

# Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

**967 Chancery Lane  
Meadville, PA 16335**



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**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.  
Friday .....8-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*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

*Cindy Fiorillo*

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

*Christine McGinnity*

**SETON CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT**

*Jamie Longo*

**OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION**

**YOUTH 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 – May 18**

12:05 PM John Lehman, Jr. (Tom/Mary Mulligan)

**Wednesday – May 20**

9:30 AM Seton School Mass in Church  
Cecelia Franczak (Pat/Carol McHenry)  
1:30 PM Meadville Rehab Mass  
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church  
7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

**Friday – May 22**

12:05 PM Schall Family (Price Family)

**Sunday—May 24**

9:00 AM Joan Stanfa (Amato Family)  
Frank & Dolores Mozina (Family)  
12:05 PM People of St. Brigid

**Monday – May 25 ~ Memorial Day Mass  
@ Cemetery Chapel**

9:00 AM For all the souls listed on the Church  
Memorial Board & souls at Cemetery



**Memorial Day**

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**READINGS**

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a  
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: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**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

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Sunday – May 17 ~ K of C Collection for ARC**

10 AM RCIA / Library

**Tuesday – May 19**

6:30 PM Vacation Bible School Meeting/Room 3

**Wednesday – May 20**

9-5 Annual Rummage Sale / Social Hall  
7 PM Adult Bible Study/Center

**Thursday – May 21**

9-5 Annual Rummage Sale / Social Hall  
12:15 PM Brown Bag Theology / Room 2  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council / Room 2  
7:00 PM Theology Distilled / Voo Doo Brewery

**Friday – May 22**

9-Noon Rummage Sale Bag Day / Social Hall

**FROZEN FISH—\$9 bag—go to parish office.**

**PASTOR FUND MEMORIALS:** in memory of **Ann Kightlinger & Belva Jastromb** from Ted & Linda Jastromb.

**MEMORIALS:** in memory of **Joseph Mullen** from M. & Nancy Rider.

**WEDDING BANNES:** Clark William Peterson & Laura Joan Cornman, both of St. Brigid Church  
Matthew Scott Griffith, St. Brigid & Cara Jane Schwab

**Happy Birthday Fr. Rocco Tito  
Sunday, May 31st**

**Apt. 225, 31 Park Ave., Meadville 16335**

**Our Memorial Day Mass is Monday, May 25th at 9:00 AM held at Saint Brigid Cemetery Chapel located on Williamson Rd. Plan to come and bring along a lawn chair, if you wish.**



**R**espect **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.

Thanks to all who helped with the **Mother`s Day Carnation Sale**. Due to the generosity of the people of St. Brigid we are able to make a \$289 donation to the Pregnancy Center of Meadville, which has been providing help and support to mothers and babies locally since 1987. Your contributions helped benefit this pro-life endeavor, honored our earthly mothers, and beautified the altar of Our Blessed Mother.



**Wednesday—Thursday—Friday**  
**(9-5) (9-5) (9-Noon)**

Held at St. Brigid Social Hall. Volunteers—please bring a bag lunch. We invite the public to come. Many items for sale, including furniture, toys, jewelry.... Bag Day is Friday 9 AM-Noon (\$1 per bag).

**PLANT SALE - Here's how it works....**



\*Purchase your flowers, plants, and hanging baskets at the Plant Patch located outside of Meadville Farm & Garden on 136 Mead Ave., Meadville **before June 5th.**

\*Turn your receipts into Jamie Longo c/o Saint Brigid Parish Office on or **before June 8th.**

\*The Plant Patch will donate 10% of the total bought from all of you to support the Seton Athletic Fund.

You can visit their Facebook page here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Plant-Patch-at-Meadville-Farm-Garden/1572932446308714?>



**Knights of Columbus** The Measure Up Campaign has produced thousands of dollars in recent years to help the local Arc, an agency that advocates for the rights of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for all your donations.

**Recycle your cans** in church and you help Seton. Recyclable metal cans gathered from drop-off containers at the back of each Meadville Catholic church recently resulted in a check for \$72.05, which will be donated to Seton Catholic School. The community is reminded to deposit their clean recyclable metal containers at their church, thus helping the school.

**SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE** for Allegheny College-bound parishioners. Father John J. Cannon Scholarship Fund was created by Fr. Cannon to assist Allegheny freshman students. Preference is given to applicants from St. Brigid parish.



All applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from Fr. Johnathan Schmolt. Please call the parish office for more information 336-4459.

**Corpus Christi Procession-Cookies Needed**

The Corpus Christi Procession this year will take place Sunday, June 7th. Saint Mary of Grace will take care of the refreshments after the procession at the center. We would appreciate if you would help make cookies for this occasion.



The center will be open **Saturday, June 6th** 9am-5pm and **Sunday, June 7th** 8:30am-until the reception. Thank You!



## 7th Sunday of Easter

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

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### EVENTS ELSEWHERE

**Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk** ~ Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center will sponsor its 6th annual Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk on **Saturday, June 6th** at 9 a.m. at Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, PA (near Sharon). The event includes activities for the entire family! Go to [www.vmesc.org](http://www.vmesc.org) for registration and additional information. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center's youth and children's programs.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Offertory/Holy Days

5-3-15 \$5,331	Last Yr \$6,983	Budget/Wk \$5,927
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### Fiscal Year to Date

This YTD \$272,989	Last YTD \$268,494	Budget YTD \$266,715
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### Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$57,425	Paid YTD \$32,925	Assessment \$48,311
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## MINISTRIES – MAY 24

#### ALTAR SERVERS

9:00 Hess  
12:05 Sommers

#### READERS

Bowden  
Stewart

#### GREETERS

Mizners

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9:00 Gilmore/Wheelock/Melvin/Amato  
12:05 Lehman/Sommers/Jindra

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

Vacation Bible School meeting in Room 3 of Saint Brigid Center on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM. Plan to come!

**July  
13-17,  
2015  
St. Mary Center**



## Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS

### **Theology Distilled – *this Thursday!***

Don't miss the next Theology Distilled this **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **RCIA Doughnuts & Discussion**

The RCIA Class of 2014-15 is invited to meet today, **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** after the 9 am Mass in the St. Brigid library for fellowship. Coffee & doughnuts provided.

**At Home with the Faith – Weekly Tip:** Today is World Communications Day, the only worldwide celebration called for by Vatican II. Pope Francis' message this year is entitled: Communicating the Family: A Privileged Place of Encounter with the Gift of Love. Truly, the family is where communication begins. You can read his message for free online at the Vatican website.

#### **Join us on Facebook:**

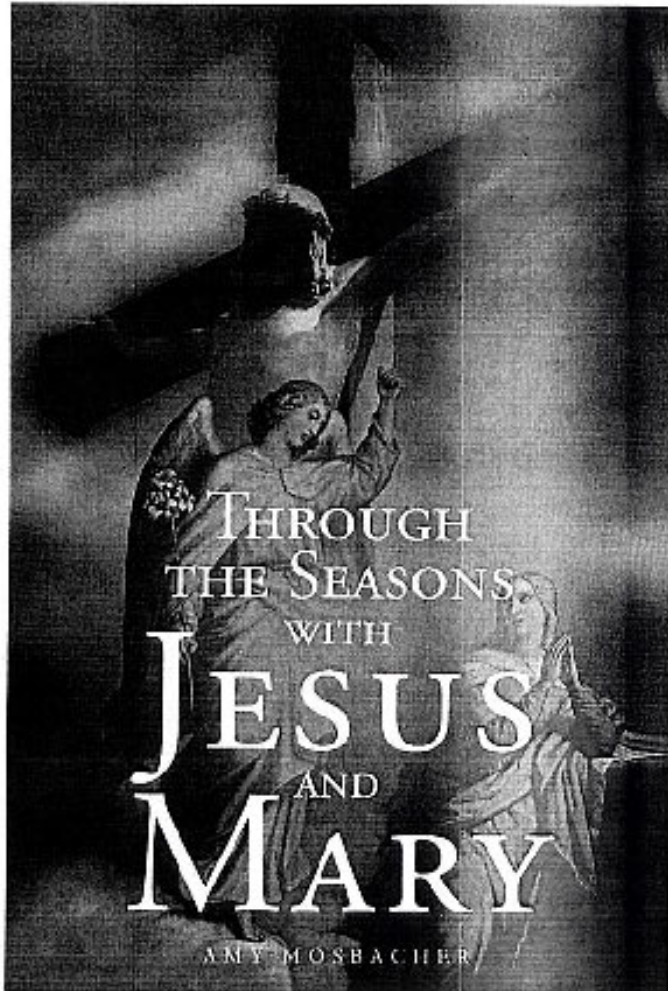
**Young Adults:** “Catholic Young Adults (CYA) – Meadville”

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

# Book signing

## Through the Seasons with Jesus and Mary

By Amy Mosbacher



We're on a journey. Our destination: Heaven. The entrance fee? Paid with Jesus's blood. We are his. Our challenge?

Allow ourselves to be loved by God and find our place in the ultimate love story. But will we surrender to the transforming fire of that love? If we do, we will be changed.

Consider *Through the Seasons with Jesus and Mary* a companion for your journey from someone who has been touched by the fire of God and wants you to know the hope and peace that faith in God brings. Starting with Advent and traveling through the liturgical year, *Through the Seasons* will help you experience the excitement, and the ordinariness, of the events which shaped Christianity and the world. In short, easy-to-read reflections, the author shares how even the smallest events can be infused with the Holy Spirit. Discover how God not only wants to be part of your life but will help you find your place in an ever-unfolding love story between you and Him.

**Date: May 31**

**Place: St. Agatha Center**

**Time: 10am-12pm**



## Pastor's Corner

Sit, stand, kneel, stand, etc... What are we to do next? The Catholic Mass has several postures that are requested from the church. Due to some questions I have received I want to address several questions today.

Why do we have all these different postures? Can't I do whatever I want?

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal, the instruction manual for doing Mass, says the following, "A common posture, to be observed by all participants, is a sign of unity of the members of the Christian community gathered for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants." (GIRM 42)

What are the postures expected by the Church during Mass?

Stand – From the entrance song through the Collect [The point when the priest sits down.]

Sit – From the first through the second reading.

Stand – Gospel

Sit – Homily

Stand – Intercessions

Sit – Offertory Procession

Stand – After the priest does the hand washing and says the words – 'Pray, brothers and sisters ..' until the end of the Holy Holy Holy.

Kneel – After the Holy Holy Holy until the end of the Great Amen

Stand – From the Our Father until everyone in the congregation has received communion.

Sit / Kneel – Reflection after communion until priest says 'Let us pray.'

Stand – From concluding 'Let us pray.' until the end of mass. (GIRM 43)

In all the surrounding diocese the people kneel after the *Lamb of God* through communion. Why don't we do that?

Bishop Trautman following the custom in other areas of the world decided to have us all stand for unity during the reception of Communion. He had permission to do this from the General Instruction where it states, "The faithful kneel after the *Agnus Dei* unless the diocesan Bishop determines otherwise." (GIRM 43) Bishop Persico has continued this practice in the Diocese of Erie. Therefore, we are all instructed to remain standing from the Our Father until everyone receives communion.

Please note: The statement "Reflection after communion" in our diocese is interpreted as meaning after everyone has received communion before we sit or kneel. However, due to instructions from Rome, the faithful may choose to sit or kneel after they personally have received communion. (Cardinal Francis Arinze, Prefect of the CDW, responded to the question on June 5, 2003 (Prot. N. 855/03/L))

Due to a personal health condition I cannot stand for a long period of time or kneel. Do I have to still do the posture?

No. While the different postures during mass are meant to show our unity and reverence, the Church states that a posture should be followed "... except when prevented on occasion by reasons of health..." (GIRM 43) Please make your best judgement concerning what you are capable of doing in light of your health condition. No one should be in severe discomfort or pain from any postures at mass. In the end, the desire is for everyone to enter into the prayerful spirit every time we worship. Part of that spirit is our unity and part of it is our interior disposition. If a posture significantly disrupts your interior prayer please choose the posture (usually sitting) that allows you to enter into prayer.