

Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church
967 Chancery Lane
Meadville, PA 16335



Today we celebrate **Respect Life Sunday!**

Frustration accomplishes nothing and distracts us from the two things God asks of us, the two things needed to overcome violence and evil: faith in God and the loving witness of our lives.

Not only society, but we too, will be judged by the care given to the most vulnerable in our midst. Are we living our faith fully, are we truly serving God if we allow such suffering to exist and do nothing about it?

There's much we can do as citizens, as volunteers, as neighbors and family members to help those in need and protect vulnerable person from abuse and death. It's not optional for Christians: we will only be doing what we are obliged to do.

Today, pray about and commit to doing something to help even just on vulnerable person—perhaps a family member, neighbor or colleague or someone one of them is caring for.

STATION OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC RADIO:
WMIH 89.5 FM IN NW PA &
WQHE 88.3 FM OIL CITY

WEBSITE: <http://www.StBrigidChurch.org>

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- Parish Office.....336-4459
- Office Fax.....240-5998
- Emergency.....350-7676
- Seton School.....336-2320
- Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation..333-2274
- Youth Director: Shari Bronson
- Adult Director: Colleen Wellington



Thank you to everyone who donated cookies for the reception on Sat., September 20th for our Tri-Parish Mission.

NURSERY

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

BAPTISMS:

By appointment after Baptismal program.

WEDDINGS:

Make arrangements with the pastor 6 - 12 months in advance.

CONFESSIONS In Chapel:

Wednesdays..... 7:00 P.M.
First Friday 11:30 A.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Pre-K thru Grade 11):

Sundays 10:10-11:40 A.M.

STAFF HOURS:

Monday - Thursday.....8-Noon & 1-4 P.M.
Friday8-Noon

HOME COMMUNION CALLS

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

PASTOR

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt

DEACON

Ken Reisenweber

SETON PRINCIPAL

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Join the diocesan Facebook page at www.ErieRCD.org

You are invited to join in an American Needs Fatima Public Square **Rosary Rally**. This rally will be held **this Sat., Oct. 11th at noon** at the lower end of Diamond Park (across from Parkside Commons & the library). Please join us as we ask Mary for her intercession for the Church, our country & our families. God bless.

WORSHIP

Monday – October 6

S 12:05 PM Veronica Crockett (Daniel/
Cecile Richard)
Edith Redican (Family)
Deceased sisters & associates
of SSJ of Meadville



Wednesday – October 8

K 9:30 AM Seton School Mass @ St. Mary Church
K 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church
K 7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

Friday – October 10

K 12:05 PM Marguerite Bornstein (Daughter)
Barbara McCormick (Art/Rose Ann Provost)
7:00 PM Ultreya/ Mass @ St. Agatha Church

Sunday Masses

Kujawinski 9:00 AM Bill Phelan (Family)
Jim Hatheway (Fiorillo family)
Dan Piccuta (Elizabeth Henrich)
Swogger 12:05 PM Tom Rogers
(Frank Rogers/Rita Kiter)

IN THE HOSPITAL: Gerry Kightlinger, Stella Dame,
Valeria Blasinski. Please remember them in your prayers.



50th Anniversary on
October 10th to
Jim & Maureen
Hickernell

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READINGS

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

SUPPORT

335-5551 Catholic Social Services
337-7323 Read Program
333-5403 Hospice Grief Support
724-5174 Prayer Line
333-2851 Visitation (ill, elderly) 333-4315
336-1792 Alzheimer's Support Group/3rd Monday
@ Active Aging 6:30 PM

OTHER MASSES

Monday & Thursday & Saturday
8:00 AM @ St. Mary Church

Tuesday & Wednesday & Friday
8:00 AM @ St. Agatha Church

Saturday (Vigil Mass for Sunday)
4:30 PM @ St. Agatha Church

Sunday
7:30 AM @ St. Mary Church
9:00 AM @ St. Agatha Church
10:30 AM @ St. Mary Church

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday – October 5

10:10-11:40 AM Religious Ed Faith Classes K-11th Grade/
Confirmation Classes/St. Brigid Center
10:00 AM RCIA/ St. Brigid Chapel
11:00 AM Blessing of Pets/Outside Church Entrance
11:30 AM St. Mary Altar Rosary Comm Breakfast/ ICC

Monday– October 6

6:30 PM Faith Sharing Bible Study/St. Agatha Rectory
6:30 PM Holy Name Meeting/Room 4
7:00 PM River of Life Charismatic Group/Room 1
8:00 PM Knights of Columbus/St. Mary Center

Tuesday – October 7

6-8 PM Cub Scouts / Classrooms

Wednesday – October 8

NO Choir Practice
6:30 CD of A/St. Agatha Center
7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 2
7 PM Breast Cancer Support-Awareness/Room 4

Thursday – October 9

12:15-1 PM Brown Bag Theology/Room 2

Saturday – October 11

Noon Rosary Rally/Diamond Park near the library

Sunday – October 12

NO Religious Ed Faith Formation Classes
10:00 AM RCIA/ St. Brigid Chapel
10:00 St. Brigid Altar Rosary Communion Breakfast/Soc Hall
11:30-5 Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner/St. Mary Center

Tickets available at St. Brigid office for St. Michael School, Greenville **2015 Mustang GT car** drawing or \$25,000 cash! 1-\$10; 4-\$20; 14-\$50 Deadline Oct. 19th.

Scrip-Loaves & Fishes Update

* Thank you to Paul of the Movies at Meadville for continuing to offer Scrip at a discount for Seton Catholic School. The new rebate for the \$5 cards is 10%.

Nite at the Races held Saturday, October 18th in the Seton School Gym. Doors open at 6 PM; post time 7 PM. \$10 person inc. dinner, dessert, snacks, beer/wine/pop/water. Professionally filmed announced horse races on big screen. 50/50 ripoff tickets, Chinese Auction.. Tickets available at Seton School or St. Agatha office or call 336-2320. Cash accepted or make checks payable to: Seton Catholic School & send to Jamie Longo, 385 Pine Street, Meadville, PA 16335.



2232 Men

“But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:32

2nd Annual Erie Men’s Conference
STRENGTHEN YOURSELF & YOUR BROTHERS!
 This half-day conference will ignite and strengthen your faith, through powerful speakers. You will build a foundation that will change your life forever.
 Join Us!

The Warner Theater— Erie, PA
Saturday, November 1, 2014 9:00 am—3:30 pm

Speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers,
 Fr. Larry Richards, & Jesse Romero
 \$40 includes lunch & free parking
 Reservations: www.2232Men.com



A **Knights of Columbus** benefits agent will attend the **Monday, Oct. 6** meeting of Meadville K of C Council 388. The monthly meetings begin at 8 p.m. at St. Mary of Grace social hall, 1085 Water St., Meadville.

On Monday, Oct. 6, the agent will discuss the latest news in K of C **life insurance, annuities, long-term care and disability insurance.** This will be an opportunity for members to obtain new products or to upgrade their personal portfolios. The agent will arrive at 7:30 and begin to meet privately with anyone who cares to talk to him, will deliver a 10-minute update to the full group at the beginning of the 8 o'clock meeting, then go to another room to again meet privately with anyone who cares to speak with him.



Spaghetti Supper

Annual Columbus Day Dinner at St. Mary Center, 1085 Water Street, Meadville Sunday October 12th from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Cost \$8 adults; \$5 children (5-10).

Pasta Dinner served with homemade sauce & meatballs, salad, bread, beverage & dessert. Homemade cannolis available for purchase, along with baked goods sale. Plan to come next Sunday!

Tickets will be sold for cash drawings with 1st prize \$1,000, 2nd prize \$500; 3rd prize \$250 each, along with chances on a Lucky Money Tree. Tickets available at the door. Take outs available.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Columbia #2 Meeting
Wed., Oct. 8th 6:30 PM



Members will gather on **Oct. 8th** at 6:30 PM for recitation of the Rosary at St. Agatha social hall. Catholic women 18 years & older are invited.



Our Lady of the Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The practice of reciting the Rosary is a wonderful tradition of our faith. It is a style of prayer that should remind us Catholics that there are many ways to pray. The Rosary is really a mantra or a way of counting prayers in order to meditate on the mysteries of our faith. There are a great many variations on this prayer, but however it is prayed, the Rosary remains a marvelous way to reflect on the love of Jesus expressed in the mysteries that are the focus of this prayer. The Rosary is a popular devotion developed over 400 years ago when Catholics were completely cut off from any meaningful participation in the liturgy. Most ordinary people could not read and so the Rosary became a simple way to pray. In fact, the Rosary is sometimes called “the poor person’s breviary” (the psalms said by clerics and those who could read). When the Mass was in Latin, many people prayed the Rosary during Mass. The Mass is a different kind of prayer. It is liturgical prayer, a prayer that calls for the common participation of everyone through what is going on in ritual, in prayer, or in song. It is hard, if not impossible, to do both at the same time.

27th Sunday of the Year Treasures from our Tradition

The sacrament of penance has a long and difficult history. The Church sometimes struggles with how best to be faithful to the image of an all-forgiving God. Once a very public rite with publicly visible participation on the part of the penitent, it became in time a very private matter. By the fourteenth century, when a prayer of absolution and a laying on of hands was still required in sacramental confession, theologians were saying that even that was too much liturgy. All that was required was confession itself, and the sacramental words *Ego te absolvo*, or “I absolve you.”

In 1614 the Council of Florence tried to flesh out this bare skeleton, requiring that if possible the priest should wear a stole, that the confession should be in church, and that there be questions about the person’s state in life, occupation, and last confession. This is the first time the Church recommended that the penitent and priest be separated by a grill, thereby eliminating the ritual laying on of hands once so central to the sacrament, substituting the priest’s raised right hand in blessing. This is the rite that remained in force until the sacrament became the subject of very stormy debates at the Second Vatican Council, leading to a major reform in 1974 that is still only partially received.

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OCTOBER CURSILLO EVENTS

The next **Women’s Cursillo** weekend will be held at OL of Mercy Church, Harborcreek-Women’s #237, **October 16-19**. Ladies, GOD is calling you to follow HIM! Please consider taking a few days out of your busy schedules and say “YES” to the Lord! Our next **Ultreya is Friday, October 10** at St. Agatha Church. Please come and join us for Mass at 7 PM followed by food and fellowship. Please bring a generous dessert to share with all. Our next **Holy hour will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 7 PM** at St. Agatha Church. For more info contact Jim & Wendy Hess at (814) 333-6586.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Pink Ribbon Overdose, a frank, but humorous, adult dialogue of four women who endeavor to heal, validate, and tell their shared experience and loneliness on Planet Cancer. Since the topic is typically grim, their intent is to look for laughs in unlikely places. Held at the **Market House Gardner Theatre** on Friday/Saturday, Oct. 10-11 @ 7:30 PM & Sunday, Oct. 12 @ 2 PM. Directed by Tom Hall & Irene Kipp; written by Lisa Rafferty, Jane McGovern & Pam Ahl. Tickets \$10—call (814) 336-5051 for reservations. Benefits the Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute Benevolent Fund. **World Youth Day Group** from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Smethport is selling \$1 chances to **win 4 tickets to an Erie Otters hockey game**. The winner gets a certificate good for 4 tickets to any home game in the 2014-2015 season. Drawing will be held on 11/16/14. All proceeds go towards funding their trip to World Youth Day in Poland in 2016. For more info or to purchase tickets, please contact Heather Ritts, FRE at hritts@wildblue.net . **Roast Beef Dinner w/trimmings** held next today, Sunday, Oct. 12th from 11 AM– 3 PM; Adults \$9; Children 5-12 \$5 with home-made pie held at St. Lawrence Center 180 E. State Street (use Elk St Entrance), Albion.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
9-21-14 \$4,151	Last Yr \$5,424	Budget/Wk \$5,927	This YTD \$72,246	Last YTD \$66,387	Budget YTD \$71,124

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$53,665	Paid YTD \$48,645	Assessment \$43,919
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MINISTRIES – OCTOBER 12

ALTAR SERVERS

9:00 Fiely/Leech
12:05 Sommers

READERS

Lehman
Sommers

GREETERS

Buzzas
Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9:00 Dillaman/Higbys/Bowden
12:05 Lehman/Bisbee/Jindra/**Needed**

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation Kindergarten-11th Grade

Youth Event ~ Bonfire at Woodcock Dam Shelter 3, this **Sunday, October 5th at 6:30-8:30 pm**. This is for students in grades 7 thru 11. Please bring a 2 liter pop or snack to share. Come and enjoy food, fun, fellowship and faith!

NO classes next Sunday, October 12th due to Columbus Day.

Youth Team Lunch ~ Students in grades 7 thru 11 that would like to help plan activities for the High School program are invited to join us for pizza after class on Sunday, October 19th at 11:45 am in the St. Brigid Social Hall.

Middle School Youth Rally ~ **Sunday, October 26th** at Our Lady of Peace in Erie. Registration is now open for the MSYR for students in grades 6,7,8. The theme **“Keep Calm and Catholic On”** reflects the realities of stress, drama, and the messiness of middle school and our need to learn to lean on Christ. It’s an amazing day for the young church to celebrate their faith! Register by visiting the website www.onthevine.us. For more information call Shari at 333-2274.

At Home with the Faith

New – Faith Sharing Bible Study

Come join us Monday evenings, starting October 6th at 6:30 pm at St. Agatha rectory as we explore the coming Sunday’s Mass readings. This new Bible Study is being offered especially for young adults, but all are welcome.

Theology of the Body

Mark your calendars for the next Theology of the Body DVD & Discussion, **Thursday October 16th at 7 pm at St. Mary of Grace Parish Center** (Please note the change from the 2nd to 3rd Thursday for October only). We will be exploring the topic, “The Great Analogy of Spousal Love.”

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It’s not too late to register! Classes are being held **Sunday mornings after the 9 AM Masses**. For more information or to register, please contact the St. Brigid Parish Office (336-4459) or Deacon Harvey McQueen (St. Agatha & St. Mary of Grace, 333-4452).

40 Hour Exposition – October 19-21

This year’s 40 Hour Exposition will be Sunday, Oct 19 - Tues, Oct 21st. Fr. John Jacquiel will be speaking each evening at 7pm and closing with Benediction (Sun at St. Brigid, Mon at St. Mary of Grace, Tues at St. Agatha). Sign-ups for Adoration will be available in mid-October.

At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: Did you know that October is Respect Life month and it is also dedicated to the Holy Rosary? Today, October 5th, the Church celebrates Respect Life Sunday & Rosary Sunday. You can tie the two together by responding to the request of some bishops who are asking the faithful to pray the Rosary today for the intention of the “Family,” as this day also begins the very important Synod on the Family in Rome, October 5-19.