

# Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

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Meadville, PA 16335**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 9:00 A.M. and 12:05 P.M.

**NURSERY**

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

**BAPTISMS:**

By appointment after Baptismal program.

**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.

**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*

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*Jamie Longo*

**OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION**

**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

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**ADULT DIRECTOR**

*Colleen Wellington*

**SEND AN EXTRA CHRISTMAS CARD TO:**

**A Recovering American Soldier  
 c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20307-5001**

WORSHIP



Sunday – December 14

2:00 PM Advent Holy Hour @ St. Agatha Church
4:00 PM Advent Penance Service @ OL of L/Cochranon

Monday – December 15

9:00 AM Seton Reconciliation @ St. Agatha
12:05 PM Kitty Hanstine (Family)
Gly Maloney (Shirley Watts)



Tuesday – December 16

7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Ser. @ St. Mary Church

Wednesday – December 17

9:30 AM Seton School Mass @ St. Brigid
12:05 PM Cecelia Franczak (Pat/Carol McHenry)
Dolores Mozina (Ed/Karen Wolf)
1:30 PM Meadville Rehab Mass
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church
7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

Friday – December 19

12:05 PM Jack Hyland (Margaret Dierner)
Elsie Clayton (Bob/Mary Lou Gaughan)

Sunday Masses – December 21

9:00 AM Dot Kennedy Anniversary (Family)
Bob Wattras (Wife, Lou)
Joseph Limber (John/Jean Mottillo)
Joan Butcher (Joe/Sandy Clancy)
12:05 PM People
2:00 PM Advent Holy Hour @ St. Agatha Church
3:30 PM Advent Penance Service @ St. Agatha Church



Table with 2 columns: Day and Readings. Rows include Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with corresponding Bible verses.

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 – December 14

NO R.C.I.A.
10:10-11:40 AM Religious Ed Classes K-11th Grade/
Confirmation Classes/St. Brigid Center
1:00 PM Catholic Daughters Christmas Party/St. Agatha Ctr
1:15 PM Christmas Caroling/meet at St. Brigid Parking Lot

Tuesday – December 16

6:00 PM Seton Scouts/Classrooms
6:30 PM Scouts Troop 209/Church Cleaning

Wednesday – December 17

6:30 Seton Christmas Concert/Seton School
7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 4
7 PM Choir Practice/Church

Thursday – December 18 ~ Soup Kitchen Day

12:15-1 PM Brown Bag Theology/Room 2
LifeLine Screening/Social Hall

Sunday – December 21

Bethlehem Christian Family Olivewood Sale in G.A.
9:30 AM R.C.I.A. / Library
10:10-11:40 AM Religious Ed Classes K-11th Grade/
Confirmation Classes/St. Brigid Center
1 PM Put up Christmas Decorations/ Church

Monday – December 22

7 PM River of Life Prayer Group/Room 4

IN THE HOSPITAL: Mike Buzza, Please remember all those in your prayers.

Table with 2 columns: Support Group Name and Contact Info. Includes Catholic Social Services, Read Program, Hospice Grief Support, Prayer Line, Visitation, Alzheimer's Support Group, and Breast Cancer Support.

**OLIVE WOOD ITEM SALE**

**Next Sunday, Dec. 21st**, our brothers and sisters representing the **Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem** will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. **Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have “something” authentic from the holy land.** Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. See Website: [www.bcfmission.com](http://www.bcfmission.com)



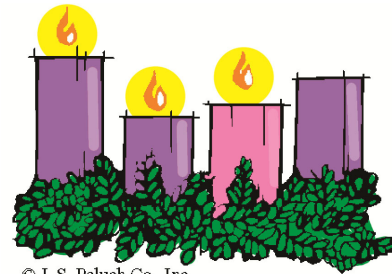
**Volunteers are needed to help clean the church Sanctuary, Sacristy, Shrine Room, Saint Brigid Shrine & cry room in preparation for Christmas.** Bring a bucket, rags & plenty of elbow grease this **Tues., Dec. 16th** at 6:30 PM. Seton Boy Scout Troop 209 & leaders will be assisting in cleaning the church pews & wainscoting.

**Help decorate for Christmas**—please come to the church at 1 PM next Sunday, December 21st. Many volunteers are needed.

**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.



All the parishes really supported the Seton School Pizza Day & St. Brigid was kind enough to purchase the wreaths for decorations. Seton PTO really appreciates the support from our parishes!



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**Soup Kitchen Donations** being accepted. Just mark your envelope for “Soup Kitchen” and deposit it in the collection basket. Donations are greatly appreciated at this time of year.



**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

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- 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, 2014-8:30pm

**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.

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

### Advent: Gifts

In preparation for Christmas a large emphasis is placed on procuring gifts for our loved ones. Or for coworkers. Or business associates. For all those who will expect gifts from us, or to whom we feel obligated. And of course, for those to whom we give out of love. We can open this circle of love a little further and give to those in need. Most parishes have some program through which we can donate to those not fortunate enough to have the surplus so many of us enjoy. This gives us the opportunity to give without expecting a return, but simply for the joy of giving.

The above insert has been prepared by pastoral liturgist and ministry consultant Caroline Thomas for use by everyone who receives this Ministry Resource Update.

#### EVENTS ELSEWHERE

The Families Always Matter campaign is being unveiled between the Oct. 2014 Extraordinary Synod of Bishops and the Oct. 2015 Synod of Bishops. Of course, the international World Meeting of Families will also take place in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Sept. 22-25, followed by Pope Francis' historic visit to the United States. While it will be impossible for most of our own diocesan families to attend, the **Families Always Matter** campaign will make it possible for families to enjoy many resources which can strengthen and encourage.

YOU are invited to visit [www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm) in order to familiarize yourself; parishioners may wish visit it regularly. This site will be updated frequently. Among the highlights, the website includes:

- Monthly catechesis (new topic each month) based on the 10 themes from the Family Catechesis developed for the World Meeting of Families;
- Incentives including monthly giveaways (must register on the website to win); and
- Grand prize contest: top 3 prizes will include: trip to World Meeting of Families for a family; a weekend family getaway to Splash Lagoon water park; a family portrait (w/ sitting fee included);
- Resource guide for “one stop shopping” for family life including prayers, parenting tips, links to websites and other information;
- Guest writers providing short narratives on each theme of the month from the Family Catechesis in easy-to-understand, relatable language; and,
- A Community Resources page to access family-friendly activities around the diocese (ongoing, real-time and updated regularly), with
- A means for persons around the diocese to share upcoming family-friendly activities in their communities for the webpage.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
N-30-14 \$8,244	Last Yr \$9,086	Budget/Wk \$5,927	This YTD \$133,830	Last YTD \$129,025	Budget YTD \$130,394

**Catholic Services Appeal**

Pledged YTD \$53,665	Paid YTD \$55,660	Assessment \$43,919
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**MINISTRIES – DECEMBER 21**

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| <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b><br>9:00 Hess<br>12:05 Corsi   | <b>READERS</b><br>Toner<br>Stewart | <b>GREETERS</b><br>Decker<br><b>Needed</b> |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b><br>9:00 Jastromb/Harry/Kline/LaScola<br>12:05 Sommers/Bisbee/Jindra/ <b>Needed</b> |                                    |  |

**ALL MINISTERS NEEDED** for December 31/January 1 holyday of obligation Masses. Please call the parish office if you can serve (336-4459).

**Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation  
Kindergarten-11th grade**

**Advent Penance Service** ~ Team Faith will be hosting the Advent Penance Service, “*Jesus Lights Our Way*” on **Sunday, Dec. 21 at St. Agatha Church at 3:30pm**. We encourage all families of faith to join us as we will be leading the prayer service and doing our advent service project. We are having a clothing drive to benefit The Clothes Line Store which is an outreach program providing free clothing to those in need. The store is located at St. Mary’s Church and is open twice monthly. ***Please help support us in our efforts by bringing new children’s clothing sizes 3T to Juniors to this event.***

**Knights of Columbus Art Contest** ~ “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest was recently held in grades 7/8. Congratulations to *Isaac Fiely, Paul Leech* and *Abby Mosbacher* for being chosen to move on to the next level. Look for our display soon of all the beautiful posters entered. Outstanding Effort!

**Health In-Servicing** ~ Much appreciation to *Rosemary Jones* for presenting a basic first aid class to our catechists. Thank You!

**Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS**

**Nursing Home Christmas Caroling**

Join us this afternoon (Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>) in bringing some Christmas cheer to parishioners in nursing homes. Please meet at St. Brigid parking lot at 1:15 pm. No try outs necessary!

**At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip:** Today is Gaudate Sunday, which is Latin for “rejoice.” Advent is a season of joyful expectation, and this is a time to focus on the joyfulness part. Set out a few Christmas cookies or do something your family enjoys doing to prepare for Christmas. Remember to thank God for sending His Son.

*Bonus Tip:* The O Antiphons begin this Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Look these up, if you don’t know them, and incorporate them into your family’s dinner prayer.

**Weekly Opportunities:**

- Faith Sharing Bible Study (Sunday Readings)** – Mondays at 6:30 pm, St. Agatha Rectory
- Bible Study (Book of Proverbs)** – Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, St. Brigid Center
- 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”