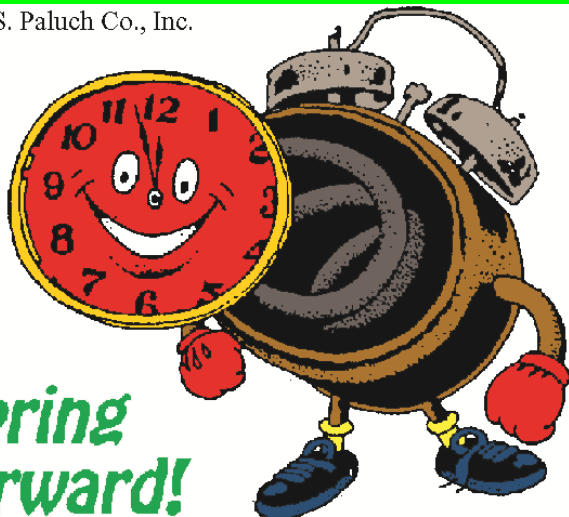


Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

**967 Chancery Lane
Meadville, PA 16335**

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**Spring
forward!**

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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WMIH 89.5 FM IN NW PA &
WQHE 88.3 FM OIL CITY**

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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 – March 2

12:05 PM John A. Mottillo (Carolyn Melby)
12:05 PM Cecelia Franczak (Fred/Joan Bloom)
12:30 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Wednesday – March 4

9:30 AM Seton School Mass @ St. Brigid
12:05 PM Ken Kightlinger BD (Lois Curtin)
12:05 PM Patricia Chisholm (George/Susan Trucco)
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church
7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

First Friday – March 6

11:30 AM Confessions in Chapel
12:05 PM Ben Miceli Anniv. (George/Susan Trucco)
1:00 PM Hillside Home Communion Service
4:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday – March 7

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

10:00 AM St. Agatha Students @ St. Agatha Church
11:30 AM St. Brigid Students @ St. Brigid Church
1:00 PM St. Mary Students @ St. Mary Church

Sunday Masses – March 8

9:00 AM Giacomo & Giocoma & Frances Barco
(Estate)
9:00 AM Cecelia Franczak
(David Glover & Senior Citizen Assn.)
12:05 PM Henry Vernier (Angie Adams)
12:05 PM Joan & Joe Boyle (Theresa Morfenski)

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 – 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

Monday – March 2

8 PM Knights of Columbus/St. Mary Center

Tuesday – March 3

Noon Altar Rosary Light Lunch & Meeting/Social Hall
6 PM Cub Scouts/Classrooms
6:30-8:30 PM Parent Baptism Class @ St. Mary Center

Wednesday – March 4

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

Thursday – March 5

12:15 Brown Bag Theology/Room 2

Friday – February 20 (Abstain from meat)

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

Sunday – March 8

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 – March 9

7 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Group/Room 4

READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; 1 Cor
1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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

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St. Patrick's Card Party

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

Returns may be placed in the collection basket at Mass, or mailed to Theresa Amato, 407 Cole Dr., Meadville. Additional tickets may be purchased that night at the door. (Please make checks payable to St. Brigid Altar Rosary Society.)

The members of the AR Society may bring their salads between 4:00 & 5:00 PM on March 18th. **The AR Society would appreciate assistance from any parishioner who is able to also bring a salad to the social hall between 4:00 & 5:00 PM on March 18th.** Please remember to clearly mark your dish or use a disposable dish for your salad. Thank you.

Lenten Fish Dinners continue in our social hall Fridays 4:30-6:30. Dinners: \$8 Icelandic Haddock Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw/Apple sauce, 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. Come and help out! Dinners thru March 27th.

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Altar & Rosary Society

MEETING MARCH 3RD @ NOON at St. Brigid Social Hall. Guest Speaker is Holly Chatman, Administrative Assistant at Wesbury for the "Help at Home Program". Holly will talk about the various programs being offered by Wesbury to assist individuals who want to live at home rather than going to a nursing home. Plan to come!

Cursillo

Cursillistas: **Crawford County Cursillo Day of Reflection** ~ A Retreat Day with Adoration will be held on **Sunday, March 16th** at Saint Hippolyte Church from Noon until 5 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please rsvp by March 12 to Jim/Wendy Hess at 333-6586.

Ultreya on **Friday, March 13th** in Meadville @ St. Mary Parish Center 7 PM, then Mass @ 7:30, returning to the center for food and fellowship. Please bring a dessert or snack to share with all.

Holy Hour will be held **Saturday, March 21st** at 7 PM at St. Mary Church, Meadville.

Men's Cursillo weekend #233 held on **March 19-22** at OL of Mercy, Harborcreek. God is calling you to follow HIM! Men, please consider taking a couple of days and answer God's call to follow him. Call Jim/Wendy Hess at 333-6586.

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. Godparents are welcome. For reservations, call 333-6161.

2nd Sunday of Lent

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Within the tradition of the Christian church, there are differing ways of observing a Lenten fast. For Eastern Catholics and Orthodox, the discipline is close to our understanding of “abstinence.” Certain foods are eliminated from the diet entirely. The rules are basically monastic rules, and the customs of a monastery table are embraced in the home. This year, “Meatfare Sunday” is February 26, and it is the last time that meat is admitted to the diet until Easter. The following Sunday, known as “Cheesefare Sunday,” takes cheese and all dairy products from the table. It is also known as “forgiveness Sunday” because a true fast is about crowning life with love, holding back harsh words, and cutting off anger.

The Eastern churches fast even from celebrating the Eucharist from Monday through Friday. We don’t count Sundays as fast days, but Eastern Christians fast through the weekends. People are expected to come as close to the ideal as possible, and the Lenten services keep reminding them not to take pride in their fasting, since the devil himself never eats! What’s left on the menu? Grains, vegetables, eggs (maybe), and fish. Imagine the joys of the Easter table after such a fast!

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

The Meadville Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is preparing free 2014 Federal, State, and Local tax returns for residents. If you have trouble filing your taxes, have not filed taxes, or have tax questions, then VITA can help. In 2014, Meadville VITA prepared and filed federal and state tax returns for about 780 Meadville area families, and we are work with even more clients this tax year.

VITA is a FREE tax preparation service available for Meadville or Crawford County residents who made \$50,000 or less in 2014. The VITA site is located at the Meadville Public Library (848 N. Main) **now thru March 12, and March 23 to April 11**. The site will be open for appointments or walk-ins on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 12:30 – 5 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 – 7 pm, and Saturdays 12 – 4 pm. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Meadville VITA at vita@allegheny.edu or by phone at 814 332 6015.

Meadville VITA program is a partnership between Allegheny College, the United Way of W. Crawford Cty, Meadville Public Library, & the IRS, & is supported by the Crawford Heritage Foundation. VITA uses IRS trained Volunteers that can help with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. Contact us at vita@allegheny.edu.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids: Chat rooms can be a treacherous place and parents need to talk to their children about the potential dangers. Children ‘meet’ new friends virtually but in the virtual world you never really know who you are talking to. Sometimes these ‘friends’ are adults trying to gain the friendship and trust of children and youth. Continual monitoring of children’s participation in chat rooms is required to keep children safe! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

MINISTRIES – MARCH 8

ALTAR SERVERS

9:00 Harry/Leech
12:05 Sommers

READERS

Holzer
Sommers

GREETERS

Amato
Needed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9:00 Dillaman/Harry/Higbys
12:05 Williams/Bisbee/Jindra

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation Kindergarten-11th Grade

First Reconciliation ~ will be celebrated Sat. Mar. 7 at St. Agatha at 10:00 am, St. Brigid at 11:30 am, St. Mary of Grace at 1:00 pm. Families are asked to please meet at their parish church for a brief Penance Service followed by individual confessions. We will conclude with a light reception in the social center. Beverages and cookies will be available to enjoy from the parish. Please provide your families favorite snack or treat to share.

Team Faith ~ youth group students will meet on Sun. Mar. 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 Center. There will be movies, snacks, and games for adults and children. Please bring a snack to share. All are welcome.

Theology of the Body ~ The next session of Theology of the Body will be held Thursday, March 12th 7-8pm at St. Mary of Grace Parish Center. This month's topic is "Marriage as a Sacrament." Refreshments provided.

Brown Bag Theology ~ There will be no brown bag theology this Thursday, March 5th due to a scheduling conflict. We will resume March 12th.

At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: Friday March 6th is world day of prayer, an ecumenical multi-cultural initiative to bring people together in prayer and service to the underprivileged. Join your prayers and actions with countless others around the world.

Join us on Facebook:

Young Adults: "Catholic Young Adults (CYA) – Meadville"
Adults: "Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation – Meadville, PA"

OPEN HOUSE

SETON OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 12th ~ 5:30-7:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Call Pat @ (814) 336-1112 for an appointment.

Please bring:

Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Baptismal Certificate if applicable & Immunization Records

Registration is open for students Pre—8th Grade

All Faiths Welcome

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