

**ST. PATRICK PARISH**  
**BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA**



***THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION***

***NOVEMBER 21, 2022***

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**December 11, 2022**

**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, December 10: Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm—Pauline Boyle—Larry and Alice Boyle

**Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30am--For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick

**Monday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

6:00pm—Mickey Steiner—Vicki and Family

**Tuesday, December 13: Saint Lucy**

9:00am--Joseph Bratkovich—Peggy Wimer

**Wednesday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross**

9:00am--Ethel Double—St. Paddy's Ladies

**Thursday, December 15: Advent Weekday**

9:00am—Jennie Stimac—Michael Evankovich

**Friday, December 16: Advent Weekday**

9:00am--All Souls in Purgatory—Rose

**Saturday, December 17: Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm--For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick

**Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30am—Brian Trimbur—Family

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**December 3, 4**

Adult Offertory \$2,991.75

Children Offertory

Loose \$197.00

**Total \$3,188.75**

Accent \$99.25



**Sunshine Corner**

**Jesus designed to teach me this mystery.**

He set before me the book of nature; I understood how all the flowers he has created are beautiful, how the splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not take away the perfume of the little violet or the delightful simplicity of the daisy.

—St. Therese of Lisieux

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

There are many questions as to why John (while in prison) sent his followers to Jesus to ask Him if he is the one. Perhaps John wanted to be assured of Jesus' support because he baptized Jesus in the River Jordan. *(Matthew 3:13).*

Jesus affirmed this question by saying to John's followers, go and tell John what you hear and see. The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

Perhaps the disciples of John were expecting Jesus to say, let us go to John and assure him of my support, but he did not. Instead Jesus said: "Blessed is the one who takes no offense with me." He said to John's followers, don't be disappointed if I will not help John in his most difficult time.

We may also have this feeling of being abandoned by Jesus. We may have questions like, why do I have to endure these difficult times? Why am I still poor and suffering when I am faithfully following you? We may have countless "whys" before God, we may have this feeling of being abandoned by Jesus in our most difficult time.

So what do we do if we are in this situation? We must continue to follow Jesus, we must continue to be faithful to Him even if He seems to be far away and unconcerned with us. We must never veer away from Jesus and must not blame Him for whatever difficulties we are facing.



**Prayer for Third Sunday of Advent**

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way.

Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."

## Liturgical Ministers for December 17,18

Mass Time	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	Chris H.	Anne T.
<b>EMoC</b>	Jim L.	Karen T.
<b>Cross Bearer Book Holder</b>	Peggy W.	Joey O. Alaina R.

### Upcoming Events

December 11	<i>Young at Heart Christmas Party 2:00 pm—5:00pm</i>
December 12	<i>Bible Study "Who am I to Judge" 6:30pm in the hall</i>
December 15	<i>St. Patrick Penance Service 6:30pm</i>
December 17	<i>Adoration—2:30pm Benediction—4:30pm</i>

### Advent Penance schedule

December 10	Ford City	12:00pm
December 13	Yatesboro	6:30pm
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Brady's Bend</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
December 17	Kittanning	12:00pm
December 19	Cadogan	6:30pm
December 20	Freeport	6:30pm

## WITH DEEPEST *Sympathy*

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ethel Double who passed away on December 1, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.



Thank you to all who donated to our giving tree this year. May God bless each of you for your generosity and blessings to those in great need. May God's love and blessings surround you this holiday season.

## Faith Formation News

**Faith Formation** - for Preschool through Grade 5 will meet in the hall after the 9:30am Mass (approximately 10:15am on Sunday)

**6th Grade Confirmation Prep.** will meet next Sunday, December 18, from 6-7:30pm in the hall.

**7th Grade Confirmation Prep.** will meet next Sunday evening, December 18, from 6-7:30pm in the hall.

**Youth Ministry (grades 8 through 12)** will meet next Sunday, December 18 from 6-7:30pm in the hall.

### Elements of the Mass—Available on FORMED

Episode 4: The Church Building—The Catholic Church is a sacramental Church which means deeper realities are expressed in perceptible signs. The church building is not a neutral place; it is not simply a skin for liturgical action. It is a place where prayer happens; it is a temple where sacrifice is offered. The building is a sacramental sign: there is found the Body of Christ. The door signifies the crossing of the threshold and entry into the Garden of Eden. It is a return to Paradise. Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy: ... While the liturgy daily builds up those who are within into a holy temple of the Lord, into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ, at the same time it marvelously strengthens their power to preach Christ, and thus shows forth the Church to those who are outside as a sign lifted up among the nations under which the scattered children of God may be gathered together, until there is one sheepfold and one shepherd. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: Often the Church has also been called the building of God. The Lord Himself compared Himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the cornerstone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles, and from it the Church receives durability and consolidation. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which dwells His family; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling place of God among men; and, especially, the holy temple. This Temple, symbolized in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Holy Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. As living stones we here on earth are built into it. John contemplates this holy city coming down from heaven at the renewal of the world as a bride made ready and adorned for her husband.. [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)— and sign up as a parishioner and then download the **Formed** app to your phone.