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Parish Picnic ~ TODAY!
Sunday, September 22nd
1:00-4:00 PM

Church Social Hall ~ Eat @ 1:30 PM
Children's Games ~ 2-3 PM

Meat, beverages, plates, cups, silverware all provided. Please bring a dish to share (if possible, use a disposable dish) or please mark your dish.

Suggestions to bring:

A—F Potato salad, macaroni salads
G—L Baked beans, Deviled eggs
M—R Vegetable dishes, Fruit dishes
S— Z Desserts

Come, renew old friendships and make new friendships!
* Steelers play at 8:30 PM.

TRI-PARISH MISSION



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September 23rd, 24th, 25th @ 7 PM
Hosted and held at Saint Agatha Church

Msgr. Thomas McSweeney, Religion Commentator for MSNBC, past director of The Christophers, & Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Erie, will preach this year's Mission. Monsignor will preach a message each evening (he promises only 45 minutes).

On Tuesday evening there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesday the Mission will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

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.

WEDDINGS:

Arrangements must be made with pastor 6 - 12 months ahead.

STAFF HOURS:

Monday - Thursday.....8-Noon & 1-4 P.M.
Friday8-Noon

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The program begins Sunday evening, October 6th @ 7 PM in Room 4 of our center (upstairs).

PASTOR

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt

DEACON

Ken Reisenweber

WORSHIP

Sunday — September 22

7:00 PM Tri-Parish Mission @ St. Agatha Church

Monday – September 23

11:30 AM Ruth Ott BD (Walleen Ott, daughter)

7:00 PM Tri-Parish Mission @ St. Agatha Church

Tuesday – September 24 ~ No Daily Mass

7:00 PM Tri-Parish Mission @ St. Agatha Church

Wednesday – September 25

11:30 AM Eric Kline Anniversary (Fiorillo's)

6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church

Thursday – September 26

11:30 AM Mary Dronko (Tim/Fran Maziarz)

Friday – September 27

11:30 AM Gly Maloney BD (Mary/John Tedesco)

1:00 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Saturday – September 28

11:30 AM Chiyo Maziarz (Eileen/Tom Pauvlik)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ Sept. 28/29

4:00 PM Confession in Chapel

5:30 PM Mark Nicholson BD (Connie Williams)

7:00 AM People of St. Brigid

9:00 AM Marty Hamilton (Buzza-Hamilton families)

11:00 AM Blessing of Pets



Christina Marie Blasinski, Saint
Brigid & William Reuschlein

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;
 Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;
 Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

AREA SUPPORT GROUPS

337-5551 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

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday – September 22 ~ First Day of Fall

10-11:30 Religious Ed Classes P-6th Grade/Classrooms

10-11:15 AM Grades 7 & 8 @ St. Brigid Room 7

10-11:15 AM Gr.9-10-11 Confirmation Students/Parents
 @ St. Brigid Social Hall

11:30 AM Youth Advisory Board Meeting/Room 4

1-4 PM St. Brigid Parish Picnic/Social Hall

Monday – September 23

6:00 PM Church Women United Tureen/Social Hall

Tuesday – September 24

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

Wednesday – September 25

6:30 PM Learn Italian with Maddalena/Room 1

Thursday – September 26

6:30 PM Usher Training/Church

Sunday – September 29

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10-11:15 AM Grades 7 & 8 @ St. Brigid Room 7

9-10:15 AM Grade 9 @ St. Mary Center

10-11:15 AM 1st Yr Confirmation @ Seton

10-11:15 AM 2nd Yr Confirmation @ St. Brigid Center

1-6 PM St. Agatha Oktoberfest

IN THE HOSPITAL: Walter Kokoszka. Please remember him in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: to the family of **Lee Heald**, mother of Chris (Gary) McGinnity; family of **Helen Beers**.

56TH ANNIVERSARY...to Maxine & George Holzer on September 14th!

St. Brigid Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic people of St. Brigid Parish are called to be an energetic and faithful Christian Community where there is a sense of belonging for all ages. We are a people of faith united with our Bishop and all the people of the Erie Diocese and we strive to be and to become a vibrant community of faith by:

Worshipping God through prayer and the sacraments
 Teaching, sharing and living our faith
 Serving others as Jesus did

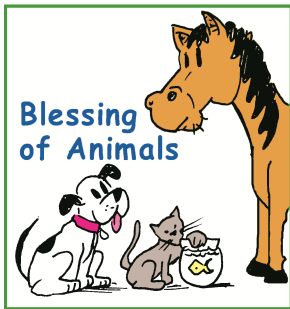
We believe that each individual and family in our parish is called to be a responsible steward of all God's gifts (material and spiritual). Therefore, we commit ourselves to generous sharing of our Time, Talents and Treasure as a parish community.

Communion Breakfast

The Altar Rosary Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, October 13** following our **9 AM** Mass. Reserved pew seating on Mary's side for 9 AM Mass on October 13th.

Breakfast to follow in our social hall. Guest Speaker is Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM, Catholic Rural Ministry of Oil City. Cost of the breakfast is \$9 and must be pre-paid. Menu includes, scrambled eggs, bacon/sausage, potatoes, mini-muffins, fruit cup, coffee.

All are welcome to attend. Tickets may be purchased **after Masses Sept. 21/22 & 28/29**. Reservations required.



Blessing of Pets ~ The feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be the occasion for the blessing of pets next **Sunday, Sept 29th at 11 a.m.** on the lawn between the church and parish center. Adults & children are invited to bring their pets on leashes or otherwise restrained for the blessing. The 13th Century saint was known for his love of nature and the environment.

Anyone interested in becoming a Children's Liturgy facilitator at 9 AM Sunday Masses once a month? Please call the parish office for more information at 336-4459.

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, P.O. Box 15, Meadville, PA 16335.

2013 Oktoberfest

Saint Agatha Parish will celebrate its heritage with the 7th annual **Oktoberfest** dinner next **Sunday, Sept. 29** in the Seton School Gym, 385 Pine St. with a German dinner serving from 1 – 5:30 p.m. Dinner includes ethnic foods, beer & wine.



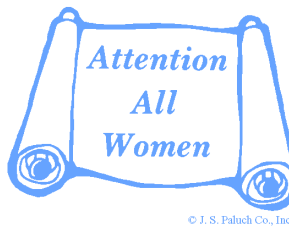
The "Mad Bavarian" will perform from 2—6 PM and ethnic dancers will perform twice: at 2 & 4 PM; also, 50/50's & Chinese raffle.

First raffle win 1 of 3 prizes: ¼ of beef, a Kindle HD and \$50 cash Tickets \$5. The 2nd raffle is 2 tickets & Anderson Bus transportation to the Steelers/Browns game on Sunday, Nov. 24th . Tickets are \$5 each.

Oktoberfest Tickets: \$16 for an individual and \$35 for a family. Available at St. Agatha Office M-T-W-F or by calling 814-853-1801.

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW!

Next meeting Wednesday night **October 2nd**
Bible Study held at 7 PM at
St. Brigid Center.
All are welcome. We have extra Bibles.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

will celebrate World Community Day this **Monday, September 23rd** here at St. Brigid Center. A tureen dinner begins at 6 PM. followed by a program titled **Walking Through the Doors of Opportunity**, and a short business meeting. We will elect a new vice-president and secretary and dedicate Gifts of the Heart Kits.

Those attending please bring a tureen or dessert to share along with your table service. CWU is an ecumenical organization, begun in 1941, of women from all Christian traditions. Celebration services encourage dialogue with all people of faith on contemporary issues.

Any questions? Call 333-8210. St. Brigid women are encourage to attend, as well as women of all Christian faiths. Join us in representing Saint Brigid.

25th Sunday of the Year

PRIORITIES

In the first reading, the prophet Amos rages against all those whose greed is so great that they would close their eyes and hearts to the needs of the poor among them. To make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. He issues a call to more expansive prayer—prayer that should mark the daily life of Christians.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees “downsizing” heading his way. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a “position” in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal.

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Ballet Magnificat! From the Kennedy Center in Washington DC to Singapore’s historic Victoria Theatre, thousands throughout the world have experienced Ballet Magnificat! With world-class dance & powerful performances, Ballet Magnificat! Ministers through exciting life impacting experiences. Come to the Henne Auditorium at University of Pittsburgh, Titusville on **Thursday, Oct. 3rd @ 7 PM**—for tickets call (814) 827-4096 or go to www.iTickets.com. Tickets available to the first 400 people. It is a kaleidoscope of movement, lights and sound. **Educational Symposium** *Lighting the Way with Confidence* presented by Ken Ross, author of the best-selling book *On Death and Dying*, the son of Dr. Elisabeth Kibler-Ross, a psychiatrist and pioneer in end-of-life care. This event is sponsored by Hospice of Crawford County, Inc. and will be held at New Beginnings Church of God, 13226 Leslie Rd., Meadville on **Wed., Oct. 16th from 1-5:15 PM**. Registration begins at 12:30 PM; 2 PM Book Signing & Break; 2:30 PM Breakout Sessions. Each session is 45 minutes long. You may choose up to three sessions. Elder Law / Special Hospice Needs for Veterans / Music Therapy / Yoga/Reiki / Funeral Planning / Opportunities for Volunteering for Hospice / Five Wishes. Please call (814) 333-5403 or (814) 827-0330 or on Facebook at Hospice of Crawford County.

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.

Thursday 9/26	- Usher
Thursday 10/3	- EM
Monday 10/7	- Reader
Thursday 10/10	- Reader

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
9-15-13	9-9-12	Budget/Wk	This YTD	Last YTD	Budget YTD
\$5,259	\$5,524	\$6,039	\$53,161	\$62,517	\$66,429

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$61,117	Paid YTD \$49,501	Assessment \$37,894
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Last weekend, our parish took a 2nd collection to help support the educational needs of our parish & diocese. Despite the ongoing economic difficulties we face today, many generously responded to share in the education of our young people. Your continued prayers & support will ensure that our parish and all parishes in the Diocese of Erie will continue to support lifelong learning. If you missed last week's collection, you may still contribute. God bless you!

MINISTRIES – SEPTEMBER 28/29

ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	GREETERS
5:30 Jones	Sommers	Needed
7:00 Corsi	Stimpson	Anderson
9:00 Yoder/Hess	Miller	Yoder/Wattras

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 5:30 Smith/Wagner/Williams/Henderson
 7:00 Holzer/Chisholm
 9:00 Schenberg/Melvin/Wheelock/Jastromb

This week we pay tribute to:

Mission of Friendship ~ Celebrating one of the oldest "sister parish" relationships in the Diocese of Erie, St. Brigid has a sister parish in San Pedros, Sotuta, Yucatan. The parish provides financial support, Mass intentions and other support as needed to this community in Mexico. Part of the Diocesan Mission Office's program to developing nations, the relationship offers us a "world view" of the church while assisting a Catholic community in need.

RELIGIOUS ED Pre-Grade 6

Our first day of Religious Education classes went very well last week. We are excited about the year ahead. Thank you to *Jose Concepcion* who has stepped forward to serve as our second grade catechist. We are happy to have you here!

Our program theme will focus on **The Names of Jesus**. "You will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 1:21* The name Jesus means "God Saves."

We received a letter from Bishop Persico! He asked that the following greeting be shared with the students. *Bishop Persico greets you and thanks you for your kind words of welcome and encouragement. I thank you for the welcome letters and the opportunity to share in your 150th Anniversary Celebration Mass in February. The highlight for me was visiting the classrooms and meeting the catechists. One of the really hard things about being a Bishop is that I will only have a few occasions over the years as you are growing in the faith to meet you and celebrate your faith with you. I want you to know that even though you and I will not meet often, what is most important is that you and I are brothers and sisters in the Church. And remember, brothers and sisters are always there for each other. As your brother in the faith, I think about and pray for you every day as I work to serve OUR church. I look forward to celebrating Mass with you again soon.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie*

RESPECT LIFE

Pro-Life Prayer Banquet will be held on **Friday, Oct. 25th** at 6:30 PM at Smith's Country Gardens, Blooming Valley with Rev. Michael Spencer. After 22 years, Mike left his pastoral role to devote full-time energies to equipping pro-lifers to make the case for life. His passion, humor, and engaging speaking style enable him to effectively communicate the pro-life message. \$15 Adults; \$8 children 10 & under; (Family rate for parents & dependent children \$60). Call 967-3436 for tickets. Sponsored by Crawford Cty Citizens for Life.

Catholic Daughters wishes to thank all who came to their card party last week and making it a great success, as well as all those who worked and purchased tickets.



**ATTENTION MACYM FAMILIES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013**

MACYM KICK~OFF LAST SUNDAY

A "Thank You" to all who helped out at the Mass, social and meeting.

**1ST, 2ND, 3RD YEAR CONFIRMATION
PARENT~CANDIDATE MEETING**

Mandatory meeting for all 1st, 2nd & 3rd-year Confirmation candidates and at least 1 parent will be held TODAY/Sunday, Sept. 22nd at St. Brigid Center 10 AM.

CANDIDATES & AT LEAST ONE PARENT ARE TO ATTEND!

If you attended the meeting last Sunday, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND THIS ONE.

**MACYM 7TH & 8TH GRADERS
1ST REGULAR SESSION TODAY!**

..Held in their home parish Sunday, Sept. 22nd.
St. Mary students/their center/9:00-10:15 AM.
St. Agatha students/Seton School/10:00-11:15 AM.
St. Brigid students/St. B Room 7/ 10:00-11:15 AM.

REGISTRATION FEES & FORMS

A reminder: send with your son/daughter their registration fee & forms you received in their registration packet. You may also drop them off at your home parish office.

**1ST, 2ND & 3RD YEAR CONFIRMATION
NO REGULAR SESSIONS THIS WEEK**

There are NO regular sessions this week.

There are sessions next week, Sept. 29th. Please see next column for an explanation of change in calendar.

CHANGE IN CALENDAR!!!

1. September 29th there will be regular sessions for all MACYM students. They will meet at their regular times and locations.
2. The Hayride Bonfire is being moved to Sunday, October 6th. Complete information will be sent home with the students next week and will also be in parish bulletins. Location, time and what to bring will all be addressed.

**YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING THIS SUNDAY**

There is a Youth Advisory Lunch Meeting this Sunday, Sept. 22nd at St. Brigid Room 4 at 11:30 AM. Anyone wishing to be a member of the board or would like to come and see what it is all about please plan on attending. Come hungry and with a lot of good ideas.

**MACYM REGISTRATION FEE
\$60 PER STUDENT**

The fee for each student is \$60; not \$50 as stated in the Registration Packet. My apologies! If you are unable to pay the fee contact your pastor. NO STUDENT will be denied enrollment.

Dear Friends of Seton



Catholic School:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. **Please consider visiting the Hoss's of Meadville on 9/29/2013 to aid us in raising money to benefit Seton Catholic School.**

Present this paper on 9/29/2013 at Hoss's in Meadville. Hoss's will then donate 20%* or 25%** of your total check paid to Seton Catholic School.

*To qualify for the 20% payout, our
**To qualify for the 25% payout, our
This applies to a one-day, single loca-
community fundraising totals.



group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.
group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.
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Thank you for your cooperation!

HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION!

As always, **THANK YOU** for supporting
Seton Catholic!

Group #20895