



©Diocesan - The Visitation - Philippe De Champaigne, 1643

A  
N  
G  
E  
L  
U  
S

# ST. PATRICK PARISH

BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA



915 State Route 68  
East Brady, Pennsylvania 16028  
Parish Office: 724-526-5079  
Fax: 724-526-3028  
Parish Hall: 724-526-5180  
Website: [www.stpatrickbradysbend.org](http://www.stpatrickbradysbend.org)  
Email: [stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is Monday at 12 Noon.

### PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Victor S. Baguna  
*Pastor*  
Email: [vbaguna@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:vbaguna@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Barbara Boltz  
*Financial Secretary*  
Email: [bboltz@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:bboltz@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Laurie McNany  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Email: [lmcnany@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:lmcnany@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Mary Anne Seybert  
*Director of Faith Formation*  
Email: [mseybert@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:mseybert@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Dorinda Aigner, Accompanist

Silvio Andreassi, Maintenance

Jill Stimac, Maintenance



*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Friday  
9:00 am—2:00 pm  
Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays &  
Thursdays



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00pm  
Sunday .....9:30am  
Weekdays...(Tues. Wed. & Fri.) 9:00am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only:  
Saturdays, 10:00am-Noon

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made one year in advance. Marriage preparation is required.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A family member must notify the parish office if a parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home. Eucharist is brought to the homebound on the third Sunday of each month.

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2020**

## Masses For The Week

### **Saturday, December 12 Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm—For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

### **Sunday, December 13: Third Sunday In Advent**

9:30 am—Deceased Members of the Assunta & Domenico Galassi Families—Florence DeBacco

### **Monday, December 14: St. John of the Cross**

-Special Intention for Barbara Korzon—Jack & Emogene Blair

### **Tuesday, December 15: Advent Weekday**

9:00 am—Victor DeBacco—Ron Stitt

### **Wednesday, December 16: Advent Weekday**

9:00 am—Cathy Coe—Mother, Phyllis

### **Thursday, December 17: Late Advent Weekday**

-Mary Lou Kinkela—Mike & Amy Zanot

### **Friday, December 18: Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 am—Tom McCloskey—Tom & Lillian King

### **Saturday, December 19 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm—For All Living & Deceased Parishioners

### **Sunday, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am—Joseph Bratkovich—Peggy Wimer



### Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn from  
December 18 - December 31  
for the health of Tom Kusick  
By Donna & Family*

## **2021 Lottery Calendar**

The new lottery calendar year will begin soon. Many calendars are still available for sale. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements to purchase them. They make great grab bag gifts, stocking stuffers, and easy to mail gifts for those who you may not see this holiday.

All calendar stubs and payments are due to the parish office by December 31st.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased calendars to date. Your support is valued.

## **Constant Joy, Steadfast Prayer, Continued Thanksgiving**

Today we begin the third week of Advent, the great and beautiful season of preparation for the coming of Jesus. As we have noted, our preparation is twofold. Initially, we prepare to commemorate the first coming of the word made flesh, a man like us born on one silent, calm and holy night. Then, we prepare for his second coming to judge the living and the dead. The need for preparation is what Saint John the Baptist preached in the desert. He called people to the baptism of repentance at the Jordan River. Always careful to distinguish the difference, John insisted with all humility that he was not what people thought he was. He was no more than the voice of the one crying out in the desert, making straight the way of the Lord. Repentance is key to being prepared. To make straight the way of the Lord, we must flatten the mountains that our pride, greed and other sins have raised up in our hearts.

Advent, then, has a clear penitential dimension. We can see this in its use of violet as the season's eternal color. Violet, which we also use during Lent, signifies repentance. It reminds us that our preparation for new life involves the death of our old, sinful life. We acknowledge our sin and ask for mercy. We wish the Lord will prepare us for his coming.

However, Advent also has a joyful dimension. A joy which grows each day in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah. Today, Gaudete Sunday, is a special reminder of this spirit of Christian joy. In the middle of the violet season, we use the joyful color rose, which is a combination of the violet of penance with an influence of the festive white of the Christmas season. It is good to be reminded that the Christian life, even amidst our sorrows and sacrifices, is a life of joy. Gaudete Sunday is a tangible sign of hope that we are getting near to the arrival of our long awaited Messiah.

The greatest model of joy, based on an intimate relationship with God, is that of the blessed Virgin Mary. Today's Responsorial Psalm is her Canticle, the Magnificat. In Mary's prayer, we can see that she puts significance on the instruction from Saint Paul. Her soul rejoices in God because she remembers all the good things the Lord has done for her and her people, Israel. Following her example, we renew our faith and hope. May the joy that comes from faith grow in our hearts and radiate to others .... rejoice, pray, give thanks.

**Rejoice!**

## Christmas Masses

December 24	5 pm
December 24	10 pm
December 25	10 am

**Please remember:**

- ★ Maximum attendance for any Mass will be 80.
- ★ Mass registrations are required and must be made by December 23rd at 3 pm. Please contact the parish office at 724-526-5079 or [stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org).
- ★ Mass helpers and slideshow operators are needed for all Christmas Masses. If you would like to help, please contact the office.

### Diocese Plans Televised Christmas Masses

In addition to in-person Christmas Masses all over the Diocese of Greensburg, you can also watch Christmas Masses on television or streaming on the Diocese website and Facebook page. Join us for Christmas Vigil Mass at 2 pm on Christmas Eve and 10 am on Christmas Day from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. Both Masses will air on PCNC, The Pittsburgh Cable News Channel. Christmas Day Mass will also air at Noon on WPXI Channel 11.

### Epiphany House Blessing Kits

In order to reach as many parishioners as possible this year, the house blessing kits will be available on the benches outside the church after all Masses beginning Christmas Eve through Epiphany (January 2-3). If you are unable to attend Mass but would like a kit, please contact the parish office. The bag contains instructions on blessing your home the weekend of January 2-3, holy water, and chalk.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*Offertory collected through Mass, Mail and On-line Giving*

	<u>December 5-6</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Adult Offertory	\$4,613.75	\$63,721.50
Children Offertory	\$0.00	0.00
Loose	\$77.00	\$2,012.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,690.75</b>	<b>\$65,734.40</b>
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$82,800.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$1,090.75</b>	<b>-\$17,065.60</b>
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>	
<i>Accent</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>	
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>\$65.00</i>	

## Confirmation Class Update

The Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, December 20 from 10:15 am to 11:45 am in the hall.

### Confessions During Advent

Due to diocesan guidelines during COVID, there will be no penance service during Advent. Confession may be heard on Saturday mornings in the vestibule between the church and the hall. Please contact the office for an appointment. Extra confession times have been added and no appointment is necessary for the times listed below. If the door between the hall and the church is closed, please have a seat in the church until it is open. Masks are required.

Monday, December 14	6 pm to 7 pm
Tuesday, December 15	8:15 am to 8:45 am
Wednesday, December 16	8:15 am to 8:45 am
Thursday, December 17	6 pm to 7 pm
Friday, December 18	8:15 am to 8:45 am

For additional information, please contact the parish office.

### Mass Registrations for the weekend of December 26-27

Registrations must be made by Wednesday, December 23 at 3 pm.



### Decorating the Church for Christmas

Help is needed for decorating the church for Christmas. The schedule of events is listed below:

Sunday, December 20—Put up large Christmas Trees after Mass.

Wednesday, December 23 at noon—Decorate the church.

Contact Pat Sanich at 724-526-5680 if you have any questions.

### Christmas Meals

The St. Paddy's Ladies are collecting names of families who are in need of a Christmas dinner. If you know of a family, contact Deb Maley (724) 290-4131 or Mitzi Evankovich (724) 290-1004 with the information. Donations toward the cost of the meals is also being accepted. Please place your donation in the offertory marked Christmas Meal. We are blessed with many generous parishioners.