

Saint Brigid Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thru Age 12 - 9:00 Mass

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

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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.

Todd Sommers
Jamie Sopher
Bill Leffingwell

Martin Dillaman
Annette Lynch
Ryan Landefeld

Connie Brady
Jean Mottillo

WORSHIP

Monday – December 16

11:30 AM Gly Maloney Anniv. (Sue/Larry Guerrieri)
7:00 PM Communal Penance Service @ St. Mary Church

Tuesday – December 17 ~ No Mass

Wednesday – December 18

9:30 AM Seton School Mass @ St. Agatha
11:30 AM John Rocko (Corsi Family)
2:00 PM Meadville Rehab Mass
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church

Thursday – December 19

11:30 AM Jack Hyland (Marge Diesner)

Friday – December 20

11:30 AM Michael Chmura (Lance/Diane Johnson)

Saturday – December 21

11:30 AM Dorothy Guthrie (Jim/Karen Ondo)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ December 21/22

4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel
5:30 PM People of St. Brigid
7:00 AM James & Margaret Duratz (James J. Duratz)
9:00 AM Phyllis Zurovchak (Paul)
3:30 PM Communal Penance Service @ St. Agatha

SYMPATHY: to the family of Elizabeth “Betty” Weber, wife of Donald Weber.

MEMORIAL ...in memory of **Katy Stewart** from Theresa Perrotto; from Mike/Cindy Fiorillo.

READINGS

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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 – December 15

10-11:30 AM Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms
10-11:15 AM Grades 7 & 8 @ St. Brigid Room 7
9-10:15 AM 1st Yr Confirmation @ St. Mary Ctr (Gr. 9)
10-11:15 AM 1st Yr Confirmation @ Seton (Grade 9)
2:00-3:15 2nd Yr Confirmation @ Wesbury
1:30-2:45 3rd Yr Confirmation @ Crawford Cty Care Ctr
7:00 PM R.C.I.A. / Room 4

Tuesday – December 17

6:30 PM Cleaning of the Church
6:00 PM Seton Scouts/Classrooms 7:15 Webelos/Rm 4

Wednesday – December 18

6:30 PM Seton Christmas Concert
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 4
7:00 PM Choir Practice/Church

Thursday – Dec. 19 ~ St. Brigid Day @ Soup Kitchen

9:00 AM Pack Nursing Home Baskets/Social Hall
5:00 PM Boy Scout Leaders Meeting/Room 2

Sunday – December 22


No Religious Education No MACYM Sessions
7:00 PM R.C.I.A. / Room 4

Nursing Home Baskets will be packed at the church social hall this Thursday morning at 9 AM. A couple volunteers are needed. Please call the church if you can help out. 336-4459.

**Parish Office Will Be Closed
Tuesday, December 24th at Noon
December 25, 26 & 27**

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, and because we are at the mid-point of Advent and preparation is half over, the faithful come closer to Christmas so the pink or rose candle is lit. This signifies joy and rejoicing. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His 2nd coming to judge the living and the dead. The evergreens on the wreath signify continuous life.



Advent Holy Hours of Adoration on Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 at St. Agatha Church; they will continue through all the Sundays of Advent.

Now Available: OPLATEK (the unleavened wafers used by many families on Christmas Eve and day) are available for \$1 each. Please stop into the church office to purchase one.



Seton News

CONGRATULATIONS SETON CATHOLIC!
#1 First In Math® school in the Erie Diocese!
TOP 50 in Pennsylvania
out of more than 700 schools !

On average, SETON STUDENTS solved more than 6,000 math problems each!



December 17th & 18th - Book Fair, All proceeds go to the Seton Library

December 18th - Christmas Concert - 6:30pm

December 20th - 1 pm Dismissal

December 23rd - January 3 - No School - Christmas Break...return to school on January 6th

The *Interfaith Coalition to Help the Community of Meadville* is looking for your help. They are sponsoring an “Adopt an Apartment” movement to help wax floor, paint walls, clean, and supply basic living needs (pots, pans, towels, furniture, etc.). They will be working with the Emergency Shelter on South Main St. These efficiency apartments give temporary (30 days) housing to men, women and families displaced due to domestic violence. The shelter will give group tours to those organizations willing to help in order to see what needs to be done and/or if the group can help. If you would like to become part of the Interfaith Coalition, or would like to donate time, supplies or money, please call Charyn Parsons at (814) 795-2014.



Seton School Christmas Concert
 Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Snow date is the 19th—same time and place. Come and enjoy our youth and some Christmas music!

Your Help is Needed! We will be cleaning the church on Tuesday, Dec 17 at 6:30 PM. Boy Scout Troop 209 will be working on the main portion, but “many hands make light work!” So please come and lend your hands to this project. Bring a bucket and rags if you can, and we will have the church looking great for our Christmas services!



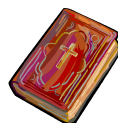
“Follow the Star” Christmas Tour comes to St. Francis Xavier Parish

The popular “Follow the Star” Christmas Tour will come to St. Francis Xavier Parish, 8880 West Main St., McKean, on **Thursday, Dec. 19**, at 7:30 p.m. Featuring Tennessee Back Porch with Chris and Julie Moore, the show will include special guest Sam Hyman and a performance by the General McLane Vocal Ensemble. Tickets are \$10 person and can be purchased from the parish office. For more info call 814-476-7657.



Scrip-Loaves & Fishes Update
 Congratulations to Colton Pointz for again winning the monthly pizza party for most sales during November of \$1,975! Thank you to all who purchased scrip. Due to your patronage \$1,244.44 was raised for our school!

Want easy, 24/7 access to Scripture?
 If you want the Bible at your fingertips, or want to access the daily Scripture readings, just go to **www.usccb.org**. You can find the Catholic Bible, or click on the calendar to bring up the readings for each day. You can also download the **Laudate** app for your phone for Scripture, reflections, and the saint of the day.



3rd Sunday of Advent

Reflecting on God's Word

Joy is different from happiness. Happiness is a transient experience, but joy has more depth to it, more lasting roots. It can be independent of what is going on around us. In John's Gospel, the night before he died, Jesus says to his disciples that he wants his joy to be in them and their joy to be complete (John 15:11). And Paul writes to the Thessalonians: "Rejoice always" (2 Thessalonians 5:16).

Today's readings invite us to think about what brings us joy. Isaiah offers images of a world that will blossom or bloom, flowering into fullness. The prophet gives us wonderful images of dry, parched land suddenly breaking into a colorful display of new and abundant life.

This fullness also results from something being restored that had been lost or that was missing from the start: sight, hearing, being able to sing and leap with joy, health of body and spirit. Such fullness comes from God. It is gift, pure and simple.

God wants us to have this fullness of life, to be sure. It will come with the coming of the Lord. In the meantime, we are to wait patiently, not complaining, but with hearts marked by certitude. We have assurance in that we have already been welcomed into the kingdom at our baptism. The rest is only a matter of time. In speaking of John as more than a prophet, Jesus concludes by saying, "Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11).

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Come join us on a unique **Advent journey into the heart of Christmas!** The final week of *Presence for Christmas* is scheduled for **December 18th at 7:00 pm at Saint George Church in Erie, PA.** Monsignor Richard Mayer, retired pastor of Saint George Parish, will be the homilist and Monsignor William Biebel, retired pastor of Saint Peter Cathedral, will be presiding over the adoration. The night consists of live praise music led by Daniel Cabanillas and the Made2Worship Band, a lay witness, adoration/benediction/exposition, inspirational message led by Msgr. Mayer, and fellowship to follow. Confessions will start at 7:00 pm and last until 8:45 pm. All donations will go towards the #AJOFoundation. For more information please contact Hunter Lytle, Program Coordinator, at 814-460-6389 or hlytlejgs@gmail. Also follow *Presence For Christmas* on Facebook and like us on Twitter! Thank you and God Bless!

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
D-8-13 \$6,453	D-2-12 \$6,876	Budget/Wk \$6,039	This YTD \$119,242	Last YTD \$131,392	Budget YTD \$138,897

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$62,907	Paid YTD \$59,656	Assessment \$37,894
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MINISTRIES – DECEMBER 21/22

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
5:30 Jones	Holzer	Needed
7:00 Corsi	Cihon	Travaglini
9:00 Fiely/Leech	Mizner	Phelps

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS


5:30 Pitetti/Sommers/Wagner/Moffit
7:00 Holzer/Haines
9:00 Higbys/Bisbee/Dillaman

The Pro Life March is Getting Closer!

Call now to get your seat—prepay now and guarantee your spot! Cost is \$28 for adults 18 & older, or \$15 for ages 17 and younger. Family plans are also available. The bus leaves St. Agatha Church on Tuesday, January 21 at 10 PM and returns back about midnight on Wednesday, January 22.

To reserve your seat or make a much appreciated donation, please contact Richard at 724-3148, or Cathy at 333-9819.

Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program, Inc. (CHAPS) is in need of furniture donations. This program that accepts donation of used furniture & then redistributes it at no cost to individuals and families in Crawford County. If you have clean usable furniture to donate, or would like more information, please call Linda Carpenter or Lynn McUmbert at (814) 333-2924.

MEADVILLE PENANCE SERVICES	
Monday, Dec. 16	
7:00 PM @ St. Mary	
Sunday, Dec. 22	
3:30 @ St. Agatha	

RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

Family Advent Penance Celebration ~ Families are asked to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Agatha Church at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 22nd.

The Names of Jesus ~ Immanuel *A virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called Immanuel – which means, “God is with us.” Matthew 1:23* Lord Jesus, you are strong and wise enough to help in every need. I trust you completely, for you are God! Amen.

No classes offered on Sun., Dec. 22 or 29. See you back in class on Sunday, January 5, 2014!

2013 CHRISTMAS SERVICES/MASSES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday (Dec. 15th)	3:00 PM
Penance Celebration at St. Francis Xavier ~ McKean	
Monday (Dec. 16th)	7:00 PM
Penance Celebration at St. Mary	
Penance Celebration at St. Peter ~ Conneautville	
Tuesday (Dec. 17th)	7:00 PM
Penance Celebration at Our Lady of the Lake ~ Edinboro	
Sunday (Dec. 22nd)	3:30 PM
Penance Celebration at St. Agatha	
Penance Celebration at St. Anthony..... 3:00 PM	

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday (Dec. 24th) St. Brigid	7:00 PM
Vigil -- Carols begin at 9:30 P.M. Mass. . . 10:00 PM	
St. Agatha.....	4:30 PM and Midnight
St. Mary.....	5:15 Family Mass and 9:00 PM
Christmas Day (Dec. 25th)	
Christmas Morning St. Brigid	9:00 AM
St. Mary.....	8:00 AM
St. Agatha.....	10:00 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES

Tuesday (Dec. 31st) St. Brigid	5:30 PM
St. Agatha.....	4:30 PM
St. Mary.....	5:15 PM

New Year's Day (Jan. 1)

St. Brigid	7:00 AM & 12:05 PM
St. Agatha.....	9:00 AM
St. Mary.....	9:00 AM