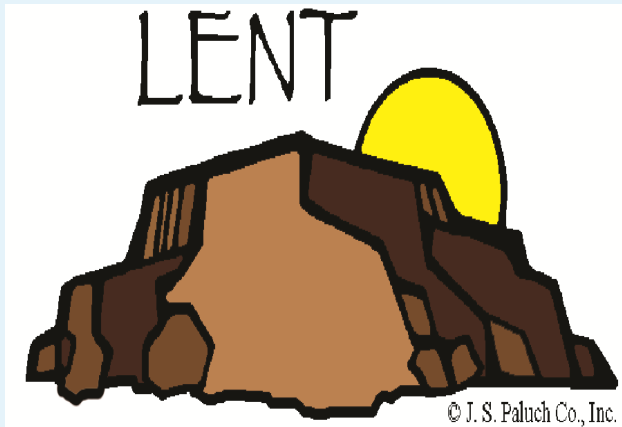


Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

**967 Chancery Lane
Meadville, PA 16335**



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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

DEACON

Ken Reisenweber

SETON PRINCIPAL

Julia Strzalka

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Christine McGinnity

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Cindy Fiorillo

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 – February 23

12:05 PM Ben Miceli (Norm/Marie LaBruzzo)

12:05 PM Marguerite McTighe & Margaret
(Mary Michaels)

Wednesday – February 25

NO DAILY MASS

6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church

7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

Friday – February 27

12:05 PM Dolores Mozina Anniv. (Leigh)

12:05 PM Ada Phelan (Family)

4:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Sunday Masses – March 1

9:00 AM Elizabeth Amato Anniversary
(John/Theresa)

9:00 AM Bob Wattras (Wife, Lou)

9:00 AM Dan Morfenski (Ed/Barbara)

12:05 PM People of St. Brigid

IN THE HOSPITAL: Janet Manuel. Please remember all the sick and injured in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: to the family of **Margie Bliscik.**

READINGS

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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 22

9:30 AM RCIA / Chapel

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

6-8:30 PM Discovering Christ/St. Mary Center

Monday – February 23

7 PM River of Life Prayer Group/Room 4

Tuesday – February 24

7:15 PM Natural Family Planning/Room 5

Wednesday – February 25

7 PM Choir Practice/Church

7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 2

Thursday – February 26

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

Friday – February 27 (Abstain from meat)

4:30-6:30 PM Fish Dinners/Social Hall

Sunday – March 1

9:30 AM RCIA / Chapel

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

11:45 AM Faith Team Meeting/Social Hall

6-8:30 PM Discovering Christ/St. Mary Center

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
THROUGHOUT LENT**

Wednesdays 7 PM St. Agatha Church

Fridays 4 PM St. Brigid Church

Fridays 7 PM St. Mary of Grace

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Altar & Rosary Society

Ladies, come join the Altar Rosary Society at Noon on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. A light lunch prepared by the committee will be served promptly at Noon, followed by a presentation of "Help at Home Program" offered by Wesbury with speaker Holly Chatman. Hope to see you there! No reservations required.

As a reminder, there are no daily Masses on Tuesdays.

BAPTISMS

2015 PARENT BAPTISM PROGRAM next session will be on **Tuesday, March 3rd** in one session from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Mary Center, 1085 Water Street, Meadville.

Parents preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend one session. Godparents are also welcome to attend. For reservations, call 333-6161. A certificate of attendance will be given to you so that you may present it to the priest baptizing your child.



Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale ~ May 20, 21 & 22

We are accepting donations of furniture, clothing, books, household items, toys... Due to new regulations we **cannot** accept electronics, tv's, computers or refrigerators & ranges. Any questions, call Kathy at 336-5879.

St. Patrick's Card Party

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The Altar Rosary Society will once again sponsor the annual Saint Patrick's Day Card Party on **Wed., March 18** from 6:30-9:30 PM in our social hall. Doors open at 6 PM.



We are asking the entire parish community to support this project by purchasing card party tickets and/or raffle tickets. Tickets will be distributed after Masses on March 1.



TRADITIONAL LENTEN PRACTICES

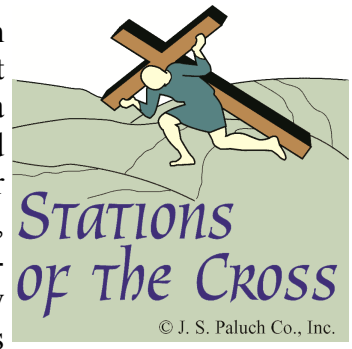
The following are directions from Bishop Persico concerning traditional practices.

PRAYER, FASTING, & ALMSGIVING and other forms of self-denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FRIDAYS IN LENT and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **abstinence** from meat for those 14 years of age and older.

GOOD FRIDAY (April 3) are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(Those bound by the law of fasting may take 1 full meal; two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids incl. milk & fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*

Plan to come to church on Lenten Fridays at 4:00 P.M. This is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish, through prayer and reflection, to follow Jesus Christ on his way to Calvary. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus.



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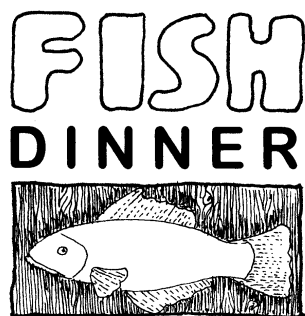
1st Sunday of Lent

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

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Lenten Fish Dinners continue in our social hall Fridays 4:30-6:30. Dinners: \$8 Icelandic Haddock Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw/Applesauce, Bread, Beverage/Children \$4 Macaroni & Cheese or Grilled Cheese/\$1.50 Ice Cream Bar (dish/ cone).

Come and enjoy a delicious Lenten dinner. We will need volunteers for clean up at 6:30 PM on Friday. Come and help out!

Friday Dinners thru March 27th.

Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a way for couples to recognize the signs of fertility and infertility. Through a shared responsibility, couples use this knowledge to either plan or postpone pregnancy. NFP is NOT the rhythm method. NFP focuses on each individual woman's specific physical signs of fertility and is 98% effective in spacing or limiting children.

Many couples have found that after they learn about the beauty of their sexuality and the blessing of married love their relationship is strengthened.

- NFP classes are available throughout the Erie Diocese which encompasses northwestern Pennsylvania.
- Attendance as a couple is encouraged. • Each Class series is comprised of three two-hour sessions.

St. Brigid Center 7:15-8:30 PM

Tuesdays: Feb 24, Mar 17, Apr 7

Instructors: Peter & Mary Burkett

Call to register: (814) 232-0521

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
2-8-15 \$6,833	Last Yr \$5,419	Budget/Wk \$5,927	This YTD \$202,099	Last YTD \$191,021	Budget YTD \$195,591

MINISTRIES – MARCH 1

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| ALTAR SERVERS | READERS | GREETERS |
| 9:00 Fiely/Leech/Frank | Toner | Mizner |
| 12:05 Corsis | Corsi | Needed |
- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
 9:00 Reisenweber/Bowden/2 **Needed**
 12:05 Sommers/Lehman/Bisbee

LENTEN ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays	2-3 PM	St. Agatha
Tuesdays	8:30-9:30 AM	St. Agatha
Wednesdays	6-7 PM	St. Brigid
Mon., Mar. 9	8 AM-7 PM	St. Mary

“Day of Prayer”

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

First Reconciliation Retreat ~ Thank you to all those involved that made our recent “Jesus is the Good Shepherd” second grade retreat a wonderful spiritual success! Please continue to pray for our students as they prepare to celebrate their First Reconciliation on **Saturday, March 7.**

WiNS Project ~ A letter of gratitude has been received thanking all parishes for their contribution during the recent Super Bowl Sunday collection. *The generous gift of money will provide ongoing meals to local school children who may otherwise go without.* Much appreciation to all who helped collect and donate to this worthy cause.

Team Faith ~ youth group students will meet on **Sunday, March 1 at 11:45 am** in the St. Brigid social center. We will discuss upcoming events and enjoy a pizza lunch together. Hope to see you there!

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS

Family Fun Night

Join us for a St. Patrick’s Day themed family fun night **Monday, March 16th 6:30-8:30pm** at St. Brigid Parish social hall. There will be movies, snacks, and games for adults and children. Please bring a snack to share. All are welcome.

At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: Be intentional about these 40 days of Lent. Don’t let the time pass you by. If you haven’t chosen to do something yet, it’s not too late – start today. Besides your private practices, the Church offers several opportunities such as Adoration times, Stations of the Cross, penance services, and fish dinners. Don’t like fish? Great – it will serve it’s purpose!

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Adults: “Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation – Meadville, PA”