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**We invite you to our Graduation Celebration - June
3rd at 6:30 pm at St. Mary of Grace Church**

Congratulations to our 100th Graduating class from St. Agatha/Seton Catholic School. Our first graduating class came out of St. Agatha High school in 1913, of course then we went until 12th grade. Since 1984, our kids graduate from the 8th grade and go on to either Catholic or public high schools. Seton is very proud about continuing and providing Catholic Education to children in the Crawford County area since the late 1800's. Through the financial support of our Alumni, Parents, Parishioners and the Meadville Business Community we are able to provide this wonderful opportunity for another 100 years!



WORSHIP

Monday – May 13

11:30 AM Margaret Ewing BD (Gerry Kightlinger)
1:00 PM Seton Mass by Bishop Persico @ St. Agatha
(Everyone is invited to celebrate)

Tuesday – May 14

10:00 AM Funeral Mass for Wayne “Bud” Lauderman

Wednesday – May 15

11:30 AM Mary Grace Beck Anniv. (Louise Knoblow)
2:00 PM Meadville Rehab Mass
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church

Thursday – May 16

11:30 AM Joe & Betty Lou Jaron 60th Wedding Anniv.

Friday – May 17

11:30 AM Norman Price (Chuck/Joan Swick)

Saturday – May 18

11:30 AM Dick & Joanne Noonan 60th Wedding Anniv.

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ May 18/19

4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel
5:30 PM People of St. Brigid
7:00 AM Katherine & Benedict Schillinger (Estate)
9:00 AM Joan Stanfa (Amato family)

WEDDING BANNES: Jonathan Bugey, Our Lady of Lourdes Arlington, VA & Hope Naomi Marijan.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Maryanne Niewiedomski & Bea Munson. Please remember them in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: to the families of **Robert Johnston**, brother of Linda (Doug) Higby; of **Norma Keppel**, wife of Jack Keppel; of **Wayne Lauderman**, father of Linda Miller.

READINGS

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday – May 12 ~ Mother’s Day

Carnations sold by St. Brigid Respect Life Committee

Monday – May 13

7 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Group/Room 4

Tuesday – May 14

Noon-3:30 PM 55+ Club/Room 5
6:00 Seton Scouts/Rooms 1/2/3/Library 7:15 Webelos

Wednesday – May 15

7 PM Choir Practice/Church

Thursday – May 16 ~ St. Brigid Day @ Soup Kitchen

7 PM Natural Family Planning Class/Room 4

May 18/19 ~ K of C “Measure Up” Campaign



M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means that she's only growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.

Respect Life Crib (located in the gathering area or near the chapel) is for donations of infant and 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Sacrificial Giving

Offering Last Week.....\$5,747

CSA Pledged.....\$57,484

CSA Paid.....\$34,169

Based on the pledges for this year, \$19,260 will remain in our parish for improvements.

Thank you to all who responded so generously to the Catholic Services Appeal. The 2013 CSA has been a success because of you. Your support is greatly appreciated in both your parish and your Diocesan Church. For those who have not yet contributed to the 2013 CSA, particularly those who have given before, know there is still time to join with those who have given.

MINISTRIES – MAY 18/19

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 Sommers
7:00 Corsi
9:00 Yoder/Leech

READERS

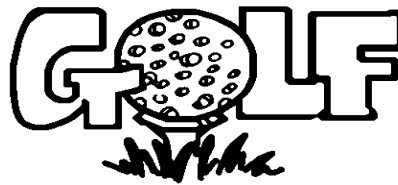
Stewart
Toner
Mizner

GREETERS

Spinnato
Travaglini
Mizners

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30 Pitetti/Wagner/Henderson/McClimans
7:00 Stimpson/**Needed**
9:00 Moffit/Jastromb/Higbys



SETON CLASSIC SCRAMBLE

Place: Meadville Country Club Golf Course, 15955 Highway 86, Meadville

Date: Monday, June 17

Time: Noon ~ Shot Gun Start

Scramble Includes: 18 Holes and a cart
Coffee & Donuts, Lunch & beverages at the turn
Roving beverage carts, Hors d'oeuvres & Steak Dinner

Prizes, Food, Fun

COME OUT & HAVE A GREAT DAY

Singles, Doubles & Foursomes Welcome!

For tickets call Jamie Longo 336-2320

ALL MINISTERS: Those who cannot serve anytime in *June, July, August & September*, please call the parish office 336-4459 to inform us.

All ministers/servers who would like to make a change on their schedules should call the parish office.

New schedules can be picked up at all Masses the last weekend in May, so please call us asap.

In Need of a Summer Program for your Child?



A Safe, Loving Atmosphere for Pre-School thru 6th Grade

June 10 - August 16

Mon-Fri 7:30am to 5:30pm

Whole or Half Day Options

Choose Just the Weeks You Want

336-2320

www.seton-school.com



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

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THE WORKINGS OF THE SPIRIT

Anyone who has seen a loved one off to a new adventure knows how difficult it is to rejoice, even when we are reasonably optimistic about their future. So, we can imagine how difficult it must have been for the disciples to rejoice in Jesus' announced departure. Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse, recorded only by John. Jesus announces shocking news. He must go to the Father, and they should rejoice in this. To help them through this, Jesus gives his disciples his gift of peace and promises an Advocate.

From our privileged position in history, we can see that all that Jesus promises comes to pass. The Church has grown and still exists on this earth because of the abiding Spirit. But living by the Spirit and entering into the peace of Christ is no small task. Jesus doesn't promise the apostles a rose garden. He is realistic about the costs of discipleship. And, mercifully, he is also clear about its rewards.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION P-6

Our program has come to a close for this school year and so we pray . . . May the Lord's face shine on us, and may the Lord guide our feet into the way of love. Let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful seasons of Spring and Summer. May all of us help to make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety. May we be generous and considerate and help others enjoy the blessings of the months ahead. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

The Monsignor Lawrence T. Speice Vocation Club of Crawford County will meet on Monday, May 13th at 6 PM at St. Anthony Church in Cambridge Springs with a Rosary Procession. Everyone is welcome.

Men's Cursillo— 7 PM. Holy Hour on Sat., May 18 7 PM @ St. Peter Church, Conneautville for all making Men's #225. Cursillo at Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek on May 16-19. Questions? Call Wendy at (814) 333-6586. Consider a Cursillo weekend.



The Knights of Columbus Council # 388 will be conducting their Measure up Campaign that benefits the ARC on May 18th & 19th.

Thank you for your support. Council # 388.

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!

V O T E !

On Election Day, (May 21st) do your civic duty.

By our baptism, Catholics are committed to following Jesus Christ and to be "salt for the earth, light for the nations." As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This is inherent in the dignity of the human person ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915).

BE INFORMED ~ Know the Positions of The Federal Candidates, PA Statewide, & Local

For additional info go to www.pacatholic.org Bring your photo I.D. Vote Tuesday, May 21st

“Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in the political life is a moral obligation.”



To read more from their statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, go to www.faithfulcitizenship.org

Fr. Cannon Scholarship for an Allegheny College Student

Created by Fr. Cannon to assist Allegheny freshman students whose home is in Meadville. Preference is given to applicants from St. Brigid parish, but if there are no eligible applicants from this parish, students of any faith, race, creed, or color are eligible for consideration. Preference will also be given to freshmen, but if there are no eligible candidates, a previous holder of the scholarship may have it renewed once. All applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the priest, **Fr. Johnathan.**

Dear Parishioners,

As another Easter season draws to a close we come to the celebration of Pentecost – the gift of the Holy Spirit and the formation of the Church. The movement of the Holy Spirit is to be actualized through us in our day to day actions as disciples of Christ.

A primary characteristic of a Christian is to be a servant. This service can come in many forms, but I want to focus today on our service through our parish family.

For the last several years the Saint Brigid Basic's Community Outreach group has used Pentecost as an opportunity to solicit assistance from our parish family to do outreach to our parish family and community. With the consent of our Basic's group this year, I am broadening the volunteer request sheet to include ALL of the ministries of Saint Brigid. I have even included some activities that don't currently exist, but I believe are activities we need to start to enhance the life of our parish (young adult outreach, parish retreat, county prison ministry and evangelization to bring people into the Catholic Church.)

As you will see from the attached list, we are a very active parish with numerous ways to gift your time through Saint Brigid Roman Catholic Church back to our parish family and to our neighbors in Meadville. At the top of the sheet I am asking for some general information from everyone. I am asking what talents you are willing to share with others at the parish, what is your occupation and what are your hobbies. This information will be included in our parish census information for future reference. When special situations come up it would be very helpful to know who I can contact whose talents and interests would best meet whatever challenge God throws our way.

If you are asking, "Father, where is my help most needed in the parish today?" I have two answers.

Visiting Saint Brigid parishioners who are in a local nursing home or home bound.

Being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Meadville Medical Center to bring the Holy Eucharist to all the Catholics.

There are many ministries that could have been highlighted. I feel these are our most serious need at this time because they affect our faithful witness to our own needy parishioners. As disciples of Jesus our love for one another should compel us to visit the sick of our own community.

I am asking all of us, as parishioners of Saint Brigid, to please consider helping make certain that ALL of our sick and homebound are being routinely contacted.

Please look over the opportunities to be of assistance at St. Brigid. Further descriptions of these choices are available on the internet or can be obtained from the parish office. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Saint Brigid is a great parish!!! Many of you have given hundreds of hours of service to our parish family over the years. I know all of you want Saint Brigid Roman Catholic Church to thrive for many years to come. If that is your desire, please consider giving some of your time to make our family a wonderful home that keeps the flame of the Holy Spirit burning for everyone in Meadville.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Johnathan Schmolt, Pastor

Volunteer and Participation Opportunities at St. Brigid Parish

What is your name? _____ What is your occupation? _____

How do we contact you—Phone _____ E-mail _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What talents do you have that you would be willing to share with Saint Brigid? _____

[As needs arise, knowing parishioners talents and background helps us to match up the needs of the parish with our interests.]

Suggestions: _____

(Please circle any area you would be interested in assisting with. Someone will contact you .)

Devotions

Daily Rosary Group [rosary prayed after daily Mass]

Eucharistic Adoration [Wednesday 6-7 pm]

Religious Education for Children

Catechist

Room Assistant

Chaperone [support our 7-11th grade student youth activities]

Faith Formation for Adults

RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, bringing adults into the church]

Bible Study [Led by Deacon Ken, Wednesday 7-8:30 pm]

Annual Parish Retreat

Young Adult Ministry [Outreach and activities focused on 20-39 year olds]

Evangelization Outreach [Outreach to bring our Catholic Faith to the community.]

Liturgical Ministries

Children's Liturgy of the Word [Lead children's prayer over readings at 9 am Mass]

Greeters / Gift Bearers

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Altar Servers

Ushers

Choir / Cantor / Instrumentalist

Church Environment [assist with church decorations]

Coffee and Donuts [Socializing after Sunday Mass]

Parish & Community Outreach / Parish Basic's Group [Care & Concern]

Elizabeth Ministry [newborn gifts]

Welcoming Committee [greet new families]

Pro-Life [Life issues, especially advocacy for the unborn and support pregnant mothers]

Prayer Line [prayers offered for those in need]

Visitation [visit parishioners in nursing homes & home bound]

Bereavement [send cards to those whose loved ones have died]

Exterior Gardening

Parish Food & Toiletries Pantry

Funeral Dinners

Pastor's Fund [Assist Pastor in administering help for parishioners in need, as well as others in need.]

Parish Community Building

Parish Picnic [August]

Lenten Fish Dinners

New Year's Eve Celebration

Administrative

Pastoral Advisory Council

Finance Advisory Council

Cemetery Advisory Council

Money Counter

Communications & Photography [take pictures & videos of events, help with publicity]

Parish Sponsored Organizations

Altar Rosary Women's Club

Holy Name Men's Society

Knights of Columbus

Meadville Tri-Parish programs

Communion and Visitation at Meadville Medical Center

Allegheny Campus Ministry [Fr. Marc Solomon – chaplain]

Corpus Christi Procession

Cursillo

County Prison ministry

Parish Mission Speaker Series [September]

Seton Catholic School

Loaves and Fishes [gift cards sold to support Seton Catholic School]

School Volunteers [general help at the school, assistance with the lunch room especially needed]

Seton Sports Raffle [fund raiser]

Seton Golf Outing [fund raiser]

Seton Night at the Races [fund raiser]

Coach for sports team

Classroom Assistant

Lunchroom Assistant