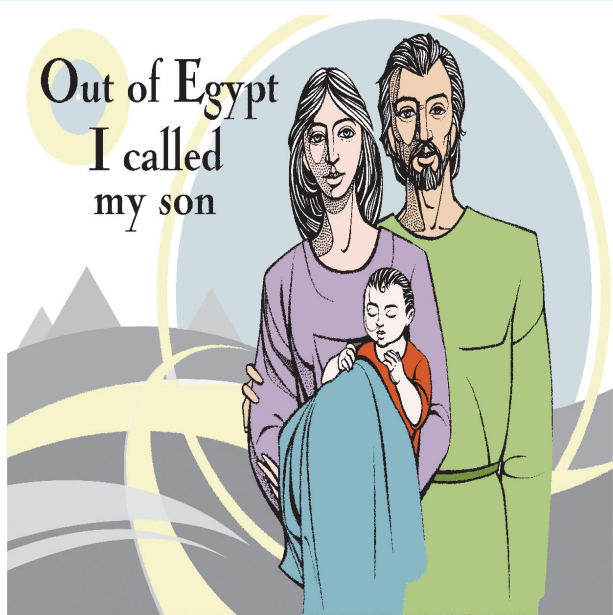


# Saint Brigid Parish

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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

*Christine McGinnity*

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*Cindy Fiorillo*

## 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

Martin Dillaman

Connie Brady

Jamie Sopher

Annette Lynch

Jean Motillo

Bill Leffingwell

Ryan Landefeld

**WORSHIP**

**Monday – December 30 ~ No Mass**

**Tuesday – December 31 ~ No Mass**

**Wednesday – January 1, 2014**

7:00 AM Timothy Lynch BD (Nancy/Patty/Rita)  
 12:05 PM People of St. Brigid  
 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church

**Thursday – January 2**

11:30 AM Josephine Roda Anniv. (Lou Saggio)

**First Friday – January 3**

11:00 AM Confessions in Chapel  
 11:30 AM Bill Davern BD (Joe/Joyce Newcomb)  
 1:00 PM Hillside Home Communion Service

**Saturday – January 4**

11:30 AM Helen Smith (Estate)

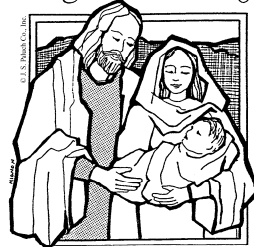
**Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ January 4/5**

4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel  
 5:30 PM Josephine Roda BD (John/Judy Stewart)  
 7:00 AM Barbara Zelasco (Patty/Nancy/Rita/Jean)  
 9:00 AM People of St. Brigid

**Monday – January 6 ~ No Mass**

**Tuesday – January 7 ~ No Mass**

The child  
grew to maturity



and was  
filled with wisdom

<b>READINGS</b>	Monday:	1Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
	Tuesday:	1Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
	Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
	Thursday:	1Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
	Friday:	1Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
	Saturday:	1Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
	Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

<b>SUPPORT</b>	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 29**

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

**Monday – December 30**

7 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Group/Room 4

**Tuesday – December 31**

Noon-3:30 PM 55+ Club/Room 5  
 6 PM Seton Scouts/Classrooms 7:15 Webelos/Rm 4

**Wednesday – January 1**



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**Thursday – January 2**

**Friday – January 3**

**Saturday – January 4**

**Sunday – January 5**

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 1st Yr Confirmation @ St. Mary Ctr (Gr. 9)  
 10-11:15 AM 1st Yr Confirmation @ Seton (Grade 9)  
 10-11:15 AM 2nd Yr Confirmation @ Seton  
 10-11:15 AM 3rd Yr Confirmation @ St. Brigid Center  
 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. / Room 4

**Monday – January 6**

8 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting/St. Mary Center

**Parish Office Closed  
 Tuesday, December 31st at Noon  
 & on January 1, 2014**

Does Joseph have second thoughts about leaving his job, dwelling or possessions when the angel tells him to take the child and Mary and flee to Egypt? What was the only thing that was important to him? How far will you step out of your comfort zone for people? What are some ways you can insure the safety or well being of your brothers and sisters in Christ.



# SETON CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

CREATING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR TOMORROW.



Full or 1/2 Day Program Available for 3 & 4/5 year olds

Hours: 7:30am to 3pm with included after school program from 3pm - 5pm

Special programs with certified content area teachers... art, music, gym & library!

Children of all faiths welcome! Flexible payment plan available

[www.seton-school.com](http://www.seton-school.com)

**Call 336-2320 for more information**

### Joseph

Who loved as his own  
what was not his  
nor could ever be his  
but whom he  
protected  
and watched grow so  
contradiction could  
bloom in mystery  
and scatter blood seed  
to root in despair  
and blossom white  
as his staff of lilies



—J. Janda

The Meadville Deanery Parent Program for **Infant Baptism** will hold its first program on Tuesday, January 7 at St. Agatha. The program is from 6:30—8:30 PM Please call St. Agatha for more information or to register for attendance.



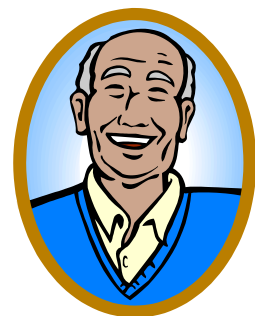
**Many thanks** to all of the people and staff at St. Brigid. You made me feel welcome, and were very kind and accepting of me while I tried to fill Cindy's shoes in the office for a few months. Your kindness and patience was appreciated very much. I will keep you in my prayers. —Mary Hickin

**We are creating anew Parish Directory in 2014.** Your help is needed to complete this worthwhile project. Please considering helping with one of the many areas where we need you. We are in need of greeters, people to contact families and publicize the event, appointment sign ups, and more. Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or the church office if you can help us:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### Reflecting on God's Word

Could any period in history have been more difficult than the one in which we live when it comes to raising children, keeping marriages together, or maintaining ties among adult family members? Our whole culture often seems to be working against us. The Christmas season, especially, magnifies the differences between the values that we Catholic Christians hold and the values of the ordinary world. And not all the stresses are external. Many of our troubles arise from the differences among people within our families. Christmas can also exacerbate those internal tensions. Sometimes we just want to run away and hide from the dual struggle with the bad influences of the world and the strains of family life!

The feast of the Holy Family gives us much needed encouragement. The Gospel story shows Joseph and Mary fleeing to Egypt to keep Jesus safe, and then returning to Nazareth in Galilee to raise him in their Jewish culture. Jesus was protected by his parents from danger of death. Yet they did not keep him sequestered forever. As a child growing up, he lived out his call to holiness while dwelling in the midst of the Galilean Jewish community, with all its positive and negative influences. The readings from Sirach and Colossians illustrate how our own call to holiness can be lived out in our everyday lives. This feast reminds us that in Christ, the divine and the human, the holy and the ordinary have been forever linked. Whether it is in our nuclear family, our extended family, our parish family, the family of Christians, or the human family, today we celebrate the holiness that is to be found within our ordinary human families and communities.

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**A Family Perspective:** Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today to decorate our homes with values that build up, not tear down

### EVENTS ELSEWHERE

#### Natural Family Planning Seminar – Erie

Step over to the NATURAL side of family planning: No chemicals, no side-effects, small investment - lifetime benefits. Natural Family Planning - Give it a try. For more information, call Telcia (724) 400-5756. Classes begin Saturday, Jan. 4th from 3:00 – 5:30 PM in Erie.

#### Sign Interpreted Mass – Sharon, PA

A Sign Interpreted Mass for the Deaf will be held in Sharon on January 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 79 Case Ave. For more information, call 800-374-3723 ext. 257 or email [madamus@eriercd.org](mailto:madamus@eriercd.org) .

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
D-22-13 \$	D-16 -12 \$4,697	Budget/Wk \$6,039	This YTD \$	Last YTD \$143,558	Budget YTD \$150,975

**Catholic Services Appeal**

Pledged YTD \$60,858	Paid YTD \$48,257	Assessment \$37,894
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**MINISTRIES – JANUARY 4/5**

<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> 5:30 Jones 7:00 Corsi 9:00 Harry/Leech	<b>READERS</b> Stewart Haines Toner	<b>GREETERS</b> <b>Needed</b> D/L/S/M Gilmore
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
 5:30 **NEEDED**/McClimans/Wagner/Sommers  
 7:00 Holzer/Chisholm  
 9:00 Blystone/Harry/2 **Needed**

**The Pro Life March is Getting Closer!**

Call now to get your seat—prepay now and guarantee your spot! The 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 there late on Wednesday, January 22.

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

Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program, Inc. (CHAPS) is in need of furniture donations. The Furniture Closet is a program that accepts donation of used furniture and 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.

**RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6**

**Have a Joyous New Year!** ~ No classes offered this Sun., Dec. 29. See you back in class on Sun., Jan. 5, 2014!

*Almighty God, we give you praise, glory and thanksgiving in this Christmas season and throughout the New Year. Amen*

If you need to prepare for **Baptism** for your child, please plan on attending one of the **Meadville Deanery Parent Programs for Infant Baptisms** in 2014. There will be six sessions to choose from in the area. Call the church where you would like to participate and register for your session.

January 7	St. Agatha	336-1112
March 4	St. Mary of Grace	333-6161
May 15	St. Hippolyte (Frenchtown)	789-2022
August 13	Our Lady Queen of the America's	382-7252
October 15	St. Anthony (Cambridge Springs)	398-4234
Nov 4	St. Brigid	336-4459

**NO MACYM CLASSES TODAY.  
Classes will resume next Sunday, Jan. 5th**

You are cordially invited to Seton Catholic's:

Parent Night

Discussing the Virtue of Chastity

Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 pm  
School Cafeteria

Refreshments will be served.

This event is for parents of children in grades 5-8.

We will be discussing the chastity program at Seton and your role as a parent.

Looking forward to seeing you!