

Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

**967 Chancery Lane
Meadville, PA 16335**



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Wed., May 20th, 9 AM—5 PM
Thurs, May 21st 9 AM—5 PM
Fri., May 22nd 9 AM—Noon Bag Day

Drop off items at social hall or call the parish office at 336-4459. Please try to have items at church **before May 18th.**

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.

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

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WORSHIP

Monday – April 27

12:05 PM Mark Nicholson (Angela Smolinski)

Wednesday – April 29

9:30 AM Seton School Mass @ St. Brigid
 12:05 PM John A. Mottillo (Vince/Linda Pendolino)
 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction
 7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

First Friday – May 1

11:30 AM Confessions in Chapel
 12:05 PM 50th Wedding Anniv for Tony/Nancy Drago
 Elsie Clayton (Mike Swick)
 Jack Hyland (Wife, Mary)
 1:00 PM Hillside Home Communion Service

Sunday Masses – May 3

9:00 AM Theresa Perrotto (Lou Wattras)
 Helene Barco Duratz (Estate)
 Katy Stewart (Al/Trina Oldakowski)
12:05 PM Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion
 Edna Gilmore (Family)

Monday – May 4

8:30 AM Prayer & Benediction for Vocations *at St. Mary Church* until 7 PM
 12:05 PM Theresa Perrotto Anniv. (Amato family)
 12:30 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Tuesday – May 5

1:00 PM Seton May Crowning @ St. Agatha Church
6:30 PM Annual May Crowning @ Saint Brigid

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday – April 26

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

Monday– April 27

7 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Group/Room 4

Wednesday – April 29

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

Thursday – April 30

12:15 PM Brown Bag Theology / Room 2
 6:30 PM Summer Parish Activity Committee/Room 4

Saturday – May 2

10 AM 1st Communion Practice / Church

Catholic Homeschool Conference ~ June 4th

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Buffalo Homeschool Conference will be held at the Millennium Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Ave in Cheeektowaga on Thursday, June 4th Noon-6 PM. Confirmed speakers include: Colleen Hammond, Nick Marmalejo, Amy Kalscheur & Dorothy Pilarski! Admission free, registration not required. For more info call (540) 636-1946 or visit www.ihmconference.org, email: info@ihmconference.org.

READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24;
 Jn 15:1-8

SUPPORT

800-315-5721 Crisis Line
 335-5551 Catholic Social Services
 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
 Suicide Supt 2nd Wed. 6:30 PM @ Unitarian Church



SYMPATHY: to the family of **Dorothy Dragosavac**; to the family of **Albert R. Lohiser**.

The **Respect Life Crib** (located in the gathering area or otherwise in the nursery) is for donations of infant & young children's items, as well as maternity clothing. New or like new donations are appreciated. Please place your donations in the crib during the month of May. (Only brand new car seat donations allowed by law.)



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St. Brigid Altar Rosary Society is hosting a May Crowning in the church on **Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 PM.** All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Following the ceremony, the Altar Rosary is sponsoring a dinner in our social hall. The menu includes Pot Roast, salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread/butter, dessert & beverage Adults \$10; Ages 10 & under \$8.

All dinners must be pre-paid. **Tickets will be sold today** in the gathering area. All parishioners (men & women) are welcome to attend. The meal will be catered by the Downtown Bistro.



April 26, 2015

St. Brigid Pastor's Fund purchases food and other necessities for the needy. Monetary donations, as well as food donations are accepted. Many people continue to be helped. God bless you!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for Allegheny College bound parishioners. Fr. John J. Cannon Scholarship Fund was created by Fr. Cannon to assist Allegheny freshman students. Preference is given to applicants from Saint Brigid parish. All applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from Fr. Johnathan. Please call the parish office for more information at 336-4459.

SHOE DRIVE ~ Clean out your closet for a good cause. There is a shoe drive going on as a fundraiser to help "The Adoption of Julius." A container is in the gathering area to put your gently worn shoes. Please tie pairs together with the laces or band together with rubber bands (No Tape, please). All kinds/styles of gently worn shoes, boots being accepted. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAGS

Would you like to purchase a Knights of Columbus grave-marker flag to place at the cemetery site of a departed K of C member? Cost for a flag is \$6.50.



To purchase a flag, write a check to Knights of Columbus and place it in the collection basket at any Mass before the end of May. Along with the check, write the name of the deceased member, and your name and phone number, and if you wish for us to put it on the grave.

A Knights of Columbus #388 member will place the flag if gravesite information is provided, or the flag can be given to the family member purchasing the flag.

The K of C flags are the same size and shape as the small American flags placed on veterans' graves. The K of C flags are an impressive glossy white, with a royal-blue K of C emblem, on a sturdy wooden pole - a very eye-catching and beautiful tribute to your loved one.

April 30th Planning Meeting

Summertime will soon be here so we are planning a meeting for **Thursday, April 30th** at 6:30 PM held in Room 4 of our center for everyone interested in bringing ideas for a summertime event, such as a parish picnic.....



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If you cannot attend, but have ideas you can e-mail: akbisbee@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there. Let's plan some fun!

4th Sunday of Easter ~ Good Shepherd Sunday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many of our customs surrounding critical illness come from antiquity, and yet attitudes have certainly changed. Death was an all-too-familiar presence then, and people tended to see it as a natural and unavoidable part of life, not a personal catastrophe. People tried to review their lives, settle their affairs, say farewell to their dear ones, and welcome the deathbed vigils and prayers that assured them of God's love and forgiveness. What people most feared was sudden death. It was dreaded and never discussed.

The faithful filled the catacombs with consoling images of the good shepherd carrying the sheep to safe pasture, or the faithful in glory seated at banquet tables. The prayer texts from the time are consoling and positive, and many inspired our modern prayers. The care of the dying flowed directly from Roman pagan practice; it was home-based and family-centered. Pagans didn't especially fear death, but they were terrified by the dead. Christians, on the other hand, consoled their sick with psalms of joy and faith in the Resurrection. The goal was to assure the sick person of God's love, and that the ties that bind the dead and the living would endure.

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Today we listen to the words of the Lord as he refers to himself as the "good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep." It is sometimes so difficult for us to grasp the reality that anyone would lay down his or her own life for the sake of someone else. This is especially true in a society that places high value on power and personal advancement, often at the cost of "trampling" on other people in order to climb the ladder. Today's scriptures point to the one we are called to emulate—the one who lays down his life for his sheep. Today's scriptures challenge us to discover ways to bring life to those around us—to build up rather than to tear down.

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MAY CURSILLO EVENTS

The next Men's Cursillo weekend will be at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek. Men's 234 is **May 21-24, 2015**. Men, God is calling YOU to follow HIM. Consider taking a few days out of your normal 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 **Friday, May 15th** at St. Walburga, Titusville at 7 PM. We will begin with Mass followed by food and fellowship. Please bring a snack or dessert to share with all.

Our next Holy Hour will be on **Saturday, May 23rd** at 7 PM at St. Walburga, Titusville in support of Men's #234. For more information contact Jim & Wendy Hess at 333-6586.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
4-12 \$6,643	3-14 \$5,767	Budget/Wk \$5,927	This YTD \$256,112	Last YTD \$247,212	Budget YTD \$248,934

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$56,867	Paid YTD \$28,307	Assessment \$48,311
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MINISTRIES – MAY 3

ALTAR SERVERS **READERS** **GREETERS**
 9:00 Fiely/Leech/Frank Reisenweber Phelps
 12:05 Corsis Williams **1st Holy Com**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 9:00 Bowden/Buzzas/Dillaman
 12:05 Sommers/Lehman/Bisbee

Easter Egg Hunt

· Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated items to this year’s Easter Egg Hunt, especially Katie Allen who once again coordinated the event. It was a big success!

Scrip-Loaves & Fishes Update

· Thank you to all who purchased Scrip in March. Due to your patronage \$1,229.80 was raised for our school!
 · Congratulations to Gabby Sommers for earning the March pizza party! Gabby had \$2,780 in sales.

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

Year-End Wrap Up! ~ Faith Formation families are invited to join us for our last gathering on Sunday, April 26. We will meet in St. Brigid Church for a short program followed by ice cream sundaes in the Social Hall.

Prayer Certificates ~ Congratulations to the following students who know their grade-level prayers: *Cayley Porter, Jackson Decker, Hunter Dell’Antonio, Braden Bosco, Dustin Buckner, Jillian Decker, Julia Mook, Lucas Johnston, Max McEnroe, Caleb Anderson and Robert Mahoney.* Fantastic!

Perfect Attendance ~ Congratulations to the following students who attended all 26 class sessions this year: *Patrick Smith, Brianna Moody, Sarah Mosbacher, Mikaila Obenrader, Lynna Brenizer, Lacey Mosbacher, Abby Mosbacher Sierra Steele and Nick Klippel.* Awesome!

A Heart Felt Thank You ~ to the following intentional disciples who served as catechists during our first year of the combined multi-parish faith formation program: *Rita Pyrdek, Leah Bronson, Nicole Smith, Kathi Burns, Ashley O’Day, Joan Steele, Pat Say, Stephanie Brenizer, Jennifer Breckenridge-Walls, Lori Maxeiner, Linda Patton, Sarah Medvec, Jesse Sipos, Martin Dillaman, Cori Schmid, Cathy Price, John Scarborough, Ashley Downor, Patty Fiely, Mark Fiely, Amy Mosbacher, Dana Roae.*

First Communion Practices

St. Agatha Church, Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 pm
St. Mary of Grace Church, Friday, May 1 at 6:30 pm
St. Brigid Church, Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 am.

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS

Theology Distilled ~ Don’t miss the next Theology Distilled **Thursday, May 21st at 7 pm at VooDoo Brewery.** Fr. Dan Hoffman from Our Lady of the Lake will be speaking. This is a great opportunity for young adults to grow in faith and fellowship.

At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Hopefully all of us are concerned about having more holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but perhaps you haven’t been praying about it as regularly as you know you should. All of us can commit to praying at least today. Say a brief prayer today with your family for vocations, and try to make a habit of it.

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