

Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

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Meadville, PA 1633**



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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 Lois Curtin
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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.
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

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**TODAY
IN
OUR
GATHERING
AREA**

WORSHIP

Celebration of Saint Brigid of Kildare, Patron Blessing of Throats at all Sunday Masses

Monday – February 2

12:05 PM Janice Solomon Mooney (Adele Hatheway)
12:30 PM Juniper Village Communion Service
7:00 PM Vespers-Benediction @ St. Mary Church

Wednesday – February 4

9:30 AM Seton Mass @ St. Brigid People of St. Brigid
12:05 PM Jozef & Peliga Krolikowski (Ed/Barbara)
12:05 PM Paul Zurovchak (Mary Beth/David Jacobs)
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church
7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

First Friday – February 6

11:30 AM Confessions in Chapel
12:05 PM Theresa Perrotto BD (Altar Rosary Society)
12:05 PM Emmaline Barco Anniversary (Estate)
12:05 PM Paul Zurovchak (Andrea/Walt Peters)
1:00 PM Hillside Home Communion Service
7:00 PM Ultreya

Sunday Masses – February 8

9:00 AM Eric Kline BD (Catholic Daughters)
9:00 AM William Newland (Ray/Pat Traversari)
12:05 PM People of St. Brigid

IN THE HOSPITAL: Laura Gawlinski & Donald Fronce.
Please remember them in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: to the family of **Wanda Cierakowski.**

READINGS

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39

SUPPORT GROUPS

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 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 – February 1 Feast of St. Brigid of Kildare

After all Masses Refreshments in gathering-chapel area

10:10-11:40 AM Religious Ed Classes K-11th Grade/
Confirmation Classes/St. Brigid Center

Tuesday – February 3

6 PM Cub Scouts/Classrooms
6:15 Altar Rosary Valentine's Tureen/Social Hall

Wednesday – February 4

7 PM Choir Practice/Church
7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 2

Thursday – February 5

12:15-1 PM Brown Bag Theology/Room 2

Friday – February 6

7 PM Ultreya / Room 4

Sunday – February 8

10:10-11:40 AM Religious Ed Classes K-11th Grade/
Confirmation Classes/St. Brigid Center

Monday – February 9

6:30 PM 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting/Social Hall
7:00 PM River of Life Prayer Group/Room 4





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS

The next K of C next meeting of Meadville Council 388 on **February 2 at 8 p.m.** at St. Mary Social Hall, 1085 Water St., Meadville.

K of C welcomes you to apply as a potential member of this Catholic organization.



Altar Rosary Society meets on **Tuesday, Feb. 3rd** at 6:15 PM in our social hall for its annual Valentine's Tureen. Meat and beverage will be provided. **Please bring a tureen to share and your place setting.** Members are encouraged to bring a guest to the meeting.

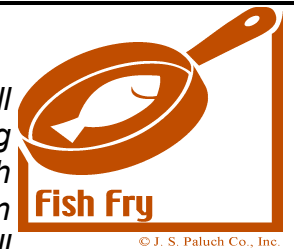
On the weekend of **February 15th**, everyone will have an opportunity to make their gift to the **2015 Catholic Services Appeal**. We would like to see everyone make a gift to support this Appeal. It is when our church joins together to further the mission and ministry of our diocesan church that we truly are witnesses to Christ. Please take the time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give to support the CSA.

MEMORIALS ..in memory of **John A. Mottillo** from John/Theresa Amato; Gerry Kightlinger; Jack & Kevin Keppel; Jim/Kathy Macielak; **Pastor's Fund**in memory of **Joseph Boyle** from Janet Moffit and Maria Lenhart;in memory of **John Mottillo** from Janet Moffit, and Maria Lenhart.

The Pro-Life Bus pilgrims, organizers and leaders would like to thank all the individuals, groups, and organizations that made it possible to travel to Washington D.C. to support the Pro-Life March on January 22nd. May God bless all of you and thanks again for your prayers and support.

VOLUNTEERS

Lenten Fish Dinners will be held Fridays beginning February 20th thru March 27th from 4:30-6:30 PM in our social hall. We will need many volunteers (ages 15 and older on-ly) for this important parish function. Please sign up on the poster located in the gathering area or call the parish 336-4459.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND OF JERUSALEM with Fr. Rich Toohey November 9 -19; it is time to reserve your place. A faith enriching experience, visit all but one of the mysteries of the rosary & walk through the land of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. Space is limited. Visit www.pilgrimages.com/frtoohey. Questions? Call Diane Horneman at 336-6541.



For some Irish, February 1st is a special day! **Saint Brigid Day** marks beginning of a new year as one ethnic group embraces the new year. That date marks St. Brigid Day, the "New Year" holiday observed by the Irish. St. Brigid, also known as Mary of the Gael, lived in a town of Kildare, near Dublin, between the 5th and 6th centuries. St. Brigid's name means fiery arrow and she is the patron saint of cattle and dairy work.

She founded the Abbey of Kildare. It is said she traveled the countryside blessing households with her white, red-eared cow. It is said she was so beautiful she attracted all the men in the town of Kildare; however, she was only interested in doing God's work.

The Irish made Saint Brigid Crosses which were hung in the roofs or above the doors. A silk ribbon was left out for the saint to bless and used to cure illnesses. Through Saint Brigid of Kildare, many miracles met the spiritual and physical needs of many.

We can be sure that she was a remarkable person.

4th Sunday of the Year

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Oil of the Sick, usually labeled OI (for Oleum Infirmarum), is often reserved with chrism and the oil of catechumens in an ambry. An ambry is a cabinet, often beautifully ornamented and kept near the baptistery in the church. Olive oil, with no fragrance added, is blessed at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week by the bishop, although there is now a provision for a priest to bless oil if none is available. This restores to our Latin Rite practice a tradition never lost in the Eastern tradition, in which priests consecrate the oil of the sick, even at the sick person's home. Any vegetable oil may be used now, since olive oil is difficult to obtain in some places. Many priests keep a small supply of oil close at hand in a small metal tube called a "stock."

In the former rite, every sense of the body was anointed, accompanied by a prayer for forgiveness of sin. So, the eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, hands, and feet were all touched. Today, this is simplified to an anointing of the forehead and the hands, but generally today the oil is used more lavishly, and the symbolism of touch so central to the rite is enhanced. Often, a priest will invite everyone present to join in the "laying on of hands." Sick persons are often pushed aside or feared in our culture, and to be reverently touched in love can be a profound experience of God's healing, forgiving, accepting presence through the ministry of the Church.

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**Happy 100th
Birthday
Nina L. King
Feb. 8th**



EVENTS ELSEWHERE

St. Joseph School's annual **Lenten Fish/Shrimp/Crab Leg dinners**; Route 66, Lucinda; every Friday during Lent (February 20 – April 3). Dinners are served from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and include choice of fish (baked, or fried), shrimp, or crab legs; choice of side (fries, baked potato, macaroni and cheese); coleslaw, roll, dessert, and drink. Adult fish and shrimp meals are \$8.25; child - \$5.00; and preschool children eat free with a purchased adult meal. All crab leg dinners are \$14.00. Meals are also available for takeout.

**Cards may be sent to: 490 Manor Ave.,
Apt. 113, Downingtown, PA 19335-2592.**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids: Place the computer in a well-trafficked area in the home where the whole family can use it. While this practice can help with younger children, parents need to realize that children today access the Internet in many ways: school, library, coffee shop, work or a friend's house. Devices such as cell phones, smart phones, consoles like Xbox and Play Station enable them to go online almost anywhere. Be aware of any other computers your child may be using. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
1-18-15	Last Yr	Budget/Wk	This YTD	Last YTD	Budget YTD
\$5,570	\$4,270	\$5,927	\$184,617	\$174,482	\$177,810

MINISTRIES – FEBRUARY 8

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
9:00 Fiely/Leech/Frank	Lehman	Needed
12:05 Sommers	Sommers	Needed
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
9:00 Bowden/Harry/Higbys		
12:05 Lehman/Williams/Jindra		

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

Super Bowl Collection ~ This weekend students will be collecting before and after masses to support the WiNS Project, Inc. (Weekend Nutrition for Students) outreach program. This local organization provides backpacks filled with food to school children. Please help us “feed the hungry.” Thanks!

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting ~ Second grade parents will meet at the St. Brigid Social Center on **Monday, February 9 at 6:30 pm.** Fr. Matt will be speaking on the sacrament of Reconciliation. Those who would like to help with the Reconciliation Retreat will gather for a brief meeting afterwards. Refreshments will be provided.

February 2015 Cursillo Events ~ The next Women’s Cursillo weekend will be held at OL of Mercy, Harborcreek, Women’s #238, **February 12-15.** Ladies, God is calling you to follow Him! Please consider taking a few days out of your busy schedules and say “YES” to the Lord and make this Cursillo Weekend. You will be happy you said “YES” to the Lord.

Our next **Ultreya will be held on Friday, February 6th** at St. Brigid in Meadville at 7 PM. Please come and join us for Mass at 7 PM followed by food and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share with all. Our next **Holy Hour will be held on Saturday, February 14th at 7 PM** at St. Brigid Parish. For more information, contact Jim/Wendy Hess at 814-333-6586.

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS

Discovering Christ ~ All who are registered for Discovering Christ, don’t forget our kickoff session is next **Sunday, February 8th at 6 pm** at St. Mary of Grace.

Theology of the Body ~ Join us for our next session of the Theology of the Body, “Celibacy for the Kingdom,” **Thursday February 12th 7-8 pm** at St. Mary of Grace Parish Center.

Theology Distilled ~ Mark your calendar for our next Theology Distilled, **Thursday, Feb. 19th at 7 pm** at VooDoo Brewery. Dr. Aaron Kerr will be speaking - Dr. Kerr was the Methodist Campus Minister at Allegheny prior to his conversion, and now teaches philosophy at Gannon University.

At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: Besides being Groundhog Day, tomorrow is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and the unofficial end of Christmas. For those still enjoying the tree, it’s time for it to come down. But it would be fitting to celebrate with one last carol or chocolate, as we give thanks once more for gift of the Incarnation. Easter is the greatest liturgical celebration, but it wouldn’t be possible without Christmas.

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