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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5:30 P.M.; Sunday 7:00 and 9:00 A.M.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thru Age 12 - 9:00 Mass

NURSERY

Infants thru age 4 - 9:00 A.M. Mass

BAPTISMS:

By appointment after Baptismal program.

CONFESSIONS In Chapel:

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
First Friday 11:00 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

MUSIC DIRECTOR

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MEADVILLE AREA CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Sandy Clancy

SETON CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Jamie Longo

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
Ryan Landefeld

Connie Brady
Jean Mottillo

WORSHIP

Monday – November 18

11:30 AM Tina Thompson (June Furno, sister)

Tuesday – November 19 ~ No Mass

Wednesday – November 20

11:30 AM Elizabeth Vezza (Corsi Family)
 2:00 PM Meadville Rehab Mass
 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction in Church

Thursday – November 21

11:30 AM Harry A. Dodge, Jr. (Mary Obermeier)

Friday – November 22

11:30 AM Ruth Ott (Walleen, daughter)
 1:00 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Saturday – November 23

11:30 AM Patricia Eiter (Jocelyn/Steve/Concetta/Aleta Mizner)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ Nov. 23/24

4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel
 5:30 PM Roy E. Artman (Wife, Millie)
 7:00 AM People of St. Brigid
 9:00 AM Louise Lamb BD (Marty/Ginny Gaughan)

IN THE HOSPITAL: Terri Roberts

Please remember them in your prayers.
 Terri Roberts requested we let you know she is in Wesbury, room 435, for an extended stay to recover from surgery.

SYMPATHY: to the family of Msgr. Richard McGuire

READINGS	Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
	Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
	Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
	Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
	Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
	Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
	Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

SUPPORT	Catholic Social Services 800-673-2535
	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

Catholic Charities' Transitions ministry for **persons who are separated, divorced and widowed** will host its 4th annual "Coping with Life Alone during the Holidays" gathering on **Sunday, Nov. 24**, at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie, from 2 to 4 p.m. Following a brief program, participants will have time for personal reflection, small group sharing, a simple prayer service and refreshments. **Reservations required by calling 814-824-1265 by Nov. 20.**

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday – November 17

10-11:30 Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms
 MACYM all grades ~ Splash Lagoon & Laser Tag Event
 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. / Room 4

Monday– November 18

6:30 PMNCYC Meeting~St. Brigid Social Hall

Tuesday – November 19

6:00 PM Seton Scouts/Room 1/2/3/Library
 7:15 PM Seton Webelos/Room 4

Wednesday – November 20

7 PM Adult Bible Study/Room 4
 7 PM Choir Practice/Church

Thursday – Nov, 21 ~ St. Brigid Day @ Soup Kitchen

7 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Room 4

Saturday – November 23

9:00-3:30 2232 Men/Bayfront Convention Center-Erie

Sunday – November 24

10-11:30 Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms
 10-11:15 AM Grades 7 & 8 @ St. Brigid Room 7
 MACYM Confirmation activity w/sponsors

Invitation to Knights of Columbus Dinner

If you are the widow of, or a family member of, a deceased member of the Knights of Columbus, you are cordially invited to attend the Knights' 2013 Christmas Dinner. The Knights will gather Dec 14 at Meadville's Italian Civic Clun, 869 Water St.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7. Cost is \$17. Dinner choices of prime rib or chicken breast should be made soon, along with payment, by contacting **Richard Albaugh at 724-3148** or **Pat McHale at 724-8137**.

2232 Men

1st Annual Erie Men's Conference
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS!
(Luke 22:32)

This half-day conference will ignite & strengthen your faith, through powerful speakers. You will build a foundation that will change your life forever. Join Us!

www.2232men.com

Bay Front Convention Center Erie, PA

Saturday, November 23, 2013

9:00 am—3:30 pm

Speakers: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Fr. Larry Richards, & Danny Abramowicz

Bishop Lawrence Persico will be opening the conference, preside over the closing Mass, and will be in attendance throughout the day.



St. Agatha Men's Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, November 17 from 7:30 until 11:30 AM.** The event will be held at Saint Agatha Center, South Main St., Meadville. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and beverages.

Cost is \$ 5 per adult, kids 12 and under \$ 3.

Soup Kitchen Donations being accepted for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners being held for the less fortunate. The Thanksgiving dinner is being held on Nov 21. Just mark your envelope for "Soup Kitchen" and deposit it in the collection basket. All donations are greatly appreciated at this time of year.

Seton's PTO is selling 20" Christmas Wreaths for \$16 and memorial Crosses for cemetery sites for \$30. If you would like one to decorate your home or a memorial, please place your order at the **Scrip Loaves and Fishes** table. Today is the last day orders will be taken. Wreaths will be delivered on 12/8/13 after 9:00 Mass, at the church.



The **Altar Rosary Society** will hold its **Christmas Party** in the Social Hall on **Tuesday, December 3** beginning at 6 PM with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM.

The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, tossed salad, dessert, & beverage. The cost is **\$10 pre-paid.** Tickets will be available the weekends of **Nov. 16/17 and 23/24** in the Gathering Area.

Entertainment will be provided. An optional \$5 gift exchange will be held. An offering will be taken to assist with the purchase of gifts for parish shut-ins and members are asked to bring canned goods to help replenish the food pantry.

Children's Grief Awareness Day was begun by the Highmark Caring Place, a Center for grieving children, adolescents and their Families, to help others understand the impact of death on children and their need for support. Join us and show your support for the grieving children around us by **wearing blue on Thursday, Nov. 21**. For more information and to learn more about the Highmark Caring Place, call 866-212-HOPE (4673). www.highmarkcaringplace.com or www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org/cgad/index.shtml

Take some time to reflect on this past Year of Faith as it comes to a close in the next few weeks.



Thanksgiving



Baskets

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Help provide Thanksgiving Dinner for our needy parishioners. Bring your food donations **to Mass by Sunday Nov. 24th** — bring items that are non-perishable such as sweet potatoes/yams, boxed or canned potatoes, canned vegetables, rice, noodles, tuna, Bisquick, boxed stuffing, applesauce, fruits, & gravy.

Parishioners who would like a basket should call the office now at 336-4459. Pickup 10 am Mon., Nov. 25.

Turkeys and other perishable items will be purchased by us; however, if you do plan to donate a turkey **call us in advance to let us know.** Remember that the Thanksgiving Day collection helps buy turkeys and helps replenish the Pastors Fund for the needy.

St. Brigid Cemetery still has wood that has been felled from timbering for \$10 a cord donation. Please see Jesse who is working at the cemetery for more details or call the parish office 336-4459 and he will return your call.



Hats, mittens, gloves and scarves!

The Altar Rosary Society will again be collecting hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to be distributed at the annual Jimmy Moore Party sponsored by the Sertoma Club. Please place your NEW item donations in the box located in the gathering area. Items for older children are especially needed. This collection will continue thru early December.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

As we come to Thanksgiving and Christmas, our minds turn toward providing gifts to those who we love. We spend many hours planning for that perfect gift and preparing for a house full of guests. We at St. Brigid also turn our minds to others: the needy right here in Meadville.

The Saint Brigid Pastor's Fund was setup many years ago to provide money for the pastor to distribute to the needy that come to our door. While the technology around us has changed, the basic needs of our neighbors have not. People need help with rent, utilities, food, gas, and other emergencies. These needs do not stop for holidays. I have been humbled by your generosity in the past and I strive to manage your gifts to the poor with compassion for those in need while striving to have common sense guidelines that govern the distribution of funds.

From November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013 I have distributed \$19,229 to 272 people requesting assistance. To receive assistance from Saint Brigid, people must fill out an application and provide a photo ID. There is no limit for food assistance, provided we have food to give away. Financial help is generally limited to \$100 per person. The limit has not stopped new people every week coming into our office from Meadville and surrounding areas to seek help.

People need help, particularly when they have an unexpected emergency. Please consider supporting the Saint Brigid Pastor's Fund to help us continue to provide assistance to the needy.

Sincerely,
Fr. Johnathan

33rd Sunday of the Year

NOT WATCHING FOR THE SECOND COMING

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined.

We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.

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RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.

—St. Francis de Sales

MINISTRIES – NOVEMBER 23/24

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
5:30 Needed	Sommers	Needed
7:00 Corsi	Cihon	Anderson
9:00 Leech/Fiely	Mizner	Buzzas

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30 Jones/Wagner/Henderson/Stimpson ME
 7:00 Holzer/Haines
 9:00 Kline/Jastromb/Roncolato/Dillaman

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
N-10-13 \$5,415	N-4-12 \$7,493	Budget/Wk \$6,039	This YTD \$105,221	Last YTD \$108,137	Budget YTD \$114,741

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$61,395	Paid YTD \$55,733	Assessment \$37,894
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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

“What on Earth is Discipleship Today?”

This day and a half conference presented by the Rev. Anthony Gittins, CSSp., will be held on December 6 – 7 at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. Father Gittins is professor emeritus at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and is the author of fifteen books related to theology, anthropology, and mission and spirituality. Participants in this conference will explore what discipleship means for them today in their particular circumstances. To register or for more information call 724-964-8886 or go on line to www.vmesec.org. **The deadline for registration is Dec. 2.**

Villa Elementary Hosts 1st Villa Vegas Night

Villa Maria Elementary will host its first ever Villa Vegas Night on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 7 - 11 p.m. at Rainbow Gardens in Erie. Cost for the event is \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. The cost includes admission, food, beer, and a chance to win a trip for two to Las Vegas. Activities will include card and table games, horse racing, wine and basket raffles, and much more. Guests must be 21 or older to attend. You are also welcome to bring your own food and alcohol to the event. All proceeds benefit Villa Maria Elementary School. For more information, contact Jessica Nelson, Director of Development, at 814-838-5451, ext. 223, or email her at: jessica.nelson@vmelementary.com.

RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

Thanksgiving Food Drive Service Project. Please bring donations to class next week: PK/K-napkins, paper towels, 1st gr.-stuffing, instant potatoes, 2nd gr.-yams, applesauce, 3rd gr.-pasta, canned vegetables, 4th gr. gravy, biscuit mix, 5th/6th gr.-dish soap, canned fruit. We are called to live out the mission of service as we serve one another and the Church. Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to **Sam Fiely**. He knows The Prayer to the Holy Spirit. He will receive a certificate of achievement. Outstanding!

The Names of Jesus ~ The Morning Star. *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to announce these things to you in the churches. I am the bright morning star.” Rev. 22:16* Lord Jesus, shine in my heart, brightly. Waken me each morning and help me know you are there each new day. Amen.

Campaign for Human Development Collection will be the 2nd collection next weekend. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Crawford County Cursillo News

Holy Hour Saturday, Nov 23 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of the Americas

Women’s Cursillo #233 in Harborcreek Nov 21-24

Ladies: please consider the answering God’s call and attend the November Cursillo. It is not too late to register. For more information, contact Jim and Wendy Hess at 814-333-6586.

Annual Holiday Gathering at St. Brigid on Saturday, Dec 14 ~ 5:30 Mass with food and fellowship to follow. The Annual Farewell to the Crawford County Cursillo President and First Lady will also take place at that time.

LIFELINE SCREENING @ ST. BRIGID ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH ~

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on 12/11/2013 at St. Brigid Roman Catholic Church. Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening, from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take only 60-90 minutes to complete. Please call **1-888-653-4450 to register.**