

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

Email: stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

PASTORAL STAFF

The Reverend Arnel Tadeo, Pastor
atadeo@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Barbara Boltz, Financial Secretary
Email: bboltz@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Sarah Clark, Administrative Assistant
Email: sclark@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Dorinda Aigner, Accompanist

Silvio Andreassi, Maintenance

Jill Stimac, Maintenance

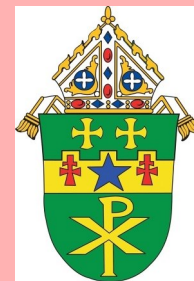


*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday 9am-4pm

Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays,
and Fridays



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am
Weekdays.....see schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays—4:15 pm to 4:45 pm
Sundays—8:45 am to 9:15 am

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.

First Sunday in Advent December 3, 2023

ST. PATRICK PARISH

Masses For The Week

Saturday, December 2: Vigil: First Sunday in Advent

5:00pm— In Birthday Remembrance of John Bedner, and John E. Bedner I, II, III—Bernie and Jan

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday in Advent

9:30am—Matt Bartoe—Mom

Tuesday, December 5: Advent Weekday

9:00am—Rita Mills—Mary Ann and Family

Wednesday, December 6: St. Nicholas

9:00am—Sgt. Carl F. Curran II—
Mr. and Mrs. David C. Curran, Sr.

Thursday, December 7: Saint Ambrose

9:00am—Ann Stimac—St. Paddy's Ladies

Thursday, December 7: Vigil: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00pm—Ethel Double—Thomas and Patricia Double

Friday, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day

9:00am—Living and Deceased Members of
St. Patrick

Saturday, December 9: Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm—Glenn Maley—Janice and Bob Bishop

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

9:30am—The Health and Welfare of Marc Fogel—
Aunt Helen

December 3, 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

REMAIN VIGILANT!


The Body of Christ begins the new liturgical year with a plea for God's visitation from the Book of Isaiah. As Christians, we believe that Jesus "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Every generation of Christians anticipates that day. In the meantime, Jesus unites us to God the Father in the sacred union of the New Covenant.

We are His partners in making this world a better place while we wait for the return of Christ the King in glory when He appears suddenly and takes up the mission as humanity's divine Judge. We, therefore, begin each new Church year with a plea for Christ's return, as the prophet Isaiah cries out in the First Reading: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." This Sunday's readings remind us that we must be watchful, alert, and prepared for Christ's return. *The First Reading*, which is from the book of the prophet Isaiah, is a prayer of repentance offered by the covenant people in a time of great distress. They call upon God to return to them as proof that His divine Presence is still with them in the same visual expression of His awesome glory that their ancestors witnessed at Mt. Sinai.

The Responsorial Psalm takes up this same theme as the psalmist yearns for "our Father" and "the Redeemer" who is the "Shepherd" of His chosen "vine," Israel, and "whose face we long to see." The Second Reading, like each of our readings, takes up the theme of being vigilant as we await the Second Advent of our Lord, so Jesus will find His people remaining faithful in doing good and not evil upon His return. Saint Paul reminds us that God is with His people throughout their generations. In the New Covenant, He calls us to fellowship with Him through God the Son and gives every spiritual gift we need to sustain us while we wait for Christ's glorious Second Advent. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells another parable about the necessity of His disciples remaining vigilant in waiting for His promised return. He warns them to be watchful and alert because they do not know when Jesus, the Master of His "house" the Church, will return to judge the actions of His servants.

Jesus addressed His message to the disciples of His generation and all future generations. We must not fail in putting our love for Him and our fellowship with Him above everything else. We must remain faithful and alert so that when Christ returns, He will find His servants continuing


His earthly mission by doing what is right and just and sharing His Gospel message of salvation. We do not want to be like the Christians of Ephesus, where the community members began to fail in their vigilance. To them, Jesus sent the warning: Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first. Realize how far you have fallen. Repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Our prayer as a covenant people should be: "O Lord, help us to keep the vigilance of good servants ready for Your return! May we not be found wanting in acts of charity or guilty of spiritual sloth. Help us to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning brightly in our consecrated souls!"

 Choir Practice for preparation for the Christmas season will be Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

The sign up sheet for the Pilgrim Statue is in the Narthex.

Advent Penance Services

December 11	Brady's Bend	6:30pm
December 14	Cadogan	6:30pm
December 16	Kittanning	12:00pm
December 18	Freeport	6:30pm

 **The Sanctuary Candle will burn**
from December 1 through December 14
In Loving Memory of
Doretha Burke
Love, Alice

Liturgical Ministers for December 9,10

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Lector</u>	Jen M.	John E.
<u>EMoC</u>	Judy C.	Art D.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Cheryl P. Evelyn M.	Peggy W. Jackson B.

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>Nov 18,19</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Adult Offertory	\$3,187.75	\$60,685.00
Children Offertory		
Loose	\$150.00	\$2,225.19
Total	\$3,337.75	\$62,910.19
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$75,600.00
Difference	\$-262.25	\$-12,689.81
Poverty relief—\$311.00	Thanksgiving \$60.00	



To sign up for online giving, please use the QR code on the bulletin board or contact Barb in the office on Monday evenings.

Upcoming Events

Dec 11

Penance Services
6:30pm



Thank you to our Confirmation Prep Class for putting out our new Hymnals.

Faith Formation News

For Preschool through Grade 5: Faith Formation will meet this Sunday after Mass.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep. Classes will meet this Sunday, December 3, from 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the hall.

In the event that Faith Formation class must be cancelled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be posted on WPXI (Channel 11 News) and on WPXI.com.



The Giving Tree

Thank you for the past 23 years of generosity in donating to those in need during this Christmas season. Our giving tree is displayed in the Narthex.

Please know that each and every donation will aide in a caring Christmas to those in need.

Please keep the following in mind:

***The tags attached to the tree are only recommendations, all of the items listed do not have to be included.

***Please leave ALL gifts unwrapped. Place items in a large garbage bag with the tag attached to the outside. Please tape the tag to the bag. If you wish, you may enclose a roll of gift wrap with your items. Gift wrap may also be placed inside the garbage bag. Please leave bags in the cry room.

***If you would prefer to make a donation rather than shop, please place donations in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and place in the offertory. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Patrick's Church.

***All items must be returned by **This Sunday, December 3.** This deadline is important to ensure that gifts may be delivered in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions or need your gift picked up, please contact Susan Reeves at 724-526-5591 or 724-496-8808.



Congratulations
To Jedidiah and Erin Bishop on the baptism of their daughter,
Myla Kate Bishop
on November 18, 2023



Sunshine Corner

The Christmas Season and the First Sunday of Advent is upon us, it is easy to get consumed with all of the rituals that the Christmas season demands of us. We are busy, we just are, all of us. We have trees to decorate, we have gifts to buy and food to prepare. We have all heard to slow down, that we don't have to finish all the do's and don'ts of Christmas. But do we really slow down, do we really believe this? Do we ever take time to get down on our knees and thank God for the gifts He has already given us and our family, or for the miracles he allows us to witness each day when we wake up. Do we thank Him for things we can't open up on Christmas morning, the gifts that we don't outgrow or get tired of and box up in the attic. His are the gifts we don't pack away, the ones we are blessed with long after the tree comes down. Praise Him first this Holiday Season, and the rest...well, Christmas and what it really means, will come, no matter what.