

# 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 Epiphany of the Lord    January 7, 2024**

**Masses For The Week**

**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

**Tuesday, January 9: The First Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00am—For the health and well being of those on the keeping in touch list—Rose

**Wednesday, January 10: Weekday**

9:00am—Larry MacKrell—Tom and Christine Rice and Family

**Thursday, January 11: Weekday**

9:00am—McCarty and Bailey Ancestors—Adrienne McQuillan

**Friday, January 12: Weekday**

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

**Saturday, January 13: Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm—In Birthday Remembrance of Steve Sheakley—Donna and Boys

**Sunday January 14: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am—Glenn Maley—Janice and Bob Bishop

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR B)  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12

**THE UNIVERSAL ROYAL MESSIAHSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST**

*The United States, Canada and even Philip-pines celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany on the Sunday after the Christmas Octave; therefore, it always falls between January 2nd and 8th.* However, other countries celebrate Solemnity on its ancient traditional date of January the 6th.

*The word "epiphany" means "appearance, revelation, or manifestation."* Today's feast celebrates the first of three joyful wonders that signified Jesus' identity as the long-awaited Messiah. The first epiphany was the visit of the Magi. They followed a star from the East to find the King of the universe to give Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The second was the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River and the first revelation of the Divine Trinity: God the Holy Spirit descended over God the Son in the form of a dove, and the divine voice of God the Father spoke from Heaven.

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The third revelation occurred at the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus turned water into wine in His first miracle. In the Gospel accounts of these three epiphanies, we learn that God appears in creation to move forward His divine plan.

He reveals Himself as a guiding star, as a dove accompanied by a voice from Heaven, and in the gift of wine that miraculously came from stone jars of water to prefigure the miracle of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

*In the First Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah, the symbolism of light dramatizes humanity's hope of God appearing to a world darkened by sin.* The passage looks forward in time to Jesus Christ, "the Light of the world." He who drives out the darkness of sin and death. He is a divine "Light" shining in the darkness prophesied by the holy prophets of God. The Responsorial Psalm prepares us for the Gospel account of the visit of the Gentile Magi, promising: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." In remembering the Magi's journey and their adoration of the Christ-child, we celebrate the Christmas mystery of the manifestation (epiphany) of the universal power of the newborn King of kings. In that event, God became visible, clothed in human flesh, to the Magi, who were the first Gentiles from among "the nations" to worship the Christ. In our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Saint Paul wrote about the mystery of God's plan to deliver Gentiles along with the Jews through Christ's work of redemption. He told the Ephesian Christians that the implementation of that plan to bring the Gentiles to salvation began with the Gospel message delivered by Jesus' Apostles and disciples. However, Saint Paul also wrote that Jesus specifically gave the Gospel message of salvation to him to deliver to the Gentiles as his life's mission at the time of his conversion experience. In the Gospel Reading, the gifts the Magi gave the Christ-child had cultural and theological significance. They prostrated themselves in adoration, giving Jesus gifts of gold (a gift fit for a king), frankincense (incense used in worship and offered by priests), and myrrh (an aromatic spice produced from the gum resin of certain bushes or trees used in the preparation of the dead). The Magi were the first Gentiles to respond to God's call to the Gentile nations to come to salvation through Christ Jesus. The Gentile Magi, who sought out the Christ-child, as opposed to Herod's chief priests who made no effort to find Him, is a precursor to the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish religious leaders and the acceptance of Jesus' message of salvation by the Gentiles.

*Jesus Christ, "the Light of the world", gave a mission to His disciples in every generation when He called them to become a reflection of His "light" by sharing His Gospel of salvation to illuminate the lives of others.* May the Holy Spirit instill this mission in you and may the Church's prayer at the beginning of the Mass be manifest in your life and the life of your faith community: "Father, You revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your glory in Heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## Liturgical Ministers for January 13,14

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Lector</u>	Chris H.	Kitty M.
<u>EMoC</u>	Judy C.	Art D.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Cheryl P.	Joey O. Theresa M.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	Dec 23,24,25	Year-To-Date
Adult Offertory	\$2,887.75	\$74,296.75
Children Offertory		
Loose	\$423.25	\$3,126.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,311.00</b>	<b>\$77,422.94</b>
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$93,600.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$-289.00</b>	<b>\$-16,177.06</b>
Christmas \$2,636.00	Solemnity of Mary \$20.00	Childrens Family \$316.00



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

Jan 9	St. Paddy's Ladies After Mass (weather permitting)
Jan 15	Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm in the Hall

Parish Council will meet on Monday, January 15 at 6:00pm in the hall.

### Take a Moment.....

—”Tough Love: Two widows stick together in hard times.

-Ruth 1

**Life question:** When has a friend “gone out on a limb” for you? And would you do the same, and how could you reach out to someone you know is struggling, even if you don’t know them?

## Faith Formation News

**For Preschool through Grade 5: Faith Formation will meet this Sunday, January 7**

**6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep. Classes will meet this Sunday, January 7, from 6:00pm until 7:30pm.**

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



### Epiphany Prayer *Lord in your mercy*

Your light is strong, your love is sure. Draw us beyond the limits of this world into your eternal life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.



### Sunshine Corner

As we ring in the New Year, perhaps think about this. Maybe make more promises to God than promises to ourselves. Think of pleasing Him more, and pleasing society less. Perhaps think more about gaining faith, rather than more about losing weight. Think more about exercising more days of prayer, instead of more days at the gym. Look to the riches of eternal life, instead of the riches of this world. Think more of our eternal life than our inevitable death on earth. This year defy society’s promises and make promises to Him instead. Be the change, Be the Light.