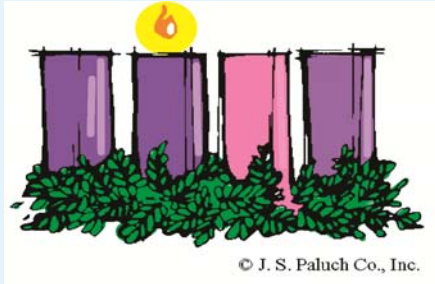


Saint Brigid Parish

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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



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

PASTOR

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt

DEACON

Ken Reisenweber

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Julia Strzalka

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MEADVILLE AREA CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Sandy Clancy

SETON CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Jamie Longo



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

TODAY ~ 11 AM-1 PM

*Seton School Lunchroom
Bring your camera!*

All are welcome ~ free of charge.

WORSHIP

Monday – December 3

11:30 AM Dwayne Jindra (Sue Rusilko)

Tuesday – December 4 ~ No Mass

Wednesday – December 5

9:30 AM Seton School Mass in Church
Mark Nicholson (Nick Luciano)

11:30 AM Bill Johnson (Sandra Bowler)

6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church

Thursday – December 6

11:30 AM Tina Furno Thompson (June Furno, sister)

First Friday – December 7

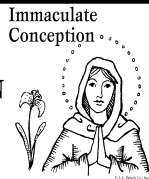
11:00 AM Confessions in Chapel

11:30 AM Mary Palchuck (Tom/Marilyn/Pauline Kindervater)

1:00 PM Hillside Home Communion Service

Friday/Saturday – December 7/8

MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Holyday of Obligation



5:30 PM **Jim Williams** (Wife, Connie)
7:00 AM **People of St. Brigid**
12:05 PM **Mary Lauderman** (Husband, Wayne)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses

4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel
5:30 PM Louise Ingols (Marie Pears)
7:00 AM People of St. Brigid
9:00 AM Tom Collins III (Barbara & family)
1:00 PM Blessing of the Creche @ Diamond Park

IN THE HOSPITAL: Jane Schaffner. Please pray for her.

SYMPATHY: to the family of Dorothy Snyder.

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.: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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 2

10-10:30 Children's Choir Practice/Church
10-11:30 Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms
10-11:15 AM Grades 7 & 8 @ St. Brigid Room 7
9-10:15 AM Grade 9 @ St. Mary Center
1:20-2:30 PM 1st Yr Confirmation @ Wesbury
1:20-2:30 PM 2nd Yr Confirmation @ Crawford Cty Care
7:00 PM RCIA/Room 4

Tuesday – December 4

6 PM Seton Scouts/Classrooms 7:15 Webelos/Rm 4
6 PM Altar Rosary Holiday Dinner/Social Hall

Wednesday – December 5

7 PM Choir Practice/Church
7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 4

Saturday – December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception

6:30 Crawford Cty Cursillo Party/Social Hall
MACYM Overnight Bowling ~ Dec. 8/9

Sunday – December 9

NO MACYM
10-10:30 Children's Choir Practice/Church
10-11:30 Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms
1 PM Blessing of the Creche/Diamond Park
7:00 PM RCIA/Room 4

Monday – December 10

7 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Group/Room 4

Tuesday – December 11

8 AM Lifeline Screening/Social Hall
Noon 55+ Card Club/Room 5
6 PM Seton Scouts/Classrooms 7:15 Webelos/Rm 4

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

Lists of homebound parishioners are available at the parish office.



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.

STEWARDSHIP

Sacrificial Giving

Offering Last Week.....\$5,085

The second collection next week (Retirement Fund for Religious) benefits elderly women and men religious. More than 19,000 religious have less than 20% of the amount needed for projected costs of living and health care. To learn more visit www.retiredreligious.org.

MINISTRIES – DECEMBER 8/9

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
5:30 Needed	Williams	Spinnato/Keppel
7:00 Corsi	Kightlinger	Travaglini
9:00 Hess/Melvin	Toner	Beerbowers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:30 Kightlinger/Smith/Wagner/Sommers
- 7:00 Stimpsons
- 9:00 LaScola/Harry/Reisenweber/Bowden

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.

WASHINGTON DC MARCH FOR LIFE – JAN. 25

Join pro-life friends on a trip of a lifetime! Gather at St. Brigid Church Thurs., 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; Mass at 7:30 AM at the Basilica, then Rally & March on Friday, Jan. 25th. 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.

“THANK YOU!”

Thanks the crew who helped pack Thanksgiving Baskets on November 19: *Mary Holzer, Jim Hickernell, Roy Lippert, Joe Belknap, Pat Moffit, Bill & Dorothy Leffingwell, Ted Jastromb, Shirley & Michelle Morris.*

Special thanks to Mary Holzer for supervising this project and to all who donated food, turkeys and monetary donations. *God bless you!*

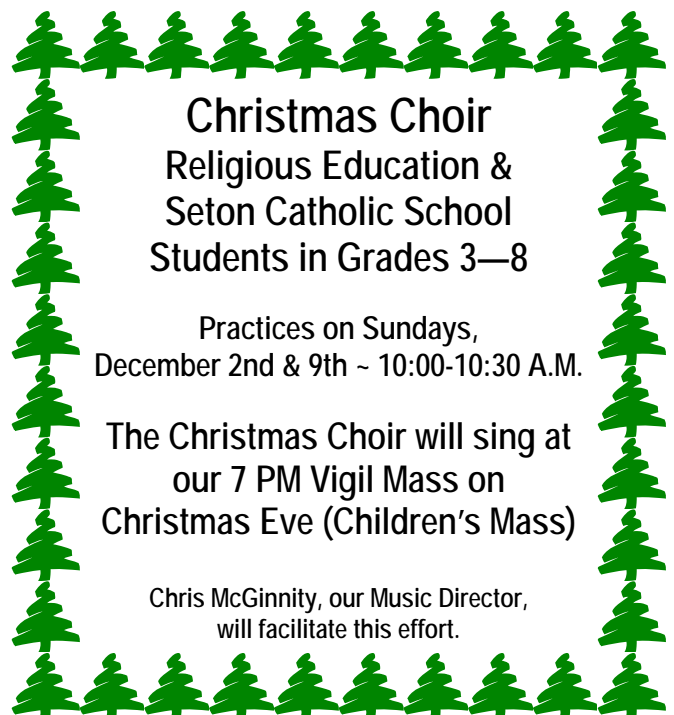


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The blessing of the crèche in Diamond Park will take place on Sunday, December 9th at 1 PM. Fr. Johnathan will preside. The ceremony consists of Scripture reading and meditation, placing Baby Jesus in the manger, the blessing and singing of Christmas 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.



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Christmas Choir
 Religious Education &
 Seton Catholic School
 Students in Grades 3—8

 Practices on Sundays,
 December 2nd & 9th ~ 10:00-10:30 A.M.

 The Christmas Choir will sing at
 our 7 PM Vigil Mass on
 Christmas Eve (Children’s Mass)

 Chris McGinnity, our Music Director,
 will facilitate this effort.

1st Sunday of Advent

Immaculate Conception ~ December 8th ~ Holyday of Obligation

The church in the United States places great emphasis on this feast because it is the patronal feast of the country. Mary, under the title of The Immaculate Conception, is the patron of the United States. For this reason it remains a holy day of obligation even when it occurs on a Saturday or Monday, unless the 8th falls on a Sunday, and the feast transfers to the 9th. In this case, the feast is still celebrated, but the obligation is lifted. It is such an important feast that we sing the Gloria on that day even though it is in the middle of Advent. We can remember to pray for our country in a special way on this feast day to ask Mary for blessings of peace.

Ministry Resource Update.

Advent Color

With the beginning of Advent, the environment in the church changes to violet, or purple. This can be the same violet that is used during Lent, but many parishes choose to use a different, brighter color. Violet became the Advent color when Advent was considered a penitential time of preparation for Christmas. That has changed and Advent is now considered a joyful time of expectation. Still a time of preparation, and a time for spiritual “putting our hearts in order,” but not with the penitential aspect of Lent.

Ministry Resource Update

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

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. **Catholic Charities** 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? Forward suggestions to Fr. Johnathan to add to the survey for Meadville. Please email your suggestions to johnathan.schmolt@stbrigidchurch.org or call the parish office at 336-4459.



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We're Having A Party Come celebrate with us!

NEW YEAR'S EVE ~ DECEMBER 31, 2012

St. Brigid Social Hall
Live DJ Loby Music
9 PM—1 AM \$20 Person

Includes snacks, set ups after Midnight, Kielbasa, Sauerkraut, potato salad, baked beans, hot dogs/buns.

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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. 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.



CD of A Christmas Party will be held this **Wednesday, December 12th** at 6 PM held at Saint Agatha Center. Please bring a baby item or school supply.

Mark your calendars!

Hats, mittens, gloves and scarves!

Our 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 & girls. Place your donations in the box in the gathering area. Your support of this project for the **Sertoma Club** is greatly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

“Jolly Old St. Nicholas Treats” will be found in all the students shoes this morning as they leave them outside their classroom door. The fourth century Bishop Nicholas from Asia gave in secret, never looking for credit or praise. His feast day is December 6th.

Christmas Kids Choir – practice this Sunday & next from 10-10:30 a.m. in church for kids in grades 3-8. They will sing at the 7pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve.

Thank You – for your generosity in giving to our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

“Lord, increase our faith.” Luke 17:1-10 The Ten Commandments help us live a holy life. *The Ninth Commandment is: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. (Respect the goodness of all people!)*

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.

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 Jan. 9th. For information, call Sarah 333-6161.

Christmas Gift Ideas! 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 on your own purchases 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. Certificates also sold at the parish office during the weekdays.

MACYM NEWS

DECEMBER 2, 2012

REGULAR SESSIONS 7TH~8TH~9TH

This 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
1:20-2:30 PM

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

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

CHAPERONES NEEDED

We are in need of adult volunteers to chaperone the Over Night Bowl-A-Thon on December 8th at The Plaza Lanes. Please call Sandy at 333-2274 or 807-1029 if you are able to join us at this fun event.

M.A.C.Y.M. BOWL-A-THON FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM HURRICANE SANDY

M.A.C.Y.M. students are encouraged to attend the OVER NIGHT BOWL-A-THON on December 8th at the Plaza Bowling Lanes. Students may bring a friend. All students attending must have at least \$20 in pledge money (turned in as they enter). There will be no cost for shoes or bowling. Pledge sheets will be handed out, as well as permission forms, at this Sunday's regular sessions and service projects.



A GIFT FROM THE HEART!!

M.A.C.Y.M. is collecting items for the Service Men & 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 also dropped off at the parish offices.

M.A.C.Y.M. FAMILY RECONCILIATION

Sunday, December 16th all M.A.C.Y.M. students are to attend the Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Brigid Parish. There will be NO regular sessions on the 16th.

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

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

SAT., DECEMBER 8TH & SUN. DECEMBER 9TH

- Overnight Bowl-a-Thon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

- No Regular Sessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- No Regular Sessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

- 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