

ST. PATRICK PARISH

BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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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.



Fourth Sunday in Advent December 24, 2023

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Masses For The Week

Saturday, December 23: Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Advent

5:00pm—Louis Michael DeBacco—Rose

Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:30am—Kenny Ealey—Rose and Rae

Sunday, December 24: Vigil: The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas Eve)

5:00pm—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick

Sunday, December 24: Vigil: The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas Eve)

10:00pm—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick

Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10:00am—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick Church

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27: Saint John

NO MASS

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

NO MASS

Friday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS

Saturday, December 30: Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00pm—Cathy Coe—Phyllis

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30am—Rita F. Curran—Joe and Elaine Curran

Calendars for 2024

The 2024 Calendars have been donated by Buechele Funeral Home and are available in the Narthex.



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

December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14c-16; Psalm 89:2-5, 26, 28
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

THE MYSTERY REVEALED

Today our readings remind us that we are on the verge of celebrating the coming of God enfleshed to live as a man among the human children of the Divine Father. The Catechism tells us: "The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures, and symbols of the 'First Covenant.' He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming". *In this Sunday's Gospel reading, what the angel Gabriel announced to Mary of Nazareth was the revelation promised by the prophets and the Davidic Covenant's fulfillment (First Reading and Psalm).* It is what St. Paul refers to in the Second Reading as "the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages" that is now "made known to all nations". The First Reading reveals God's eternal covenant with King David and his descendants. When David settled in Jerusalem, he did not consider it was fitting that he should live comfortably in his "house" while the Ark of the Covenant, the dwelling place of God among His covenant people, resided in a tent. David wanted to build a "house" (Temple) for Yahweh. Instead of David building a house of worship for God, Yahweh promised to reward David by building him a dynastic "house." God formed an unconditional covenant with David, promising that He would be a "father" to David's son(s), He would never withdraw His covenant love from David's "house/dynasty," and David's "house/dynasty" would endure forever. The Davidic covenant promises come to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth, son of David and Son of God. The Responsorial Psalm recounts David's reaction to receiving God's promise of an eternal covenant for him and his heirs. The Church applies this psalm to Jesus as St. Athanasius wrote: "We read here how he who was made incarnate through the power of the divine economy calls God himself his father: I go up to my Father and your Father, my God and your God. He is the one of whom the prophet speaks: he calls the child that is born 'Mighty God, Everlasting Father'. In the Second Reading, St. Paul concludes his letter to Rome's Christians with a doxology of praise. He addresses his praise through Jesus Christ to God the Father Almighty, who has revealed the mystery of His divine plan. The mystery was kept secret "for long ages." It was announced in the prophetic writings of God's holy prophets and made known to all the nations of the earth when God revealed it through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God calls all nations and peoples to "the obedience of faith" in accepting His gift of salvation through the sacrifice of God the Son. *In the Gospel Reading, nearly every word the angel speaks to Mary is an echo of the promises God made after the Fall of our first parents and His divine revelations to the prophets concerning the future Davidic Messiah.* Mary is the "woman" whose "seed" (offspring) will crush the Devil/Serpent; and she is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David, the one who is the "Prince of peace". Mary of Nazareth is "the daughter of Zion" called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her as a mighty Savior. The son she bears is the Redeemer-Messiah, who comes in fulfillment of the covenant God made with David in today's First Reading. As we sing in the Responsorial Psalm, He will be "a king forever" and will call God "my Father". As St. Paul writes in the Second Reading, God has revealed this great mystery to bring all nations to salvation through the "obedience of faith".

Liturgical Ministers for December 30,31

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Lector</u>	Jen M.	John E.
<u>EMoC</u>	Dave C.	Scott A.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Cheryl P. Evelyn M.	Karen T. Joseph B.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Dec 9,10	Year-To-Date
Adult Offertory	\$1,943.75	\$68,722.25
Children Offertory		
Loose	\$65.00	\$2,501.94
Total	\$2,008.75	\$71,224.19
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$86,400.00
Difference	-\$1,591.25	-\$15,175.81
Imm Conception	\$561.00	EOY: \$40.00
Accent	\$3.00	
Christmas Flowers:	\$570.00	



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“Eucharistic Revival Prayer”

Accept a challenge and pray for our Church, that we may all draw closer to Christ through the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. Thank you to those of you have accepted Bishop Kulick’s faithful challenges throughout 2023, this year of Eucharistic Revival !

Take a Moment.....

—”The Lord said to him, “Peace? Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.”

-Judges 6:23

Life question: How has God given you clear guidance when you have needed it, and how can you share this with others that are in fear?



Wishing you a blessed Christmas Season

—The Parish Staff

Faith Formation News

For Preschool through Grade 5: Faith Formation will NOT meet this Sunday.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep. Classes will NOT meet this Sunday, December 24.

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.



Advent and Christmas 2023

Confessions during Advent

Saturdays—4:15pm-4:45pm

Sundays—8:45am to 9:15am

Christmas (The Nativity of the Lord)

Vigil: (Christmas Eve) Dec 24—5:00pm

Vigil: (Christmas Eve) Dec 24—10:00pm

Christmas Day—Monday, Dec 25—10:00am

Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1, 2024—10:00am

**There will be NO Mass Dec 26 through Dec 29



Sunshine Corner

We have heard Jesus called many names: The Good Shepherd, Prince of Peace, Savior, Redeemer, and Light of the World. But have we ever called him our comforter, deliverer or counselor. We look to others here on earth for comfort. We get advice from friends and family, and sometimes we talk to therapists. While all of that is good and helps us with healing and growing and lends us short term solutions, the truth is no one on this earth really knows what it is we are going through, all they can do is offer us hope, the rest is up to us. God does not reveal his Plan, he offers you his hand. He knows everything about you, he knows just what you are going through and the solution you desperately seek. Still circumstances keep pounding on us and we continue to have an obstructive view in life. His view is unobstructive. His word gives us clarity in a world full of chaos and sin. Look to Him, lean on Him, and put your trust and will into his out-reached arms. The Christmas season is stressful, try to look to Him for council. Embrace him and surrender to his plan for you. His council will never fail you. His council is rooted in the Gospel not in the words of others.