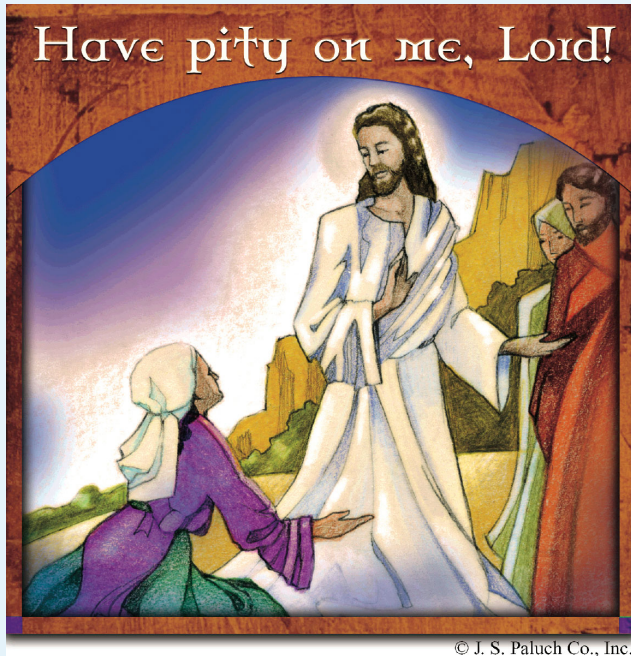


Saint Brigid

Roman Catholic Church

**967 Chancery Lane
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 @ Sept. 21, 2014..... 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.
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

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Jamie Longo

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Shari Bronson

ADULT DIRECTOR

Colleen Wellington

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 – August 18

12:05 PM Charles Lawrence (Wife, Evenlyn)
Joe Truppi (Wife, Millie)
Dan Morfenski (Sister, Vickie)

Wednesday – August 20

7:00 AM Eucharistic Exposition @ St. Agatha Church
12:05 PM Augie Saggio (Catholic Daughters Ct #2)
Ruth Cridge Anniversary (Joyce Mizner)
1:30 PM Meadville Rehab Mass/ People
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church
7:00 PM Confessions in Chapel

Friday – August 22

12:05 PM Augie Saggio BD (Altar Rosary Society)
12:30 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Sunday Masses – August 24

9:00 AM Helene Barco Duratz (James J. Duratz)
Rose Oldakowski (Tim Oldakowski)
Jim Hatheway (Michelle/Carlos Ortiz)
12:05 PM People of St. Brigid

NO daily Masses at St. Brigid next week Aug. 25-30

8 AM Daily Masses at St. Mary: Mon., Wed., Saturday
8 AM Daily Masses at St. Agatha: Tues., Wed., Friday

IN THE HOSPITAL: Michael Ketcham. Please remember him in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: to the family of **William Cerne**, husband of Donna Cerne; to the family of **Dianne Dowler**, wife of Lee Dowler.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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

OTHER MASSES

Monday – August 18

8:00 AM @ St. Mary Church

Tuesday – August 19

8:00 AM @ St. Agatha Church

Wednesday – August 20

8:00 AM @ St. Agatha Church

Thursday – August 21

8:00 AM @ St. Mary Church

Friday – August 22

8:00 AM @ St. Agatha Church

Saturday – August 23

8:00 AM @ St. Mary Church
4:30 PM @ St. Agatha Church Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday Masses – August 24

7:30 AM @ St. Mary Church
9:00 AM @ St. Agatha Church
10:30 AM @ St. Mary Church

PARISH EVENTS

Wednesday – August 20

6:30 PM Catholic Daughters/St. Agatha Center
7:00 PM Bible Study/Room 4
7:00 PM Lady of Love Cursillo 236 / Room 2

Thursday – August 21

12:15-1 PM Brown Bag Theology/Room 2
6:00 PM Pastoral Council Social / Landefeld's Home

Monday – August 25

7:00 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Group/ Rm 4

Preschool Teacher & Preschool Aide Positions Open-Seton Catholic School

Part time position-Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 7:30-12:30. If interested, please send letter of intent, resume, transcripts, PA Certification, FBI fingerprints reference number, child abuse & criminal clearances to:

Julia Strzalka, Principal
Seton Catholic School
385 Pine Street
Meadville, PA 16335

Save the Date!

October 4, 2014

Women's Conference ~ Diocese of Erie

At the Erie Warner Theatre

Sonja Corbitt, Author
The Sisters for Life in New York City
Father Larry Richards

Save the Date!

November 1, 2014

**2232 Men's Conference ~
Diocese of Erie**

At the Erie Warner Theatre

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Prolific Writer
Jesse Romero, Author & Radio Host
Father Larry Richards

**St. Jude the Apostle Pilgrimage
October 10 thru 12, 2014**

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a Pilgrimage of the National Shrines of Our Lady of Lourdes (Emmetsburg, Maryland) St. Jude Shrine (Baltimore) and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Washington, D.C.). It begins at 5:30 AM Oct. 10 at St. Jude Church, Erie on a 48 personal Coach USA bus. See the poster on the bulletin board for details of the trip. Price per person \$275 (includes hotel, breakfast at the hotel & \$40 dinner allowance on Sat. (Rooms based on double occ.). \$150 deposit due before Sept. 15. Balance due Sept. 30. Call (814) 833-0927.

Attention Liturgical Ministers ~ Please contact us as now with your weekend Mass preference. You are welcome to minister at any of the three parishes without changing your parish registration.

Liturgical ministers are especially needed for the Sunday 12:05 Mass at St. Brigid.

Thank for your dedicated service to the Church.

CURSILLO EVENTS

The next Men's #231 Cursillo weekend will be held September 4th-7th at St. Phillips, Linesville. God is calling YOU to follow HIM! Men, please consider taking a couple of days and answer God's call to follow him and attend Mass this weekend. You will be happy you said "YES" to the Lord.

For more information contact Jim/Wendy Hess at (814) 333-6586.

September 6, 2014-Holy Hour, 9am at
St. Philip, Linesville.

Openings Remain for NOVA

- Scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Mercer. Nova is a one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org for information. Pre-registration is required.

PALS Support Group

- PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encouragement and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm at St. Mark's Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side). For more information call (814) 824-1250. Our next session is Tuesday, August 19th.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed to go to the Meadville Rehab & Nursing Center, 14714 Park Ave. Ext. once a month to bring the Eucharist to Catholic residents there.

Thank you to those who have served over the years. Please call the parish office at 336-4459. This would begin starting this September.

20th Sunday of the Year

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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Taize Prayer

This is frequently associated with Lent, but is, in fact, done year around in many chapels. It is actually a nondenominational service also called, “Prayer around the Cross” since a cross is the focal point of the prayer. It is mostly sung prayer with simple melodies sung in a repetitive style like a mantra to encourage meditation. Near the end of the service, there is an opportunity to come forward to venerate the cross in some way.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Knights of Columbus Day planned at Seawolves game Knights of Columbus Day will be held Monday, Aug. 18, at the Seawolves game at Jerry Uht Park in downtown Erie. All Knights and their families are invited to attend and are encouraged to wear any Knights of Columbus apparel. Please purchase tickets on the French Street side of the stadium. The Archbishop John Mark Gannon Assembly will present the colors and perform the National Anthem before the 7:05 p.m. start.

STEWARDSHIP

Offeritory/Holy Days

8-3-14 \$10,064	Last Yr \$5,496	Budget/Wk \$5,927
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Fiscal Year to Date

This YTD \$33,930	Last YTD \$26,313	Budget YTD \$29,635
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Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$53,665	Paid YTD \$43,205	Assessment \$43,919
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MINISTRIES – AUGUST 24

ALTAR SERVERS

9:00 Harry/Leech
12:05 **Needed**

READERS

Reisenweber
Needed

GREETERS

Deckers
Needed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9:00 Blystone/Kline/LaScola/Reisenweber
12:05 **Needed**

Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation Kindergarten-11th Grade

Our welcoming letter and registration forms have been sent out to all parish families. Please contact the parish office if you did not receive one. Classes start on **Sunday, September 21st from 10:10 a.m.-11:40 a.m.** at Saint Brigid Church.

Thank you to all those who have already stepped forward and are willing to teach! We are still in need of catechists/classroom aides in grades five and six. Are you being called to build up Christ's church through our new Faith Formation program? *You can make a difference!* If interested, call Shari at 333-2274 or email at Shari.Bronson@StBrigidChurch.org.

A special book will be purchased and placed in our parish library in memory of ***Dianne Dowler***. She served many years as a catechist in youth ministry with MACYM. She was a dedicated disciple for the Lord and she will be missed. May God comfort and strengthen her family and friends at this time.

At Home with the Faith

Check here for weekly tips on integrating the faith in your daily life, especially at home and in the family.

This week's tip: August 21st the Church celebrates Pope Pius X, who is known for encouraging frequent reception of the Eucharist. Catholics in his age feared to approach the Sacrament – 100 years later that fear is all but gone, though often so is the reverence. Try spending 10 minutes before Mass quietly considering Whom it is you will receive, and another 10 minutes after Mass in thanksgiving. Of course there will be distractions from within and without, but keep in mind St. Francis de Sales' counsel regarding spiritual exercises – that we should abandon them only for charity and necessity.

Theology Distilled

Faith and fellowship for Catholic Young Adults, ages 21-39. First meeting is **Thursday, August 28th at 7 pm at VooDoos Brewery** (215 Arch Street). This month's speaker is Dave Roncolato.

Brown Bag Theology

Come hear & discuss Pope Francis' homilies, audiences, letters & more with other interested Catholics. Please bring your own lunch. We meet **Thursdays from 12:15-1pm in Rm 2 at St. Brigid Center.**

Wednesday Bible Study

The weekly Wednesday Bible Study is back! Meetings are **Wednesdays at 7 pm in the library at Saint Brigid.** We will be taking a closer look at the Book of Proverbs.

Wednesday Morning Adoration

For the month of August we will have a trial period of Eucharistic Exposition (without Benediction) on **Wednesday mornings from 7-7:30 am at St. Agatha.**

Library at St. Brigid – New Look & Resources



August 11, 2014

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Saturday, August 9, Pope Francis tweeted: "Please take a moment to pray for all those who have been forced from their homes in Iraq." With this letter, I would like to echo our Holy Father's appeal for prayer for our Christian brothers and sisters in Iraq and throughout the Middle East who are undergoing difficulties of various kinds, including persecution, displacement from their homes, violence and even genocide. To this end, the bishops of the United States are inviting the people of their dioceses to pray in a special way for peace in Iraq on Sunday, August 17th.

While Christians in many parts of the Middle East are suffering persecution, the situation of the Christians in Iraq and Syria is especially dire at this time. The group calling itself, among other names, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), is a radical Sunni Islamic group seeking to establish control over all of Islam, beginning with the countries of Iraq and Syria. ISIS has a record of brutal violence which is directed especially at Shia Muslims and Christians. The Pope, the bishops of Iraq and Syria, as well as the bishops of the United States, have asked the world for help for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria.

Most of us realize that Christianity was born in what is present-day Israel, but many of us are not aware of the ancient roots of Christianity in Iraq and Syria. The Chaldean Christian communities there began in the first century and constitute some of the oldest in the world. They are also some of the most resilient, having undergone numerous persecutions and massacres over the centuries. We are perhaps also not aware that the largest concentration of Chaldean Christians outside the Middle East is right in our back yard in Detroit, Michigan. Erie itself has a small Chaldean population and, of course, the Chaldeans in the United States have relatives and friends among those being displaced and persecuted in Iraq and Syria.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it has been the custom, indeed the duty, of Christians since the early days of the Church to pray for those Christians undergoing persecution. This duty is ours today. As our brothers and sisters in the Middle East (in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, in particular) suffer and die for their faith, I ask you to accompany them with your prayers and sacrifices that they may persevere and remain strong in their faith, that they may find help and refuge, and that Christianity may continue in the place in which it was born and began to thrive.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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Facts about Middle-Eastern Christians

- Christians have existed in the Middle East since Pentecost.
- Christians live throughout the Middle East.
- The seven Catholic Churches in the Middle East are the Latin, Maronite, Melkite, Armenian, Chaldean, Coptic and Syrian Churches.
- Christians are indigenous to the Middle East.

Facts about Chaldean/Assyrian Christians of Iraq

- Chaldeans are the indigenous people of Iraq who speak a form of Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus Christ.
- Historically, Chaldeans are from the Arab World, but are not Arabs.
- Chaldeans have been Christian since the first century AD.
- The number of Chaldeans/Assyrians in Iraq had declined to between 250,000 and 300,000 before the current ISIS offensive, compared to 800,000 – 1.4 million before the 2003 US invasion of the country.
- On February 29, 2008, the Archbishop of Mosul was kidnapped. His body was later found buried near Mosul.
- On October 31, 2010, 58 people were killed after an attack on an Assyrian (Chaldean) Catholic Church in Baghdad. The Islamic State of Iraq, which later became ISIS, claimed responsibility.
- The city of Mosul, the second-largest city in Iraq, was once home to a Christian community of 60,000, but now, for the first time since the first century, has no Christians living there. They were driven out by ISIS in the past two months.
- An estimated 121,000 Chaldeans live in the Detroit metro area and an estimated 200,000 more Chaldeans/Assyrians reside throughout the United States, particularly in Arizona, California, Illinois and other states.