton Catholic School Principal

### So Long Father O'Hern.....

Father O'Hern was reassigned by the Bishop to become the new pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Erie. To say goodbye, Seton students had a picnic luncheon for him. They gave him a photo album with pictures of all of the classes holding signs with messages on them. Though we will miss him, we wish him the best.



### Seton Retreat Days

Under the direction of Sandy Clancy, students at Seton have been attending all day and half day spiritual retreats. As part of their retreats, they worked on service projects such as making blankets. The children enjoyed the day. They left with a deeper understanding of Catholicism and had an opportunity to grow in their faith.

Meet Father Johnathan Schmolt - [johnathanschmolt@gmail.com](mailto:johnathanschmolt@gmail.com)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXPm2nyjjoQ>