

Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

967 Chancery Lane
Meadville, PA 16335

Milk & Cookies
with

Santa!



Seton School Cafeteria
385 Pine Street, Meadville

Sunday, December 7, 2014
from 12:00pm to 2:00pm



All children are welcome to come
enjoy treats, crafts, and
a visit with Santa. Bring your
camera and take as
many pictures as
you like.

This is a FREE community event!

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

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NURSERY

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

BAPTISMS:

By appointment after Baptismal program.

SISTER PARISH: St. Peter Church,

Casa Cural, Sotuta, Yucatan MEXICO

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.

WEDDINGS:

Arrangements must be made with the pastor 6 - 12 months in advance.

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

Christine McGinnity

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Cindy Fiorillo

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Lynda Morgan

SETON CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Jamie Longo

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Shari Bronson

ADULT DIRECTOR

Colleen Wellington

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.

Todd Sommers

Jamie Sopher

Bill Leffingwell

Martin Dillaman

Annette Lynch

Angela Bisbee

Lois Curtin

Jean Mottillo

WORSHIP

Monday – December 1

12:05 PM Katy Stewart (Rosey Thomas)
Dan Morfenski (Gladys McAlevy)

Wednesday – December 3

9:30 AM Seton School Mass - People of St. Brigid
12:05 PM Cecelia Franczak (55+ Card Club)
Marguerite Bornstein (Daughter)
Marian & Louis Yeager (Jack/Barbara Walton)
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church
7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

First Friday – December 5

11:30 AM Confessions in Chapel
12:05 PM Dianne Dowler (Inman & Powell families)
Stephen Maziarz (Leguard family)
Elsie Clayton (Lois Curtin)
1:00 PM Hillside Home Communion Service

Sunday Masses – December 7

9:00 AM Mary Palchuck BD (Estate)
Terry Armstrong (Floyd Greathouse)
Lee & Don Heald (Mike/Julie McGinnity)
12:05 PM People of St. Brigid
2:00 PM Advent Holy Hour at St. Agatha Church

**Monday – December 8 Immaculate Conception
(Holyday of Obligation)**

12:05 PM Ann Domingo Anniv. (Carole Mahoney, Nancy
Stinger, Ken Lis)
Intention of the Blessed Mother

SHOE DRIVE ~ clean out your closet for a good cause.
Fundraiser to help the Adoption of Julius. There is a
container in the gathering area for gently worn shoes/
boots. Please tie the laces together or rubber band them.

READINGS
Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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
Breast Cancer Support 2nd Wednesday 7 PM Room 4

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

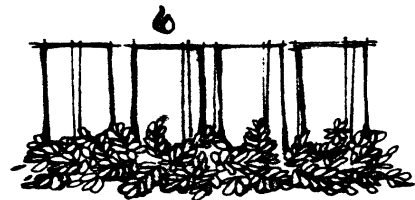
Sunday

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

Monday, December 8th Holyday of Obligation

8:00 AM @ St. Mary Church
9:30 AM @ St. Agatha Church (w/Seton Students)
5:30 AM @ St. Agatha Church

PARISH EVENTS



Sunday – November 30

9:30 AM R.C.I.A. / Library
NO Faith Classes K-11th Grade

Monday– December 1

6:30 PM Faith Sharing Bible Study/St. Agatha Rectory
8 PM Knights of Columbus/St. Mary Center

Tuesday – December 2

6 PM Altar Rosary Christmas Party/Social Hall
6 PM Cub Scouts/Classrooms

Wednesday – December 3

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

Thursday – December 4

12:15-1 PM Brown Bag Theology/Room 2
6:30 PM OEFF Board Meeting/Room 4

Sunday – December 7

9:30 AM R.C.I.A. / Library
10:10-11:40 AM Religious Ed Classes K-11th Grade/
Confirmation Classes/St. Brigid Center
Noon Faith Team Meeting/Social Hall
1 PM Blessing of Creche / Diamond Park

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

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.



*Catholic Daughters Ct Columbia 2
Christmas Party
Sunday, December 14th at 1 PM*

We invite Catholic women 18 years & older to membership in CD of A. Court Columbia #2 Meadville has the honor of being the oldest active court in the world! **CD of A Christmas Party** will be on Sunday, December 14 @ St. Agatha Center 1 PM. Tickets \$10 each—**call 724-3148 by Dec. 4.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 388 will meet on **Monday, December 1st**. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. at St. Mary social hall, 1085 Water St., Meadville. Widows & family members of any deceased member of Knights of Columbus are cordially invited to attend the Knights' 2014 Christmas Dinner on **Dec. 12** at Meadville's Italian Civic Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Cost is \$20. Dinner choices of prime rib and/or chicken breast will be featured among numerous other buffet items. Reservation/payment call Pat at 724-8137.



St. Brigid Altar Rosary Christmas dinner will be held on **Tuesday, December 2nd**.

Hors d'oeuvres served at 6 PM with dinner to follow at 6:30 PM. The menu is Stuffed Pork Loin, salad, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetables, dessert, & beverage.

There will be a \$5 (optional) gift exchange, collection for the Shut-in Baskets, and pasta/sauce/paper products collection for the church food pantry at the meeting.

The Meadville Area Senior High Musical Dept. will present the entertainment.

The blessing of the crèche in Diamond Park will take place on **Sunday, December 7th at 1 p.m.** Father Matt Kujawinski will preside. Now is the time to show public support for our Christian beliefs and traditions. Join us in hymns and praise in preparation for the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The ceremony will include Scripture reading, prayers, placing of infant in the manger and caroling. Please join us in this special Advent tradition sponsored by The Catholic Federation of Crawford County.



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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, Mannino's, Giant Eagle, Tops, Valesky's, Malady's, Mill Run Pharmacy, Jack's Pharmacy, Wal-Mart & 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.

1st Sunday of Advent

WATCH!

“Watch!” This word occurs three times in today’s Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of “watch” leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master’s work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

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Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into the Season of Advent this year, we enter into the season of expectant longing for Jesus Christ. In a similar vein, here in the Diocese of Erie, we are entering into a new awakening given to us through the power of the Spirit. For us, 2000 years since the birth of Christ, we are looking for a deepening growth of God on how to be the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Erie, especially in the Meadville Catholic Community.

We will be starting the Diocesan Pastoral Planning process to look at how we can best bring the message of Jesus Christ to those around us.

In your prayers, please ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit to help us as we look into the future, just as the Hebrew people looking with longing for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Johnathan

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden Numbness
- Difficulty Speaking
- Severe Dizziness
- Loss of Coordination
- Sudden Loss of Vision
- Sudden Intense Headache
- Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be here at St. Brigid Roman Catholic Church on **Thursday, December 18, 2014**. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

In addition, please take just three minutes to learn more about Life Line Screening by watching this short three-minute video: <http://www.lifelinescreeningblog.com/introduction/>

MINISTRIES – DECEMBER 7

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
9:00 Harry/Leech	Bowden	Beerbower
12:05 Corsi	Corsi	Needed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9:00 Amato/Buzzas/Harry
12:05 Sommers/Lehman/Bisbee/**Needed**

Next weekend, our 2nd collection will be for **Religious Retirement**. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Never counting the cost, some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others. Many worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Mark your calendars for the Pro-Life March held in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, January 22, 2015. The bus will leave St. Agatha church late on Wednesday evening, January 21 and return Wednesday night. More details to come. Everyone welcome!

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation Kindergarten-11th Grade

Thanksgiving Break ~ **NO** Faith Formation classes will be offered this Sunday, November 30th. Classes will resume next Sunday, December 7th from 10:10 am -11:40 am.

Happy New Year! ~ The Church begins a new liturgical year starting on the first Sunday of Advent. May God be with us in the year ahead.

TEAM FAITH ~ will meet next Sunday, December 7th at 11:45 am in the St. Brigid Social Center to plan for our Advent event.

NOW AVAILABLE

2015 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.

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS

Theology of the Body

Join us for our next Theology of the Body DVD & Discussion, **Thursday, December 11 at 7 pm** at **St. Mary of Grace Parish Center**. We will be exploring the topic, "Man & Woman He Redeemed Them."

Nursing Home Christmas Caroling

Young adults interested in bringing some joy to our parishioners in nursing homes, please meet at St. Brigid parking lot **Sunday, December 14th at 1:15**. No try outs necessary!

At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: Today begins the Year of Consecrated Life declared by Pope Francis. Learn more about consecrated life by planning a day trip with your family to a religious community. Support the religious with your prayers and maybe even have fun by going shopping for them.

Weekly Opportunities

Faith Sharing Bible Study (Sunday Readings) – Mondays at 6:30 pm, St. Agatha Rectory

Bible Study (Book of Proverbs) – Wednesdays at 7 pm, St. Brigid

Brown Bag Theology (Pope Francis) – Thursdays at 12:15 pm, St. Brigid, Room 2

Join us on Facebook

Young Adults: "Catholic Young Adults (CYA) – Meadville"

Adults: "Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation – Meadville, PA"



Local Advent Penance Services



St. Philip, Lanesville Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17, 2014-
..... after 9am Mass & 7:00pm

St. Peter, Conneautville..... Tuesday, December 9 & 16, 2014-
..... after 9am Mass & 7:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Cochranton..... Sunday, December 14, 2014-4:00pm

St. Mary of Grace, Meadville
..... Tuesday, December 16, 2014-7:00pm

Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Conneaut Lake
..... Thursday, December 18, 2014-7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua, Cambridge Springs
..... Sunday, December 21, 2014-8:00pm

St. Agatha, Meadville Sunday, December 21, 2014-3:30pm



