

Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

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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

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ADULT DIRECTOR

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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

Jamie Sopher

Bill Leffingwell

Martin Dillaman

Annette Lynch

Angela Bisbee

Lois Curtin

Jean Mottillo

WORSHIP

Monday – April 6

12:05 PM Henry Vernier (Joyce Mizner)
12:30 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Wednesday – April 8

NO DAILY MASS

6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction
7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

Friday – April 10

12:05 PM Thomas Thompson (June Furno)
Theresa Perrotto (TRose Ann Longo)
George Barco BD (Estate)
Mickey & Jean Filomio (Sister, Millie)

Sunday Masses – April 12

9:00 AM Margaret Lynam Wolbert (Ed/Janet Stets)
Fr. Sebastian Muccilli (John/Judy Stewart)
Jack Noel (Kathy Roggenkamp)
Stanley Dronko (Genevieve Clark)

12:05 PM Joan Boyle (June Furno)
Lee & Don Heald Anniv. (Chris/Gary)
Susie Lorz Bertram (Pat Constantinovich)

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19- 31

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

EASTER MESSAGE

Happy Easter!

We give praise to God for His goodness to us. We ask His blessings on you and your families on this day of celebrating the Resurrection. Alleluia!

The Resurrection is our greatest statement of faith. Jesus is Lord! Jesus is God! While we as Christians may not always know how profound this gesture of God is. Jesus comes back to life in His glorified state; this dumbfounded and later proved to the apostles that Jesus is who he claims to be—God's Son. He has full control over everything. Jesus wants us to respond to His great gift.

I pray each of you takes the time in your quiet prayer to respond in gratitude for what Jesus has done for us. May the Risen Lord bless you and keep you this day.

Peace in Christ, *Fr. Johnathan*

Thank You to all who helped with or participated in making Discovering Christ a success!

Special thanks to core team leaders: Diana Armour (dinner), Shari Bronson (promotion), Barb Burkett (small groups), Tim DeVore (worship), Barb McClimans (hospitality) and Theresa Mummert (childcare). Thanks to the fabulous dinner teams from all 3 parishes led by Audrey Albaugh, Theresa Amato & Diana Armour. Too many to name, but no less important are the hospitality & dinner team members, teen and adult childcare helpers, small group leaders, musicians from St. Mary, and the maintenance and office staffs. Thank you to Fr. Johnathan, Fr. Matt, anyone else who helped in any way... and of course the Holy Spirit! Let's keep praying for one another as we anticipate our next series: "Following Christ."



Spaghetti Supper

Seton Boy Scout Troop 209 is having a joint Spaghetti Dinner with another Meadville troop for a fund raiser on Tuesday, April 7th. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held at 1st Presbyterian Church on Liberty St., Meadville. \$7A; \$4 C.

Ted Jastromb Jr., Charter Rep Troop 209



Annual Rummage Sale
May 20, 21 & 22

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 Kathy LaScola 336-5879. Please try to have items at church **before Monday, May 18th.**

Again, we need volunteers on **Sat., May 16th** to get items into social hall. Also, we need volunteers each day to prepare & sell. Call Kathy if you can help.



Annual Sports Raffle @ Seton Catholic School Gym on Saturday, **April 25th.** Doors open @ 6 PM; early bird drawing & dinner at 6:30 PM. Chance to win guns or various sports related packages. Dinner is also included in the ticket cost of \$20. Beverages and snacks provided also. Ticket admits 1 person only; must present ticket to enter; must be 18 years of age to purchase ticket and 21 years to consume alcohol. Live auctioneer will auction many items, also. Get your tickets now @ St. Agatha Office 336-1112 or at Seton School 336-2320.

Mother-Daughter Tea ~ Sunday, April 26, 2015



Preparing your daughter for the changes that occur during adolescence is vital. This special event (for girls age ten and older and their mothers) introduces the expected changes, opens communication lines, and reveals God's

plan for love and His gifts of sexuality, chastity, and fertility. Forms available at the parish office. \$15 per family. Sponsored by the NFP/Chastity Ed Office, Erie. Held from 1:00-3:30 PM at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Reservations required by contacting Kathleen at (814) 899-4825.

PARISH EVENTS

Monday – April 6

8 PM Knights of Columbus/St. Mary Center

Tuesday – April 7

6 PM Cub Scouts/Classrooms
7 PM Altar Rosary Meeting/Social Hall
7:15 Natural Family Planning/Room 5

Wednesday – April 8

6:30 PM Catholic Daughters/St. Agatha Center
7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 2

Thursday – April 9

12:15 PM Brown Bag Theology/Room 2

Saturday – April 11

9 AM Easter Egg Hunt/St. Mary Church

Sunday – April 12

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

Monday – April 13

7 PM Holy Name Society Meeting/Room 4
7 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Group/Rm 1

Easter Buffet held 11 am-2 pm at Italian Civic Club, 869 Water St., Meadville. \$16 person (kids under 11 \$8). **Reservations only by 1 pm 337-5422**—pay at the door. Prime rib, ham, Chicken Parm, Seafood Alfredo...

*Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting
Wednesday, April 8
6:30 PM*



Members will gather on April 8th at 6:30 PM at **St. Agatha Center.** Call Phyllis Vrobel at 382-4667 if any questions.

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Altar & Rosary Society

St. Brigid Altar Rosary will meet on Tuesday, April 7th at 7 PM in the church social hall. Light refreshments will be served. All women of the parish are invited.

EASTER SUNDAY

SEEKING

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to “seek what is above.” Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord’s body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once-a-year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, “saw and believed.”

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our tradition has a way of honoring age-old customs, and is patient with how practices unfold in different places. The name of today’s feast illustrates this well. English is a Germanic language, and our word “Easter,” or German “Oester,” points back to the pagan goddess Eoestre, the star of the vernal equinox feast. The Greek title “Pasch” reaches back in a more helpful manner to the Hebrew “Pesach,” or “Passover.” “Paschal Triduum” may be slow to replace “Easter” in our vocabulary, but it is clearer about the mystery we celebrate today, the culmination of three days laden with mystery and meaning.

You can hear the older term, and the resistance to English influence, in the Irish “Casca” and Scottish “Pask.” Romance languages stay close to the deep paschal tradition, with the French “Pâques,” Spanish “Pascua” and Italian “Pasqua.” Memories of our pagan past with “Oester” will not soon fade away: even Japanese Christians are under her spell, for today’s feast is called “I-suta.” Swahili, a young language, takes the more traditional route with “Pasaka.” Each language yields a rich insight into the feast. Spanish includes a sense that today is a “big Sunday” by adding the designation “Pascua” to the greatest feasts, such as “Pascua de la Natividad” (Christmas). Once Christ is risen, every step of life’s journey is illuminated by the light of the Pasch!

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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

Tuesday: April 7

Instructors: Peter & Mary Burkett

Call to register: (814) 232-0521

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
3-15 \$5,038	Last Yr \$4,756	Budget/Wk \$5,927	This YTD \$228,638	Last YTD \$222,067	Budget YTD \$225,226

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$48,117	Paid YTD \$21,447	Assessment \$48,311
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MINISTRIES – APRIL 12

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

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation Kindergarten-11th Grade

Easter Break ~ *May God bless all families of faith this Easter with all the joys of springtime wrapped in the wonder of His love. Happy Easter!*

Meadville Catholic Community Annual Easter Egg Hunt ~ Saturday, April 11, 9 am at St. Mary of Grace Church. Festivities will start in the center. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Donations can be dropped off in the parish office. Call Katie Allen at 350-0500 for more information or to volunteer.

Lenten Rice Bowl donations will be collected next Sunday, April 12th as the 2nd collection at Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: April is designated as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and there is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children! Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep them safe in today's fast-paced world. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children* (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. Visit the NCMEC web site at www.missingkids.com and check out the helpful topics. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS

Theology of the Body ~ Join us Thursday, April 9th for the final session of Theology of the Body – check it out, even if it's your first one! It won't be boring, I promise. The topic is "The Language of Sexual Love," and will explore some of the more practical questions of living out God's plan for sexuality.

Vocations Talks by Br. John Paul Kuzma & Sr. Veronica Mary ~ All are welcome to join us Sunday, April 12th from 10:10-11:40 am at St. Brigid Parish Center for an exciting presentation on religious life. Br. John Paul Kuzma is a Capuchin Franciscan from Erie studying in Baltimore. Sr. Veronica Mary is a Dominican Extern nun from Colleen's community in Buffalo. Both have recently made their final professions.

At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip: Blessed Easter! After a long Lent (and an even longer winter) it can sometimes be difficult to enter into the joy of Easter, but this is what we're called to. Take to heart the words of Nehemiah 8:10: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD is your strength!"

Join us on Facebook:

Young Adults: "Catholic Young Adults (CYA) – Meadville"

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION ~ APRIL 12TH

1:00 p.m.	Exposition
2:00 p.m.	Homily
2:45 p.m.	Sung Chaplet
3:00 p.m.	Benediction

Bishop Persico hopes, that with the appointment of Father Michael Polinek as full time Vocation Director on February 27, that as a Diocese we can create a culture of vocations in order to place in the forefront our need to promote and encourage men for the priesthood, and diaconate and more women and men for the consecrated life. It is not Father Polinek's task alone to promote vocations; it is an important responsibility for each of us.

We must pray that the Lord send laborers into his vineyard. This is why we have a diocesan prayer for vocations, and I encourage you to pray the prayer daily. Also I would ask parishes to establish a monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for vocations. In places where there is more than one parish in a community, perhaps they can work together to have a church in the community that offers a Day of Eucharistic Adoration for vocations.

Beginning with tomorrow's monthly Day of Prayer at Saint Mary Church, 1085 Water St., Meadville, all are invited and urged to join together in a conscious effort of prayer for vocations. Attend morning Mass, visit the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the day or attend the praying of Vespers and Benediction at 7 in the evening. Repeat these prayers unceasingly and participate in these public acts of prayer each month.

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