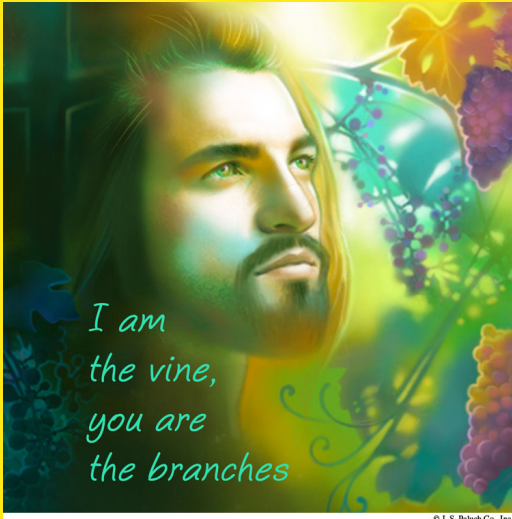


# Saint Brigid

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## WORSHIP

### Monday – May 4

- 8:30 AM Tri-Parish Prayer & Benediction for Vocations  
@ St. Mary Church **until 7 PM**
- 12:05 PM Theresa Perotto Anniversary (Amato family)
- 12:30 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

### Tuesday – May 5

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



### Wednesday – May 6

- 12:05 PM Marguerite McTighe & Margaret  
(Mary Michaels)
- 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church
- 7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

### Thursday – May 7

- 1:00 PM Tri-Parish Novena on Synod on Family to 2 PM
- 7:00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation @ St. Agatha  
Church

### Friday – May 8

- 12:05 PM Alan Travaglini (Janet Fapore, Lynne, Debbie,  
Tracy)

### Sunday—May 10

- 9:00 AM Nathalie Price (Family)  
Jennie Wolbert (Jean Conaway, daughter)  
Don & Lee Heald (Chris & Gary)  
Stanley Dronko (Tim & Fran Maziarz)
- 12:05 PM People of St. Brigid

## PARISH EVENTS

### Sunday – May 3

- 10:30 1st Communion Reception/Room 4

### Monday – May 4

- 7 PM Confirmation Practice @ St. Agatha Church
- 8 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting/St. Mary Center

### Tuesday – May 5

- 7:00 PM Altar Rosary May Crowning Banq/Social Hall
- 6:00 PM Seton Scouts/Classrooms

### Wednesday – May 6

- 7 PM Choir Practice/Church
- 7 PM Adult Bible Study/Center

### Thursday – May 7

- 12:15 PM Brown Bag Theology/Room 2

### Sunday – May 10 ~ Mother's Day

- Respect Life Carnation Sale \$1 each



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Clark William Peterson and  
Laura Joan Cornman, both of St. Brigid Church

## READINGS

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48;  
1 Jn 4:7-10

## 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

## Catholic Daughters of America

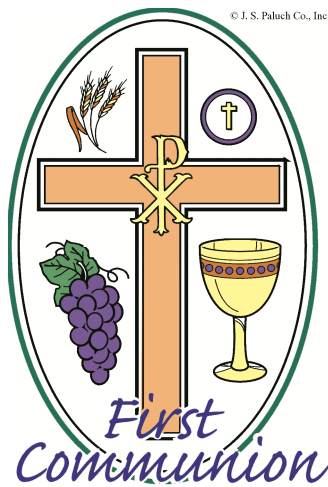
The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM in St. Agatha Social Center. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

Please sign up for the Communion Breakfast by May 11th by calling Phyllis (382-4667). The breakfast will be held on **Sunday, May 17th following the 9 AM Mass**. This will be held in St. Agatha Social Center. Guest speaker is Ed Heinz, Curator of the Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Winsor, Ohio.

**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.

***Congratulations to our First Eucharist class and their families!***

- Brielle Cheney*
- Chloe Concepcion*
- Jonah Dean*
- Maxwell Dillaman*
- Clara Frank*
- Collin Jones*
- Mikaila Obenrader*



*A special thank you to: Fr. Johnathan Schmolt, Shari Bronson, Julia Strzalka, Stephanie Brenizer, Jennifer Breckenridge-Walls and John McMillin for all their help in preparing the children.*

### **SAINT JAMES MEN'S HAVEN**

The Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past contributions. We are in need of monetary contributions for this overnight shelter for men; a non-profit organization funded solely from the generosity of people like you.

***Please mail contributions to: Saint James Haven, 5031 W. Ridge Rd., Erie, PA 16504-1249.***



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 1ST TO TONY & NANCY DRAGO**

**Catholic Textbook Project** sponsors history essay contest, the publisher has announced a contest for Catholic students in Grs. 5 thru 8. Submission deadline is May 22, 2015. Four separate contest divisions, 2 for Catholic school students & 2 for home-schooled students, allow for 4 student winners. Each student winner will receive \$100 cash. A \$400 gift certificate for the company's textbooks will be awarded to the Catholic school(s) attended by each of the 2 Catholic school student winners. The homeschool(s) of the 2 Catholic homeschool winners will each receive a free textbook of their choice from Catholic Textbook Project history textbooks. Winning essays will be published on the Catholic Textbook Project blog & Facebook pages. The essay requires students to choose a faithful Catholic of historical significance and describe how that person influenced the times in which he/she lived. Rules & guidelines [www.catholictextbookproject.com/essay-contest/](http://www.catholictextbookproject.com/essay-contest/).



Next weekend, to raise funds for our Respect Life Committee, we will be selling carnations after all Masses in honor of Mother's Day for \$1 each. Take one home or place it at Mary's Shrine.

***Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting Wednesday, May 10 6:30 PM***



Members will gather on May 10th at 6:30 PM held at **St. Agatha Center**. Call Phyllis Vrobel at 382-4667 if any questions.



### **Our Lady Queen of the Americas**

Altar Rosary Society will be hosting its annual spring card party on **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, doors open at 5 PM; dinner at 6:15. \$8, includes dinner & 1 Chinese Auction ticket. Fun & food galore. 50/50 raffle. Bring your own

cards. Please join us! The church social hall is located at 155 S. Ninth Street, Conneaut Lake. Tickets sold at the door.

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## 5th Sunday of the Easter

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven's banquet dimmed, since most people saw God's just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn't improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late.

As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the "Dark Ages." Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying.

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### BEARING FRUIT

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." John's words come to us on this day when the Gospel passage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others "in word or speech" instead of "in deed and truth." What does it mean for us to "remain in Christ"? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship.

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#### Exhibit on Eucharistic miracles scheduled in Farrell

Dominic Caggese will share his Vatican-approved exhibit, Eucharistic Miracles of the World, at St. Adalbert Parish, 1035 Fruit Ave., Farrell, on **May 9 at 5 p.m.**, following the 4 p.m. Mass. Call 724-931-3307 for further information. The Caggese family printed 100 poster-size panels to create a traveling exhibit. Anyone interested in scheduling the exhibit at a church or school may email the Caggese family at [dcaggese@yahoo.com](mailto:dcaggese@yahoo.com) or call 814-756-4102.



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**The Meaning of Confirmation** The meaning of Confirmation has changed over the years. Originally it was celebrated as part of baptism, one of the parts of the initiation ritual. As the bishop became no longer the primary minister of baptism due to the large numbers of people, confirmation became separated from baptism and became the bishop's confirmation of the baptism ministered by the priest. Gradually as it was celebrated later in life, further removed from baptism, it became thought of as a teenage right of passage, a change for the individual to make a personal commitment. With the Vatican II reinstatement of the catechumenate, the original order and meaning of the sacrament was restored with confirmation following immediately after baptism as a sacrament of initiation. In some countries the two sacraments were never separated, but have always remained linked.

-Liturgical Bits & Bytes 2013

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
4-19-15	Last Yr	Budget/Wk	This YTD	Last YTD	Budget YTD
\$4,796	\$6,837	\$5,927	\$260,908	\$255,049	\$254,861

Catholic Services Appeal		
Pledged YTD	Paid YTD	Assessment
\$56,517	\$29,032	\$48,311

**MINISTRIES – MAY 10**

<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>
9:00 Harrys/P Leech	Toner	Gilmores
12:05 Sommers	Sommers	<b>Needed</b>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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

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

**Congratulations to The Meadville Catholic  
Community - First Communicants!**

~ *St. Brigid Church* ~ Brielle Cheney, Chloe Conception, Jonah Dean, Max Dillaman, Clara Frank, Collin Jones, Mikaila Obenrader

~ *St. Agatha Church* ~ Grace Barnett, Jenna Bosco, Rosaria Burkett, Sophia Jurado, Alivia Kocan, Taylor McAlevy, Philip Pandolph, Claire Riehl

~ *St. Mary of Grace Church* ~ Austin Abbott, Brighton Anderson, Elena Dalton, Clare DiGiacomo, Aidan Fuller, Sydney Holt, Jocelyn Jones, Arabella Knott, Savana Major, Thomas Mawn, Brennen McWright, Ryan Medvec, Joshua Mehler, Torre Mosbacher, Jessica Pineo, Cody Schwab, Rocco Tartaglione

**EVENTS ELSEWHERE:** Spring Quilt Sale & Turkey/Ham Dinner held Sun., May 17 from 11 AM-1:30 PM. \$8 Adults;\$3.50 Children. Go to St. Joseph Church, Lucinda, PA. Dinners served 1st come/1st served basis; take outs available. Visit the parish website at [www.st-joseph-lucinda.org](http://www.st-joseph-lucinda.org).

**Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation ~ ADULTS**

**Theology Distilled**

Don't miss the next Theology Distilled **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 **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 First Holy Communion and Thursday is Confirmation. Be sure to keep our young people receiving these Sacraments in your prayers. Thursday is also National Day of Prayer, which doubles your reasons to pray.

*Join us on Facebook:*

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