

Saint Brigid Parish

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THE
SON OF MAN
WILL
SIT UPON
HIS
GLORIOUS
THRONE

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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 Friday11:00 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.
Friday8-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

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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

Monday – November 26
 11:30 AM Richard Obermeier (Wife, Mary)

Tuesday – November 27
 11:30 AM Jo Peterson BD (Theresa/John Amato)

Wednesday – November 28
 9:30 AM Seton School Mass in Church
 Mark Nicholson (Peg Jindra)
 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church

Thursday – November 29
 11:30 AM James F. Clancy (Dick/Joanne Noonan)

Friday – November 30
 11:30 AM Laurie Riordan BD (Pat Gourley, mother)
 1:00 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Saturday – December 1
 11:30 AM Rose & Clell Milliron (Barbara Hieber, dtr)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ December 1/2
 4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel
 5:30 PM Mary Catherine Vatter (Joe/Joyce Newcomb)
 7:00 AM People of St. Brigid
 9:00 AM Jim O’Hern (Lou Wattras)

The blessing of the crèche in Diamond Park will take place on Sunday, December 9th at 1 PM. Fr. Johnathan will preside. The ceremony consists of Scripture reading and meditation, placing Baby Jesus in the manger, the blessing and singing of Christmas carols. Sponsored by the Catholic Federation, we invite all to join in this annual and age old Catholic devotion to prepare for the birth of Christ.

READINGS

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

Tuesday – November 27
 Noon 55+ Card Club/Room 5

Wednesday – November 28
 7 PM Choir Practice/Church
 7 PM Bible Study/Room 4

Thursday – November 29
 7 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Room 4

Sunday – December 2
 10-11:30 AM Religious Ed Pre-school-Gr. 6/Classrooms
 10-11:15 AM Grades 7 & 8 @ St. Brigid Room 7
 9-10:15 AM Grade 9 @ St. Mary Center
 1st Yr Confirmation @ Wesbury Nursing Home
 2nd Yr Confirmation @ Crawford County Care Center
 7:00 PM RCIA/Room 4

Tuesday – December 4
 6:00 PM Altar Rosary Holiday Dinner/Social Hall

Wednesday – December 5
 7 PM Choir Practice/Church
 7 PM Bible Study/Room 4

Saturday – December 8
 6:30 PM Cursillo Holiday Party/Social Hall
 MACYM All students Overnight Bowling



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 Sat., Jan. 26th. 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.

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 at St. Brigid to add to the survey for Meadville. Please email your suggestions to johnathan.schmolt@stbrigidchurch.org or call the parish office at 336-4459.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your contributions to the *Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. Your generous gifts will help end poverty in America thru better education, improved housing & economic development.

MINISTRIES – DECEMBER 1/2

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
5:30 Needed	Mizner	Phelps
7:00 Needed	Cihon	S/M/D/L
9:00 Fiely/Leech	Reisenweber	Wattras/Yoder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30 Henderson/Jones/Williams/Needed
7:00 Chisholms
9:00 Stevens/Jastromb/Wheelock/Melvin

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.

**Villa Maria Academy Recognition
Amelia Werner**

She is recognized in education for her dedication and hard work, leadership, service, and athletics. Congratulations!

FAMILY FUN TONITE

Sunday November 25th 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!



 SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL
INSPIRING MINDS. INSTILLING VALUES.



*Come & visit with
Santa & Mrs. Claus,
and enjoy some cookies & milk*

Sunday, Dec. 2nd ~ 11 AM-1 PM

*Seton School Lunchroom
Bring your camera!*

All are welcome ~ free of charge.

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 support of this project for the **Sertoma Club** is greatly appreciated.



SETON CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
CREATING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR TOMORROW.

FREE morning of preschool; see what we have to offer!

Thursday, December 6th from 9 - 11am.
Seton Catholic – 385 Pine Street, Meadville

Story time, crafts & fun activities for children ages 3-5
Parents stay to have coffee, donuts and adult conversation!

Call 336-2320 for more details!!
Open Monday - Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm



CHRIST THE KING

Take Time to Plan for Advent

We know that Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas. Every year we use the time, both liturgically and in our homes, for this preparation. Maybe if we start planning a little earlier this year we can make the season relate more to the deeper meaning of Christmas.

I am talking about doing the same things that we usually do to get ready for the holiday but to do them with more intention. For example, most families send Christmas cards. (Although the post office is losing business the rest of the year, this is apparently not so when it comes to Christmas cards.) Is there something you can do with your children to make this ritual more personal, more an expression of care from all the members of the family? Can the children sign a personal note on the card (at least to the people they know)? Could they make something like a bookmark or something decorative to insert into the card that will express their own "Merry Christmas" to the recipients? Can this include their own personal prayer for these people?

Many times there is someone that the family has fallen out of touch with, or maybe even out of favor with. Is an apology or forgiveness in order? This annual ritual of reaching out to friends and relatives near and far with Christmas cards may be a perfect vehicle to accomplish this. Another way to expand this into a ministry is to include sick or shut-in members of the parish or residents at a nursing home or senior housing facility. A sincere promise of prayer for these folks can be touching for them and formative for the children. The family can pray together for these people's intentions during prayers at bedtime, or include it at grace before meals or during the Advent Wreath prayer time.

Another part of our preparation ritual includes decorating our house. Is there an older neighbor who can use assistance with decorating? Might bringing handmade decorations or even a poinsettia brighten their residence? This might work for those senior housing facility or nursing home residents as well. Perhaps your family can "adopt" someone for the season, possibly bringing them to Mass on Sunday if they need a ride, or even bringing them home or out to a coffee shop for brunch after Mass.

Purchasing and wrapping gifts can be done similarly. Encourage the children to put their own decorative and loving touch to the gifts. Teach them to wrap each gift with a prayer for the intended recipient. Help them pick out a gift for that "adopted" family. Check with a local charity that serves the homeless. Find out what is needed at this time of year and include that in your Christmas shopping. In other words make the Christmas preparations turn out to others instead of being all about our family and friends. In these ways children can develop their natural caring instincts.

Many families make Christmas cookies or other goodies to give as gifts. Again, prayer for those who will consume these homemade items can be included as part of this process. Make more than usual so there are extras to distribute to neighbors you rarely see, or shut-ins who may rarely receive homemade treats.

Neighborhood, senior residence, or nursing home caroling is a fun way to share the joy of the season. You can join together with some other families, or the church choir, or any group that might be organizing such an activity. Veterans' gatherings appreciate this also, along with many of the above suggestions.

Liturgical Bits & Bytes

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Trees of Christmas is being held at the Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum on Nov. 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 at 7:30 PM & Dec. 9th also at 3:30 PM 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.

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 and all sales benefit Seton School. If you would like to order certificates not listed above, use the extended list at the Loaves & Fishes table.

RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

Thanksgiving Break - no classes offered this Sunday, November 25th. Classes will resume next Sunday, December 2nd.

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.

"Lord, increase our faith." Luke 17:1-10 The Ten Commandments help us live a holy life. *The Eighth Commandment is: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Be truthful.)*



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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.

Scrip Loaves & Fishes **Big Spender Bonus**

• We would like to thank all of the supporters of Scrip-Loaves & Fishes; that's why the top 3 customers with the most in purchases between October 1st and Dec. 31st will be given a cascading card file to keep their scrip cards neat & tidy & 2 Movies at Meadville Golden tickets! Top 3 customers will have the gifts awarded January 9th. For information, call Sarah 333-6161.

MACYM NEWS
NOVEMBER 25, 2012

THANKSGIVING BREAK

M.A.C.Y.M. is on Thanksgiving Break. There are NO regular sessions or activities this Sunday, November

REGULAR SESSIONS
7TH~8TH~9TH

Next Sunday, December 2nd, there will be regular sessions for all 7th, 8th and 9th M.A.C.Y.M. students.

1ST & 2ND YEAR
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
NURSING HOME VISITS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
GO TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CARE
1:20 UNTIL 2:30 PM

1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
GO TO WESBURY
1:20 UNTIL 2:30 PM

Students are to find their own transportation and are to bring quarters and small gifts for prizes!

M.A.C.Y.M. SENDS
CONGRATULATIONS TO PHIL NESS

We congratulate Phil for his new career position, Associate Vice President of Development for Athletics at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. Phil ministered to our youth in so many ways during his time here in Meadville. A true role model for our youth. May God be with him and his family as they begin their new journey. We will miss you Phil and "Thank You" for the time and love you gave to M.A.C.Y.M.



A GIFT FROM THE HEART!

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

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

Any parishioners wishing to donate items may drop their items 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 out to Project Support Our Troops and they too can be dropped off at the parish offices.

PLEASE PRAY FOR KAYLEE PETERSON

We ask for your prayers for Kaylee who is recovering from a very bad fall that required serious surgery to her nose. Kaylee, a alumni of M.A.C.Y.M. has returned many times to share her story and her love of God with our youth.

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

- Thanksgiving Break
- No Regular sessions or Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

- 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

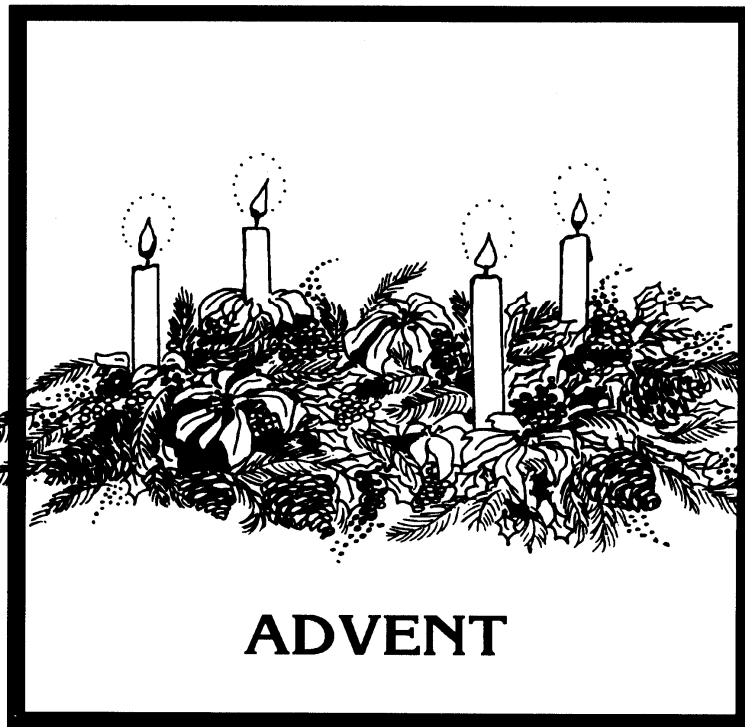
- Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD & 30TH

- Christmas Break

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

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



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Communal Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 16th at 3:30 P.M. held at St. Brigid Church

Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 P.M. held at St. Agatha Church

Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 PM held at St. Hippolyte, Rt 27

Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 PM held at OLQ of Americas, CL

Individual Confession

Saturday, December 22nd at 4:00 P.M. held at St. Brigid Chapel

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we experience the forgiving love of God. When you take advantage of it, you can grow in the spiritual life, feel more intensely the love of God, and go forth from the celebration more committed to live the Gospel.

Act of Contrition ~ My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen