

Saint Brigid Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 Friday11:00 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.
Friday8-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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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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Lynda Morgan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Shari Bronson

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 4 times annually. Their roles are to provide feedback & representation from parishioners of St. Brigid Church.

Todd Sommers
Jamie Sopher
Bill Leffingwell

Martin Dillaman
Annette Lynch
Ryan Landefeld

Connie Brady
Jean Mottillo

WORSHIP

Monday – August 26

11:30 AM Martha Kastel BD (Altar Rosary Society)
2:00 PM Meadville Rehab Mass
Anna Wheeler (Art/Rose Ann Provost)

Tuesday – August 27 ~ No Mass

Wednesday – August 28

11:30 AM Margaret Saggio (Holy Name Society)
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church

Thursday – August 29

11:30 AM Angeline Furno (Nila Passilla)

Friday – August 30

11:30 AM Connolly Family
(John William Connolly)

Saturday – August 31

11:30 AM Larry LaViola (Radoycis family)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ Aug. 31/Sept. 1

4:00 PM Confession in Chapel
5:30 PM Mary Dronko (Genevieve Clark)
7:00 AM People of St. Brigid
9:00 AM Sylvester Amato (Family)

Labor Day Mass

Monday, September 2nd @ 9 AM in Church.
Come and celebrate with us!

IN THE HOSPITAL: Valeria Blasinski & Walter Koszka

WEDDING BANNES: Marissa Kristen Gerkey, Saint Brigid & Joseph Robert Knapp.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

The weekly Wednesday night Bible Study resumes Sept 4 at 7 PM at St. Brigid Center.

We are going to the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome. We even have some extra bibles.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

PARISH EVENTS

Monday – August 26

7 PM River of Life Charismatic Prayer Grp/Rm 4

Tuesday – August 27

Noon-3:30 PM 55+ Card Club/Room 5

Wednesday – August 28

Students' First Day Back to School!

Thursday – August 29

7 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Room 4

Monday – September 2 ~ Labor Day

Tuesday – September 3

7 PM Altar Rosary Meeting/ Social Hall

STEWARDSHIP

Sacrificial Giving

Offering Last Week.....\$4,397.25

CSA Pledged.....\$59,798

CSA Assessment.....\$37,894

CSA Remains @St. Brigid.....\$22,068

CSA Paid.....\$40,927

Loaves & Fishes Sold Last Week.....\$4,225

MINISTRIES – AUGUST 31/SEPT. 1

ALTAR SERVERS

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

READERS

McClimans
Haines
Reisenweber

GREETERS

Needed
Anderson
Gilmores

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30 Sommers/Pitetti/Williams/Henderson
7:00 Holzer/Chisholm
9:00 Blystone/Buzzas/Amato

SUPPORT GROUPS

337-5551 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PK-6

Come and be a part of
FAITH FORMATION
with our religious education program!

Is God calling you to this ministry? Contact Shari at 336-4459 for more information.

Registration packets have been mailed out to households of children age 4 through 6th grade. If you did not receive one and you have a child/children you would like to enroll in the program please call 336-4459.

Our first day of class is Sunday, September 15th, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

2232 Men

“But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:32

1st Annual Erie Men’s Conference, 2013
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS!

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

BayFront Convention Center Erie, PA
Saturday, November 23, 2013
9:00 am—3:30 pm

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

Attention Parishioners,

The Knights of Columbus Meadville Council #388 will be conducting a fundraiser at Hoss’s Seafood & Steak House on Monday, September 16th, the members will be receiving coupons at their meeting on Sept. 9th that you can present when you place your order at Hoss’s that day (Sept 16th). A portion of your pre taxed bill will go to the Meadville Council as a Fundraiser. The members will be distributing these coupons the week of Sept 10th thru 14th and also Sept 15 at the mass’s so if you would like to help out the knights watch for a member that will be handing out these coupons,
Meadville Council #388 Thanks you in advance

Ministry Training/Retraining Dates

A minister in the specific ministry only has to come to one of the two dates offered. All times are from **6:30 to 8:00 PM**.

We will do a commissioning ceremony at all Masses once everyone has gone through the training.

All names of *Extraordinary Ministers* (EM) of Holy Communion will be sent to the diocese for approval for a 3-year term.

Monday, 9/9	- Usher
Monday 9/16	- EM of Holy Communion
Thursday 9/26	- Usher
Thursday 10/3	- EM of Holy Communion
Monday 10/7	- Lector
Thursday 10/10	- Lector

Diocesan Policies on Child Protection

The Diocese of Erie, along with all the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safer environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is committed to the yearly in-servicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environment. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, go to <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

For more information, contact Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center | 2067 Evergreen Rd | Villa Maria, PA 16155 (near Sharon, PA)

Coffee and Contemplation ~ "Praying with Scripture" on September 10th; **Guided Labyrinth Walk** ~ "Path of Peace" on September 18; **Individually Direct Retreat** on September 22-29; **"The Prevention of Genocide & Mass Atrocities in Light of Catholic Social Teaching"** with Richard D. Clark, Ph. D. on September 28.

Call to register or register on-line, **724.964.8886** or dstiger@humilityofmary.org.

21st Sunday of the Year

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Muster in the Park, a Civil War Living History Encampment will be held Labor Day Weekend in Diamond Park, Meadville. **Saturday, August 31st** from 9:30 AM-9:00 PM is free and open to the public of all ages; medical display, military drills, skirmish in and around park, fife & drum cannon, gaitling gun, calvary period blacksmithing, period music & dancing; commemorative tokens \$10 donation; commemorative t-shirts and hats available. **Sunday, September 1st** 9 AM event opens; 10 AM Civil War Church Service; 12:30 Memorial Bell Ringing Ceremony; 2 PM Closing. Donations will be accepted for our "Save Our Statue" restoration project. Food available for purchase in the Park; Visit www.150thpvibucktails.com. **Four-day Pilgrimage to Shrine of The Divine Mercy** in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, The Basilica of OL of Perpetual Help, Boston, inc. visits to various shrines & churches during The Feast of The Most Holy Rosary held Oct. 4-7, 2013. Call Norb/Marlene (814) 455-7163.

MACYM NEWS BULLETIN**CONFIRMATION NOW A THREE YEAR PROGRAM**

After officiating at Confirmations through out the Diocese of Erie. Bishop Persico has decided to modify the preparation requirements to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation a Candidate must **participate in three years** of high school religious instruction. This change means that our **Confirmation Program now begins in 9th Grade**. Any student wishing to be Confirmed in April of 2016 must attend our M.A.C.Y.M. Program starting in 9th Grade this year. Students who are presently going into their sophomore and junior year will have there situation explained to them at the Confirmation Parent Meeting held in September.

TWO NINTH GRADE SESSIONS TO BE OFFERED

With the changes in the requirements for Confirmation M.A.C.Y.M. will be offering two options for 9th grade students. There will now be two times and locations for 9th grade Regular Sessions. They are:

Saint Mary's Center~Sunday~9:00 until 10:15

Seton Catholic School~Sunday~10:00 until 11:15

A student may choose which location he/she wishes to attend. It does not matter what parish a student belongs to, both locations are open to any student from St. Agatha, St. Brigid or St. Mary of Grace.

M.A.C.Y.M. IN NEED OF YOUTH MINISTERS/CATECHISTS FOR 9TH GRADE

We are in need of faith filled persons who would like to share their love of God and their faith with our youth as they journey toward their Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested please contact Sandy Clancy (333-2274 or 807-1029 or sandy.clancy@macym.org) or Fr. Johnathan at 336-4459. Please call with any questions you may have. Even if you have never taught before but have a strong faith and love of God don't be afraid. God may be calling you to this rewarding ministry.

REGISTRATION PACKETS

All 7th thru 11th Grade M.A.C.Y.M. Registration Packets will be available in the home parishes August 31st and September 1st. Packets not picked up that weekend will be mailed out on September 2nd.

M.A.C.Y.M. YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Any M.A.C.Y.M. student who would like to have a say in and be a part of planning service projects, liturgies and events are invited to be a member of the M.A.C.Y.M. Youth Advisory Board. We would love to have you as part of our team. Interested call Fr. Johnathan at 336-4459 or Sandy at 807-1029.

QUESTIONS????

Any questions regarding any of the above information please call Sandy at 807-1029 or 333-2274. Look forward to hearing from you.

**ENJOY THE REMAINDER OF YOUR SUMMER
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SEPTEMBER**



SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INSPIRING MINDS. INSTILLING VALUES.

Welcome Back!

I hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. I would like to welcome all new families to our Seton community. I would also like to welcome our new Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Laura Blake. She excitingly has been working on her classroom in preparation for the new school year. I am sure that you will make her feel right at home.

Seton Catholic School will begin our fall term on **Tuesday, August 27, 2013**. Students are to be in uniform. This will be a full day of school. We will start the day with a prayer service at 9:30 am.

Our first Mass is **September 4th at 9:30 at St. Brigid Church**. Everyone is welcome to join us.

School Times Students may arrive no earlier than 7:30 am, gathering in the cafeteria. (Preschool students will go directly to their classrooms). Classes will begin promptly at **8:00 am** for **all** students including preschool. Students arriving after 8:10 am will be considered tardy and will need to go to the office for a tardy slip before going to class.

This year, Seton will dismiss at **2:55 pm**. For parents picking up their children, the gym doors will be open from 2:55 pm until 3:10 pm.

“Parent Open House” is Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm. We will congregate in the school gym for prayer and a brief meeting before going to your children’s classrooms.

There is always so much going on at Seton. Please make sure that you check the monthly calendar that is sent home in your child’s Friday folder. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at 336-2320.

Please keep our faculty, staff and students in your prayers as they start the new school year. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Blessings in Christ,
Julia Strzalka

TEACHERS & STAFF:

Pre-School 3 -4/5 Year Olds

Mrs. Laura Wolff
Mrs. Kim Marsteller
Mrs. Mary Diley

Kindergarten

Mrs. Laura Blake
Mrs. Leslie Hanaway

1st Grade

Mrs. Annette Egan

2nd Grade

Miss Amanda Darke

3rd Grade

Mr. John McMillen

4th Grade

Mr. Regina Kuppinger

5th Grade

Ms. Jennifer Gray

6th Grade

Mrs. DeAnna Sopher

7th Grade & Spanish

Mrs. Patty Ross

8th Grade

Ms. Cathy Gorman

Library/ Computer Sciences

Mr. Joshua Sherretts

Music and Art

Mrs. Tara Thompson

Physical Education

Mrs. Emily Luteran

Principal

Mrs. Julia Ann Strzalka

Director of Advancement

Mrs. Jamie Longo

Secretary

Mrs. Donna Stockton

Financial Secretary

Mrs. Pat Johnson

St. Agatha

Father Matt Kujawinski

St. Brigid

Father Johnathan Schmolt

St. Mary of Grace

Father Marc Solomon