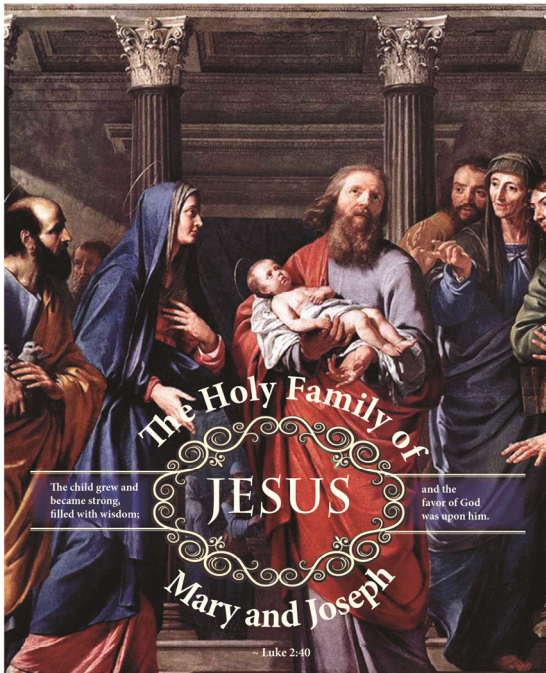


Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

**967 Chancery Lane
Meadville, PA 16335**

DECEMBER 28, 2014



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WQHE 88.3 FM OIL CITY**

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 Facebook page at
www.ErieRCD.org

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 - Thursday8-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 29

12:05 PM Joe & Joyce Newcomb (Sally Kellerman)

Wednesday – December 31

12:05 PM Augie Saggio (June Furno)

Mary, Mother of God Masses
A Holyday of Obligation

December 31, 2014

5:30 PM People of St. Brigid

January 1, 2015

12:05 PM Katy Stewart (Mary Hyland)

First Friday – January 2

11:30 AM Confessions in Chapel

12:05 PM Josephine Roda Anniversary (Lois Curtin)
Helen Smith Anniversary (Estate)

1:00 PM Hillside Home Communion Service

Sunday Masses ~ January 4

9:00 AM Timothy Lynch BD (Joyce Mizner)
Josephine Roda BD (June Furno)
Dan Piccuta (Colleen/Dave Major)

12:05 PM People of St. Brigid

SYMPATHY: to the family of Larndo “Tunie” Hedrick, longtime fire chief.

READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 WEEKEND MASSES

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

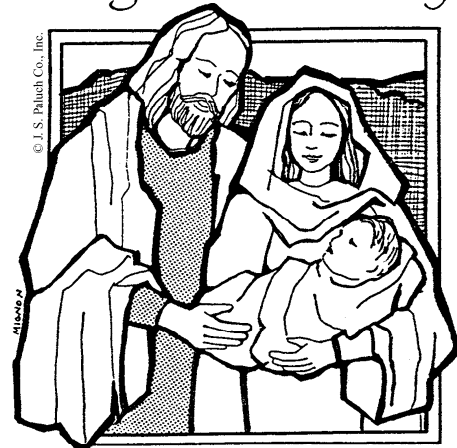
**CHRISTMASTIDE LITURGY
MASSES IN MEADVILLE**

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES
A Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday (Dec. 31st) @ St. Agatha	4:30 P.M.
Wednesday (Dec. 31st) @ St. Brigid	5:30 P.M.
New Year’s Day @ St. Mary Church	9:00 A.M.
New Year’s Day @ St. Brigid Church	12:05 P.M.

Parish Office Closed
December 31 & January 1

The child grew to maturity



and was filled with wisdom

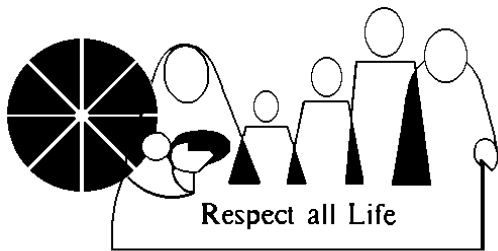
PARISH EVENTS

Sunday – December 28, 2014

NO Religious Ed Classes
NO R.C.I.A.

Sunday – January 4, 2015

10:10-11:40 AM Religious Ed Classes K-11th Grade/
Confirmation Classes/St. Brigid Center
11:45 AM Faith Team Meeting/Social Hall
NO R.C.I.A.



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WASHINGTON DC MARCH FOR LIFE – JAN. 22 Join pro-life friends on a trip of a lifetime! Pilgrims will gather at St. Agatha Church on Wed., January 21, 2015 at 10 PM.

After a prayer service travelers will board a bus to travel through the night arriving in Washington DC, then go downtown for the Rally & March on Thursday, Jan. 22nd. We will return to Meadville late on Thursday.

Cost \$28 adults 18 & over/\$15 children 17 & under. The bus departs St. Agatha parking lot at 10 PM on Jan. 21st.

Call Richard Albaugh 724-3148; Cathy Price 333-9819 or Barb now at 337-7302 to reserve your seat. Donations accepted to help defray costs.

Mail reservations & donations to:
Barb Burkett
6903 Shaffer Rd.
Meadville, PA 16335



NO JANUARY MEETINGS FOR:

St. Brigid Altar Rosary Society (Next meeting February 3rd)

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (Next meeting March 11th)

THANK YOU to Boy Scout Troop 209 who helped clean the main portion of the church on December 16th for Christmas.

Scout members are:

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| Aryan Cotterman | Spencer Schott |
| Shay Redding | Xavier Morfenski |
| David Hilton | Joe Schupp |

Troop leaders are:

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| Ted Jastromb, Jr. | Doug Morfenski |
| Tyson Johnston | Brad Schott |

Thank you to Altar-Rosary members who cleaned the sanctuary, shrine room, sacristy, and cry room.

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| Maxine Holzer | Ruth Yoder |
| Donna Stimpson | Theresa Amato |
| Judy Stewart | |



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The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7 PM @ St. Agatha.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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STUDENT HOUSING NEEDED ~ Jan. 21-24, 2015

The 2015 PA Music Educators Assoc. District & Regional Festival will be in Meadville from January 21-24, 2015. They are looking for host families to house over 200 students. If you can host a student or students, please call John Hess. As his senior project, John is working on finding housing for all students. What is required is picking up your student(s) at MASH on Jan. 21 at 9 PM; Jan. 22 at 9 PM; at the Park Ave. Movie Theater Jan. 23 at 10 PM. Small breakfast on Thurs., Fri. & Sat., snacks for the evenings, and Friday dinner. Call John at (814) 333-6586. The concert will be held at Meadville Area Senior High School (MASH) on Saturday, January 24th.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertery/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
D-7-14 \$12,011	Last Yr \$5,309	Budget/Wk \$5,927	This YTD \$145,841	Last YTD \$134,334	Budget YTD \$136,321

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$53,665	Paid YTD \$57,055	Assessment \$43,919
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Religious Retirement Collection \$2,054

MINISTRIES – JANUARY 4

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
9:00 Jones	Reisenweber	Mizner
12:05 Corsi	Williams	Needed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9:00 Melvin/Dillaman/Buzzas
12:05 Sommers/Lehman/Bisbee/Needed

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

Wishing all families of faith God’s best this Christmas season and in the New Year! ~ May God’s love always bless you . . . His joy always fill you . . . His presence always keep you close to all that is good!

Classes will not be offered this Sunday, December 28th. Faith Formation classes will resume next Sunday, January 4th at 10:10 am.

Team Faith will meet at 11:45 am in the St. Brigid Social Center on January 4th to plan for our upcoming trip to Splash Lagoon.

Sacrament of Confirmation ~ May 7, 2015!

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS

Theology of the Body ~ All are welcome to join us for the next Theology of the Body DVD & Discussion, **Thursday January 8th from 7-8 pm at St. Mary of Grace Parish Center.** We will be exploring the topic, “Resurrection of the Body (Our Destiny).” Snacks and drinks provided.

Theology Distilled ~ Mark your calendar. **Thursday, January 15th at 7 pm at VooDoo Brewery** (upstairs) Fr. Jeff Lucas will be speaking on “Enculturation: Faith as the Leaven for All Life.” This is a great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with other Catholic Young Adults.

***No Bible Study or Brown Bag Theology thru January 1. Merry Christmas!**

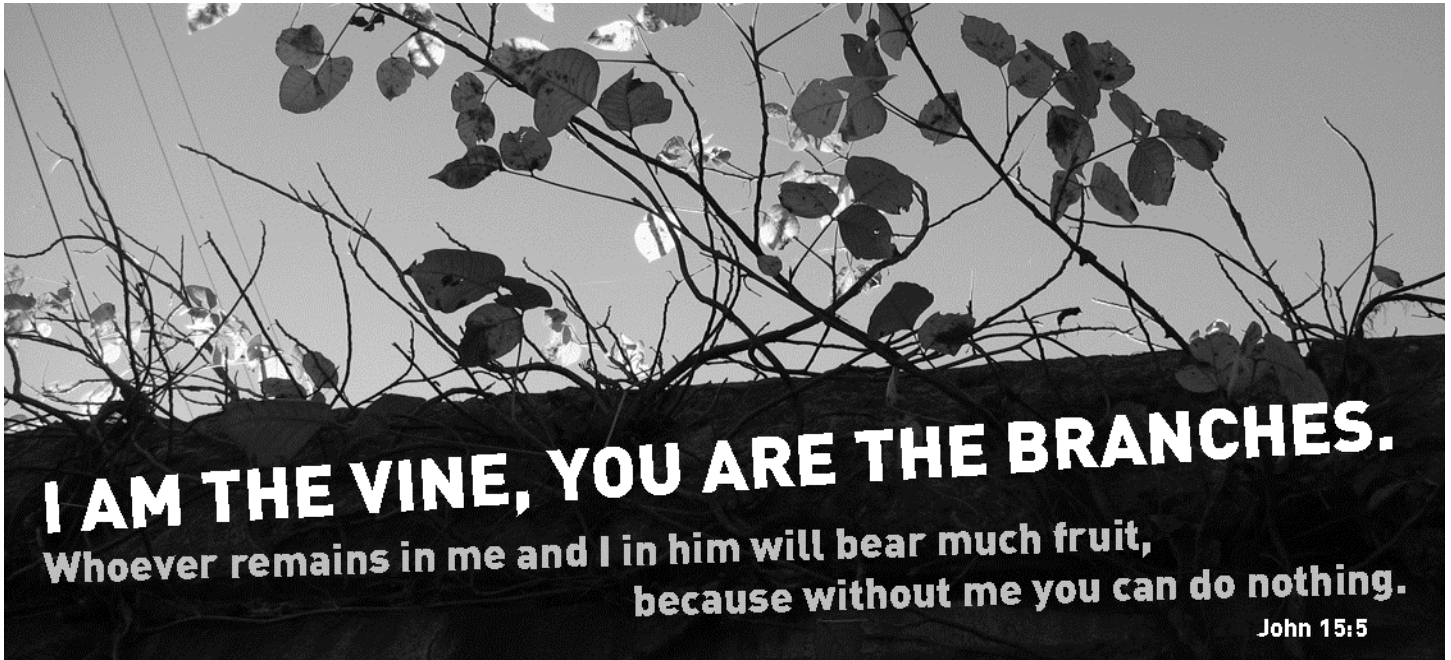
At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: While Holy Mother Church celebrated the Liturgical New Year over a month ago, most of us will be making resolutions according to the Gregorian calendar, Jan 1st. Allow prayer to guide your choice of resolutions, and pick at least one that will directly help you draw closer to Christ. Seek supernatural motives for the rest (e.g. lose weight out of respect for your body as a temple of God).

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”



COME AND GET CONNECTED

DISCOVERING CHRIST

SUNDAYS AT 6 PM FROM FEB 8 TO MAR 29

Please join us at St. Mary of Grace Parish Center for Discovering Christ. Enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series that will begin Sunday, Feb 8, and includes a life-changing retreat on Saturday, March, 14.

For more information or to register online, please visit us at: www.oeff-meadville.org/

This course is designed for you to revitalize your faith or to bring your friends and family who have been away from the church and are open to exploring the meaning of life in Jesus Christ.

Discovering Christ was developed by ChristLife, a Catholic ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

REGISTRATION FORM / DISCOVERING CHRIST COURSE / FEB 8 – MAR 29, 2015 / ST. MARY OF GRACE

NAME(S): _____ **AGE:** _____

NAME(S) & AGE(S) OF CHILDREN (if childcare needed): _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Return this form to the Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation:
967 Chancery Ln. Meadville, PA 16335
or email colleen.wellington@stbrigidchurch.org

