

# Saint Brigid Parish

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**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5:30 P.M.; Sunday 7:00 and 9:00 A.M.

## NURSERY

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

## BAPTISMS:

By appointment after Baptismal program.

## CONFESSIONS In Chapel:

Saturday .....4:00 - 5:00 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 - Thursday .....8-Noon & 1-4 P.M.  
Friday .....8-Noon

## 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*

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*Cindy Fiorillo*

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

*Lynda Morgan*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

*Shari Bronson*

## MEADVILLE AREA CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

*Sandy Clancy*

## SETON CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

*Jamie Longo*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Give them your ideas, thoughts and concerns. The council members meet four times annually. Their roles are to provide feedback and representation from parishioners of Saint Brigid Church.

President Tim Smith

Jean Mottillo

Bill Leffingwell

Sec. Todd Sommers

Rosemary Jones

Ryan Landefeld

**WORSHIP**

**November 19-20-21-22-23 ~ No Daily Masses/Adoration**

**Saturday ~ November 24**

11:30 AM Jennie & Lewis Morfenski (Vickie, daughter)

**Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses**

- 4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel
- 5:30 PM Michael Trout (Friends at Surgery & Laser Ctr)
- 7:00 AM People of St. Brigid
- 9:00 AM Darlene Shenk Anniversary (Joan Rembielak)

**ST. MARY CHURCH DAILY MASSES**

- Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>-7:30 am
- Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>-5:15 pm
- Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>-7:30 am

**ST. AGATHA CHURCH DAILY MASSES**

- Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>-8:00 am
- Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>-8:00 am
- Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>-8:00 am
- Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>-8:00 am

**Thanksgiving Day Masses**

**St. Agatha Church ~ 8 AM**  
**St. Mary Church ~ 9 AM**

Our **NY Eve Committee** looking for clear icicle lights to be used at the NY Eve party. Anyone looking to get rid of their old ones, we would love to have them. Please make sure they are in working order and bring them to the parish office. Thank you!

**SUPPORT**

- Catholic Social Services 800-673-2535
- 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

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Sunday – November 18**

- Altar Rosary Ladies selling tickets for Holiday Dinner
- 10-11:30 AM Religious Ed Pre-school-Gr. 6/Classrooms
- MACYM Laser Tag & Splash Lagoon
- 7:00 PM RCIA/Room 4

**Monday– November 19**

- 8:30 AM Pack Baskets/Room 5

**Tuesday – November 20**

- 6:00 PM Seton Scouts/Room 1/2/3/4/Library
- 7:15 PM Seton Webelos/Room 4

**Wednesday – November 21**

- 7 PM Choir Practice/Church NO Bible Study

**Tuesday – November 27**

- Noon 55+ Card Club/Room 5

**Wednesday – November 28**

- 7 PM Choir Practice/Church
- 7 PM Bible Study

**Thursday – November 29**

- 7 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Room 4

**READINGS**

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

**Parish Office Closed**  
**November 22-23**  
**Have a Happy Thanksgiving**

**NOW AVAILABLE**

**2013 CALENDARS** We are grateful to Mizner & Roofner-Collins-Warren Funeral Homes for their generous donations. Please help yourself.

**OPLATEK** (the unleavened wafers used by many on Christmas eve and day) are available for \$1 each.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Sacrificial Giving**

Offering Last Week.....\$6,467

**MINISTRIES – NOVEMBER 24/25**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:30 **Needed**  
7:00 Corsi  
9:00 Yoder/Melvin

**READERS**

Kiter  
Kennedy  
Miller

**GREETERS**

Keppel/Spinnato  
Buzzas  
Amatos

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:30 Sommers/Wagner/Smith/Needed  
7:00 Holzer/Haines  
9:00 Dillaman/Higbys/Roncolato



The **Crawford County Cursillo Holiday Gathering** will be held at St. Brigid Church on Saturday, December 8th. Please bring your family to worship with us as we join in the evening **Mass at 5:30 PM**. Our fellowship will follow in the social hall at 6:30. We will enjoy great food and fun, so please consider joining us for this year-end event! Meat and beverage provided. Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Jim/Wendy at 333-6586.

**FAMILY FUN NITE**

**Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> 5-8 PM**  
**St. Mary Center, 1085 Water St., Meadville**

Come join us for a night of friends, fun & family.  
Bring a dish to share.

We'll provide drinks, a craft, open gym, Sundae bar!

Sponsored by St. Mary Religious Education  
**Open to everyone!**

Return bottom portion to St. Mary by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Dish to share: \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you to everyone who donated items for Thanksgiving Baskets, along with money to purchase turkeys.

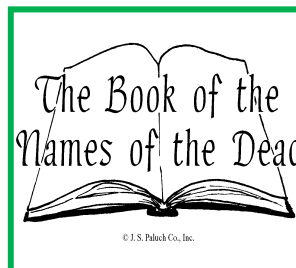
God bless you all.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

*Parishioners who would like a basket should leave a message for Cindy at the parish office TODAY at 336-4459.*

Turkeys and other perishable items will be purchased by us; however, if you do plan to donate a turkey **bring it to church today by Noon**.

Remember that the Thanksgiving Day collection helps buy turkeys & helps replenish the Pastors Fund for the needy.



Please write your deceased loved one's name in the book which is located by our Saint Brigid Icon in front of church.

**Handmade Prayer Shawl Raffle** to benefit St. James Haven will be held on Dec. 9th. Tickets \$1 at the parish office or after weekend Masses in the gathering area.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**ST. BRIGID SOCIAL HALL**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2012**  
**9:00 PM – 1:00 AM**  
**B.Y.O.B. \$15/PERSON**

**\$20/PERSON AFTER NOV. 30**

**INCLUDES SNACKS & SETUPS,**  
**AFTER MIDNIGHT-KIELBASA, SAUERKRAUT,**  
**POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS, PULLED PORK,**  
**HOT DOGS & BUNS**

## Thanksgiving and Advent

We celebrate Thanksgiving shortly before Advent, but since it is not really a church feast day and is not universal to all countries, it sort of pops in unconnected to the rest of the liturgical year. The focus on Thanksgiving is on gratitude. Can we retain that focus and make it our focus during Advent as well? It would seem to make a good preparation for Christmas to be able to bring a grateful heart to the celebrations of that feast.

*Liturgical Bits & Bytes*

### EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**November is National Adoption Month** Throughout the year, Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services encourages all families & local organizations to raise awareness of the more than 104,000 children & youth in the U.S. foster care system who are waiting for permanent families. For additional information contact the agency at (814) 456-2091. **Marquette Hospice Open House** is on Sunday, Nov. 18th from Noon-6 PM - please park at the New Beginnings Church of God on Leslie Rd (near Northgate) and take the shuttle. **Trees of Christmas** is being held at the Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum on Nov. 17-18-23-24-25. \$5 adults; \$2 students. Proceeds support this historic gem of the Meadville community. It is presented by the Meadville Garden Club with the theme "Deck the Halls." **Living Christmas Tree** will again perform at Trinity UM Church, N. Third St., Conneaut Lake on Dec. 7-8-9 with music "The Hope of Christmas: Share the Light" by Phil Barfoot & Dave Williamson. Questions? Call 382-1121. **American Red Cross Volunteers Needed** ~ Winter brings an increase in the number of home fires in our community. We are urgently seeking volunteers to assist clients affected. This is a very rewarding volunteer experience. It is humbling to stand beside someone watching their home burn, offering comfort and support, and other disaster clients with personal hygiene kits, food, shelters, clothing & other services to help them regain their sense of normalcy. The American Red Cross would train any interested volunteers & provide them with the supplies and knowledge to help people with tragedy strikes. Anyone interested in more info call (888) 733-5603 or e-mail [arcexec@pa.rr.com](mailto:arcexec@pa.rr.com). **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie** is performing a diocese wide survey to assess the needs of our communities. Do you have any input about the needs within Meadville that are not being met? Do you know of ways that Catholic Charities can be of assistance to the people of our community? If you have any suggestions please forward them to Fr. Johnathan Schmolt at St. Brigid to add to the survey for Meadville. Please email your suggestions to [johnathan.schmolt@stbrigidchurch.org](mailto:johnathan.schmolt@stbrigidchurch.org) or call the parish office at 336-4459.

**Loaves & Fishes Certificates** ~ As you may know, at weekend Masses every week, we sell certificates at face value in the gathering area. Some certificates include: Burger King, Chovy's, Cracker Barrel, Valenza's, Giant Eagle, Tops, Valesky's, Malady's, Mill Run Pharmacy, Jack's Pharmacy, Sherry's, Walmart & The Movies. These are great to use as gifts or use yourself. If you would like to order certificates not listed above, use the extended list at the Loaves & Fishes table.

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The Altar Rosary Society will hold its Christmas Party in the Social Hall on **Tuesday, December 4** beginning at 6 PM with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM.

The menu is chicken tender, lasagna, tossed salad, bread/butter, apple crisp w/whipped cream & beverage. The cost is **\$9 pre-paid**. Tickets will be available the weekends of **Nov. 17/18 and 24/25** in the Gathering Area.

Entertainment will be provided by parishioner John Hess. An optional \$5 gift exchange will be held. An offering will be taken to assist with the purchase of gifts for parish shut-ins. Members are asked to bring canned goods to help replenish the food pantry.

### Hats, mittens, gloves and scarves!!

The Altar Rosary Society is collecting these new items to be distributed at the **Jimmy Moore Party** held in December. There is a need for larger size items for both boys and girls. Place your donations in the box in the gathering area. Your continued support of this Altar Rosary project & the **Sertoma Club** is greatly appreciated.

**Soup Kitchen Donations** being accepted. Just mark your envelope for "Soup Kitchen" and deposit it in the collection basket. All donations are greatly appreciated at this time of year and put for Christmas dinners.

**WASHINGTON DC MARCH FOR LIFE – JAN. 25** Join pro-life friends on a trip of a lifetime! Pilgrims will gather at Saint Brigid Church on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 10 PM. After the Holy Hour travelers will board an Anderson bus to travel through the night arriving at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 6 AM. We will attend the Mass at 7:30 AM Mass at the Basilica, then go downtown for the Rally & March on Friday, Jan. 25th. We will return to Meadville about 12:30 AM on Tues, Jan. 24th. Cost details to come later. The bus departs St. Brigid parking lot at 11 PM on Jan. 24th. **Reservations required** by calling Richard at (814)724-3148. Donations accepted.

## RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

**Love God, Love Your Neighbor Service Project** – We are collecting money that will be sent to our neighboring states as they recover from Hurricane Sandy. Please encourage your kids to save and donate their change by bringing it to class. All money will be sent through Catholic Charities.

**Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive** – Thank you for donating to our parish food drive. Much Appreciation!

**Happy Thanksgiving!** No classes offered next Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving is a day set aside to give thanks to God for the many blessings of the year.

*“Lord, increase our faith.” Luke 17:1-10* The Ten Commandments help us live a holy lives. *The Seventh Commandment is: You shall not steal. (Respect the property of other people.)*

There is an important service that we are bringing into our church on **December 11th**. As many of you may not know, stroke is a leading cause of death today, affecting over 750,000 people each year. Every 45 seconds in America, someone suffers a stroke and every 3 minutes, someone dies from one. This means that during the time I will spend with you today during service, approximately 15 people in the United States will have died due to a stroke.

These tests are important and necessary. Most people don't realize that these tests are not typically offered during a regular physical, as they are not usually covered by insurance, so for most of you and the people you love, stroke prevention lies in your hands.

Stroke can change your life, but it can also take your life. Please consider taking part in these life-saving screenings. **By signing up for this health event, not only will you be able to receive \$10 off any package of \$139 or more, but St. Brigid Roman Catholic Church will also receive a \$10 donation for every member who signs up and attends this Life Line Screening event.** The Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm Package includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. To schedule your appointment and to receive this special offer, please sign up **only** by calling the dedicated Helping Hands phone number, which is **1-800-324-9458**. Join in the fight against vascular disease!

**MACYM NEWS**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2012**

**NO REGULAR SESSIONS**  
**FOR ALL M.A.C.Y.M. STUDENTS**

This Sunday, November 18th there will be NO regular sessions for all M.A.C.Y.M. students.

**SPLASH LAGOON AND LASER TAG**

This Sunday M.A.C.Y.M. students are going to Splash Lagoon & Laser Tag. Students must have their release forms from Splash Lagoon & Laser Tag to participate. The bus will leave Seton Catholic School at 9:30 AM and will return to Seton about 4 PM.

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

No Regular Sessions or activities next Sunday, November 25th.



Would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

**PRAYERS FOR BISHOP PERSICO**

There are still a number of students who have not turned in their prayers for Bishop Persico.

Dear Lord,

Bless Bishop Persico and help everyone who is suffering right now. Let them see that everything happens for a reason. Amen.

Abbey Vanyo 2nd Year Candidate

Dear God,

May you protect all creatures and shine your light on whoever needs it. Please bless the living and watch over the dead as they walk through light. Bishop Persico, always obey the Lord as he protects you. Amen

MacKenzie Freyermuth Grade 7



**A GIFT FROM THE HEART**

It is that time of year when we collect items for the Service Men and Women serving our country. On December 2nd, ALL M.A.C.Y.M. STUDENTS are asked to bring the following items to your regular sessions:

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|------------|--------------|-------|
| Beef Jerky | Debbie Cakes | M&M's |
| Gum        | Cough Drops  | Aloe  |
| Chap Stick | Gummy Bears  |       |

Any parishioners wishing to donate items may drop them off at their parish offices for the next two weeks. Project Support Our Troops is also in need of funds to help pay postage. Checks may be made to: "Project Support Our Troops" and they, too, can be dropped off at the parish offices.

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

- Splash Lagoon & Laser Tag Trip ~ No regular sessions

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

- Thanksgiving Break ~ No regular sessions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**

- Collecting items for "A Gift From The Heart"
- Regular Sessions for 7th-8th-9th
- 1st Year Candidates go to Wesbury Nursing Home
- 2nd Year Candidates go to Crawford County Care

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH & SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH**

- Overnight Bowl-a-Thon

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

- No Regular Sessions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH**

- Sacrament of Reconciliation

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD & 30TH**

- Christmas Break

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH**

- Regular sessions for all M.A.C.Y.M. Students

