

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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2023

Masses For The Week

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

Monday, January 1: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

Tuesday, January 2: Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen

9:00am—Brad Miller—St. Paddy's Ladies

Wednesday, January 3: The Holy Name of Jesus

9:00am—Pat Sanich—David Hillenbrand

Thursday, January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00am—Rita Mills—Bill and Jeanne Painter

Friday, January 5: Saint John Neumann

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

Saturday, January 6: Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm—Harley Flick—Bernie and Dianna Rumbaugh

Sunday, January 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am—Rita O'Donnell—Jack and Elaine Grazioli

December 31, 2023

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR B)

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40
THE FAMILY – SCHOOL OF LOVE AND HOLINESS

On March 19, 2021, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis inaugurated the Year of "*Amoris Laetitia* Family" which would conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome. It marks the 5th anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of family love.

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During this year, the Church presents spiritual, pastoral, and cultural initiatives to accompany families in the face of contemporary challenges. The Synod of Bishops in October 2015 has pointed out that the tensions created by the overly individualistic culture, caught up with possessions and pleasures, lead to intolerance and hostility in the family. Moreover, the recent pandemic experience has highlighted the central role of community ties between families. Hence the need to enter more deeply into the Christian message of love and tenderness, seeing the mystery of the family in the light of the Father's infinite love revealed in Christ.

The Gospel reading on this Feast center on the family that is attuned to God. Luke presents Joseph and Mary bring the Child Jesus to the Temple in obedience to the Law of the Lord. "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord. As the firstborn son, Jesus is consecrated to the Lord as the law requires. While holding the Child Jesus in his arms, the old man Simeon blesses God who has fulfilled His promise of salvation – "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." When Joseph and Mary have fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law, they return to Nazareth where Jesus will spend 30 years of "hidden life" – waiting for the hour of His manifestation to Israel.

On January 5, 1964, speaking at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, Saint Paul VI gave this beautiful message: May Nazareth teach us what the family is, in its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, its sacred and inviolable character! Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation which one receives here is gentle and irreplaceable, and that, on the social level, it is primordial and without comparison. "Oh Nazareth, home of the 'carpenter's Son! It is here that we would like to understand and celebrate the hard and redemptive law of human work; to reestablish the consciousness of the noble value of labor; to remember that work cannot be an end in itself; but that its freedom and nobility, in addition to its economic value, come from the values that underlie its end. And this place we wish to salute all the workers of the world and show them their great model, their divine brother, the Prophet of all their just causes: Christ our Lord!"

(Taken from the "365 Days of the Lord - Liturgical Biblical Diary 2023" Saint Pauls Philippines)

Liturgical Ministers for January 6,7

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Lector</u>	Monica A.	Jen M.
<u>EMoC</u>	Jan B.	Vicki S.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Peggy W.	Wyatt M. Evelyn M.

Stewardship of Treasure

	Dec 16,17	Year-To-Date
Adult Offertory	\$2,686.75	\$71,409.00
Children Offertory		
Loose	\$201.00	\$2,702.94
Total	\$2,887.75	\$74,111.94
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$90,000.00
Difference	-\$712.25	-\$15,888.06
Imm Conception \$30.00 EOY: \$150.00 Accent \$15.00		
Christmas Flowers: \$195.00		



Sunshine Corner PEACE

There are three types of Peace:

1. **Peace WITH God;** having internal Peace. Being at Peace with the Plan he has for us, even though it may not be the plan we envisioned or prayed for.
2. **Peace OF God;** This peace is a restful, settled feeling of trusting Him. Knowing he is with us each day. Knowing, as unreal as it seems, that he is listening to each one of us each and every day. Knowing that He is walking beside us always.
3. **Peace AMONG us;** The peace and contentment of loving each other despite our differences. Reaching out in love whether we understand or agree with the unique struggles that we all face.

Christmas sometimes can lead to a lack of peace. It sometimes becomes more about wishing for things we don't have, rushing and planning, or wishing for times to be like they used to be. We all do this. It is important to realize you can be "in Christ" and still battle with His plan for us, refusing to let go of bitterness and fear. We all struggle. This is when we run to Him in powerful prayer and remember Christmas is a celebration of Him, not of our well laid out plans. No matter what we pursue, if you lose your soul, you will never find peace. Always remembering, Peace is not eliminating the chaos, it is finding Him in the midst of it.

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 31.

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.

Retiring

Silvio (Scabby, Andy, or any of his other nicknames) has expressed that he will be retiring at the end of 2023 as Maintenance for St. Patrick Church. Scabby has been working for St. Patrick for 36 years and knows a great deal about the day-to-day workings of the facilities. Because of his vast knowledge, a new maintenance person is needed to spend several months with Scabby to learn some of the trade secrets. If you are interested, please read the information below.

Part Time Maintenance Position Available

St. Patrick Parish is looking for a part time maintenance person to oversee grounds for an average of 10 hours a week. Some of the duties include:

- Walk through of facilities at least once a week.
- Handle general repairs.
- Coordinate seasonal outside maintenance.
- Coordinate equipment maintenance with contractors.
- Handle calls from the office regarding situations that may arise, which may include emergency calls.
- Clearances and references are required.

Interested parties are asked to contact the office at 724-526-5079. If you receive the voicemail system, please leave a message.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
from December 29 through January 11
In Loving Prayers for Marc Fogel
Love, Amy



Wishing you a
blessed New Year.
—From the Parish Staff



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