

Saint Brigid Parish

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY

Our Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring their annual St. Patrick's Day Card Party to be held this Tuesday, March 16 from 6:30-9:30 PM in our social hall. Doors will open at 6:00. Additional tickets are \$4 person and includes the salad bar.



Returns may be mailed to Theresa Amato, 407 Cole Dr., Meadville. Additional tickets may be purchased Tuesday at the door. (Please make checks payable to St. Brigid Altar Rosary Society.) The members of the AR Society may bring their salads between 4-5 PM on March 16th.

The AR Society would appreciate assistance from any parishioner who is able to also bring a salad to our social hall between 4 & 5 PM on March 16th. Please remember to clearly mark your dish or use a disposable dish for your salad.

Any member of the Card Party Committee who is available on Monday, March 15th at 6 PM should plan to come to the parish center to help setup for the card party.

PASTOR

Rev. Mark A. O'Hern

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Rev. Rocco A. Tito

DEACON

Ken Reisenweber

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thru Age 12 - 9:30 A.M. Mass

NURSERY

Infants thru age 4 - 9:30 and 11:30 A.M. Masses

CONFESSIONS In Chapel:

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

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, feast day is on Friday, March 19th. According to the infancy narratives, Joseph is of royal descent from David. Joseph's family came from Bethlehem in Judea but he had moved to Nazareth in Galilee, where he was a builder. He was betrothed to Mary, became alarmed when he found Mary was pregnant though she had not lived with him, and had a change of heart from divorcing her when an angel of the Lord told him her pregnancy was "by the Holy Spirit."

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment. God transformed a man so that he shares somehow in God's own holiness. Joseph was completely open totally to God. This just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith & courage.

QUOTE: "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, name, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord'" (St. Bernardine of Siena)

WORSHIP

Monday – March 15

7:30 AM John Merchbaker (Stevens family)
11:30 AM Lottie Stolarczyk (Tillie Hudick)

Tuesday – March 16

7:30 AM George B. Schillinger (Estate)
11:30 AM Kathryn Hamilton (John/Diane Siegel)

Wednesday – March 17 ~ Saint Patrick

7:30 AM Mary Palchuck (Amato family)
11:30 AM David Byers (Linda/Harvey McQueen)
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction

Thursday – March 18

11:30 AM Joseph DeLoss (Theresa, daughter)

Friday – March 19 ~ Saint Joseph Feast Day

7:30 AM Frank Furno (Felix Kedzierski)
11:30 AM Camrie DeSantis VonRitter (Mom & Dad)
1:00 PM Juniper Village Communion Service
7:00 PM o Stations of the Cross

Saturday – March 20

11:30 AM Geraldine & Mark Walp (Marie Kimmey)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses

5:15 PM o Luke Redigan (Dolores Mozina, daughter)
7:30 AM T Dick Mulligan (Anthony/Roberta Neff)
9:30 AM o Ruth Ott (Marie Hoegerl McFarland)
11:30 AM T People of St. Brigid

IN THE HOSPITAL: Margaret Rudler, Martha Harry, Nancy Artman, Don Fronce, Genevieve Perry, Alice Phillips. Please remember them in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: to the family of **John R. Kerr.**

READINGS

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

AREA SUPPORT

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 14

NO Religious Education Classes P-6th Grade
9-10:30 YG Grade 9 @ St. Mary Center
9:50-11:15 YG 1st Yr. Confirmation @ St. Brigid Center
10:30-Noon YG Grades 7 & 8/Classrooms
12:30 YG Gr, 9 and up student/parent meeting/social hall
6:15-9 PM YG 2nd Yr. Candidates @ Allegheny Ford Chapel

Monday – March 15

2:00 Caregiver Support Meeting/Room 5
6:30-7:30 Parent 1st Eucharist Meeting/St. Mary Center
7:15 R.C.I.A. / Library
8:00 Shout/Church

Tuesday – March 16

6 PM Doors open for Card Party
6:30-9:30 PM St. Patrick Day Card Party/Social Hall

Wednesday – March 17—St. Patrick Day

6 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church
7 PM Choir Practice/Church
NO Adult Bible Study/Center

Friday – March 19—St. Joseph Day

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

Sunday – March 21—Spring

8 AM-1 PM Pancake Breakfast/Social Hall
8 AM-1 PM YG Bake Sale benefits Haiti
10:30-Noon Religious Education Classes P-6th Grade
NO Youth Group Classes today

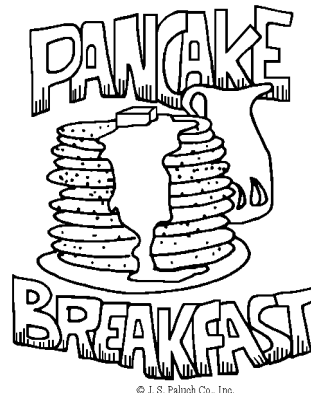


**St. Patrick Raffle Tickets
Drawing March 17th**

(Benefits St. Brigid Holy Name Society)

\$5 ticket; 1st Prize 30%; 2nd Prize 20%

All sellers must turn in all tickets by noon on March 16th to the parish office — or call John Salak 336-4687 for pickup.



.....will be held next **Sunday, March 21st from 8-1 in St. Brigid Social Hall.** \$5 for Ages 12+; \$3.50 for ages 5-11. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee/tea. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Meadville Council 388.

STEWARDSHIP

Sacrificial Giving

Offering Last Week.....\$6,623

Memorial Fund...in memory of **William Davern** from Albert Meeker III & Marie Riley.

MINISTRIES – MARCH 20/21

ALTAR SERVERS

5:15 Maziarz
7:30 **Needed**
9:30 Melvin/Yoder
11:30 **Needed**

READERS

Holzer
Rick
Kittka
Bensel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:15 McClimans/Kightlingers/Pitetti/Henderson
7:30 Stimpsons/**Needed**
9:30 Wheelock/Melvin/Klines/Schenberg
11:30 Lehman/Vernier/Deacon

GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS

5:15 **Needed**
7:30 Jastromb
9:30 Phelps'
11:30 Amatos

FAMILY FUN NITE

This is a social group whose mission is to foster fellowship among the children and parents of these young families.

Our next social activity nite will be on Friday, March 26 at 6:45 P.M. in the gym at Seton Catholic School, 385 Pine Street, Meadville. There will be kickball and snacks during this 1 hour informal family fun nite!

Family Fun Nite
Parents & Children 12 & under
Friday, March 26
Seton Catholic School Gym
6:45-7:45 p.m.

For further info call Kelly at 333-6134

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

Stone UM Church ~ Noon on Wednesdays

This Wednesday, Lenten lunches continue at Stone United Methodist Church entrance located at S. Main & Diamond Park. Speaker this Wednesday is Fr. Rich Toohey on the topic of Holy Thursday: The Day of Fellowship. Donation for lunch is \$4. Please plan to come to this and every lunch thru March 24th.

First Presbyterian Church, Liberty St., Meadville presents **Bach 325**: An Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, March 28** at 3 PM. Join flutist Juanita Shuttsa, trumpeter Jennifer Dearden, cellist Audrey Slote and organist Kevin Dill for this free concert of Bach's instrumental works. For info visit www.meadvillefpc.org or phone 333-2161.

TRADITIONAL LENTEN PRACTICES

PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING and other forms of self-denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

FRIDAYS IN LENT (except March 19), and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from meat for those 14 years of age and older. In observance of the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, Catholics are not obliged on that day to abstain from meat.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 2nd) is also a day of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(Those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk & fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*

**Caregiver Support Meeting
Monday, March 15th**

A support meeting will be held this Monday at 2 PM in Room 5 of our center. All caregivers should plan to come! Free of charge.

4th Sunday of Lent

AMAZING GRACE

After apartheid was abolished in South Africa, special hearings were held to allow victims a voice, and to establish justice and peace. One day an elderly black woman and a white police officer faced each other across a courtroom. The officer, a Mr. van der Broek, had just been found guilty of murdering the woman's son and her husband. He had come to her home a number of years earlier, shot her son, and burned the body while he and his cronies reveled in the act. Later, he returned and took her husband. For two years, she heard nothing about him. Then van der Broek came and led the woman to a river bank, where she saw her husband bound and beaten on a pile of wood. The last words she heard him say were, "Father, forgive them," as the officers poured gasoline over him and set him on fire. Justice caught up with Mr. van der Broek. He was found guilty, and it was now time for sentencing. The judge asked the woman, "What should be done to this man who so brutally destroyed your family?" She replied, "I want three things. First, I want to be taken to where my husband's body was burned so that I can gather up the dust and give him decent burial. My husband and son were my only family, so I want, second, for Mr. van der Broek to become my son. I would like him to come twice a month to the ghetto and spend a day with me so that I can pour on him whatever love I still have within me. Third," she said, "I would like Mr. van der Broek to know that I forgive him because Jesus Christ died to forgive me." She walked across the courtroom and embraced him. The policeman fainted, overwhelmed by her response. Then quietly, friends, family, and neighbors—all victims of similar oppression and injustice—began to sing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound."

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THE HEART OF CONVERSION

Today's scriptures bring us to the heart of the meaning of the Christian journey of conversion. Saint Paul sums it up beautifully: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Gospel passage, the parable of the prodigal son, shows us just what this new creation is like. It is all about reconciliation. Just as God removes the yoke of slavery from the shoulders of the Israelites—see today's first reading—so, too, does the father in the Gospel remove the yoke of guilt and shame from the shoulders of his wayward son. That son first needed to turn away from his sin and seek out and ask forgiveness of his father. That is precisely what we have been doing during this season of repentance. We can only begin to imagine the kind of reconciliation feast that awaits us when we are embraced by our forgiving God.

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Religious Tours "In the Footsteps of Jesus" Easter tour for May 17-27, visiting the tomb of Christ in Jerusalem, his birthplace at Bethlehem, plus Cana, Nazareth, Mt. Tabor, Dead Sea... Only few spaces remain. Tour Oct. 22-29, 2010 "In the Footsteps of Pope John Paul II & St. Faustina" visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Zakopane... For info contact Padre at (724) 722-3141 or e-mail: padre16201@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Church of the Seven Dolors "Sorrows of Mary", Yukon, PA. **Maple Festival** Sat/Sun, March 20-21 from 10 AM-4 PM at Edinboro VFD Social Hall (814) 734-3562 for info—includes arts, crafts, music, Chinese Auction, door prize with pancakes, sausage & local maple syrup. Benefits Edinboro Area Historical Society & Edinboro Volunteer Fire Dept. \$7 Adults; \$3 ages 12 & under. **NAMI** (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Did you know that mental illness affects one in every four people? You are not alone & NAMI can provide the latest research and education for you and your family members. "Ask the Doctor" series will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 6 PM at Mercyhurst College, Erie in Zurn 114. For info call (814) 456-1773 or register online t NAMIErie.org. This is a 12-week education series.

MACYM "YOUTH GROUP"

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

- Regular sessions for ALL MACYM (except 2nd-Year Confirmation)
- 2nd-Yr. Confirmation Class @ Ford Chapel 6:15-9 pm
- Mass fulfills Sunday's obligation, then college session
- Summer Events Mtg for parents/Gr. 9+ students 12:30

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

- Bake Sale in gathering area 8 am-1 pm / benefits Haiti
- NO youth group sessions

SUNDAYS, MARCH 28TH & APRIL 4TH

- NO Youth Group ~ Holy Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

- Regular sessions for Grades 7-8-9
- Face to Face with Jesus for 1st & 2nd Yr. candidates, their parents and sponsors

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.

2ND YEAR CANDIDATES VISITING ALLEGHENY COLLEGE TODAY

This Sunday, March 14th, all 2nd-year candidates are to meet at Ford Chapel on Allegheny Campus at 6:15 p.m. They will celebrate Mass and then meet with students from the Allegheny Newman Center, who will share how they practice their faith now that they are away from home. Supper will be provided. Mass fulfills Sunday's obligation. Dismissal is at 9 p.m.

MACYM BAKE SALE MARCH 21 ~ 8 AM-1 PM

...in St. Brigid gathering area to benefit the Haiti victims. **ALL STUDENTS GRADES 7 THRU 11 ARE TO DONATE BAKED GOODS!**

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. Call the office at 333-2274 if you haven't received the materials.

RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

Our saint of the week is Saint Patrick He is the patron saint of Ireland and his feast day is March 17th. Patrick was born in Scotland in 385. When he was just 14, he was captured and taken to Ireland, where he was a slave. During this time of trial, he turned to God for comfort and strength; he would pray each morning, and he felt no sadness. Patrick escaped and returned home, entered the priesthood and eventually became a bishop. After many years of doing great work in Rome, Patrick was sent to Ireland to spread the message of the Gospel. Patrick preached all over Ireland, using a shamrock to explain the Trinity and converting thousands with his quiet, unassuming manner and gentle way of speaking.

Saint Patrick pray for us.

Mandatory 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting at St. Mary Center on Monday, March 15th from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

No classes this Sunday, March 14th. We are on Spring break! Classes resume next week as usual.












Lenten Service Project—"Acts of Charity" We are re-doing **Saint Brigid Nursery!** Religious education students are holding a contest as a Lenten project and 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.

Haiti Health Care Items

In the gathering area, there is a collection box for donations of the following items to assemble kits:

- Hand towels (*no kitchen towels*)
- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes
- Bath size bars of soap
- Combs large & sturdy (*not pocket size*)
- Adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- Money donations to purchase toothpaste in bulk and/or to pay for shipping the kits.

This program is being run by the UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief
and will be distributed to earthquake victims.

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