

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

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Masses For The Week

Saturday, March 16: Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm— Connie Campbell—Vince and Ann Neff

Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30am—Glenn Maley—Susan Parker

Tuesday, March 19: St. Joseph

9:00am—Cathy Coe—Gary Yough—Peggy Wimer

Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

9:00am—Phyllis Miller—Family

Thursday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

9:00am—Neil Wimer—Peggy

Friday, March 22: Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 23: Vigil: Palm Sunday

5:00pm—Thomas Young—Dan and Anne Harmon

Sunday March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30am—Living and Deceased Members of the Gerstbrien Family—Ted and Kitty Miller

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15

Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

DEATH AT THE PANDEMIC

*In various parts of the Gospel of John, we find Jesus talking about His “hour.” At the beginning of His ministry, at His first sign at the wedding of Cana, He was telling His mother that *His hour had not yet come*. There were instances in His ministry when He eluded those who wanted to kill Him because *His hour had not come*. In today’s Gospel, “the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified . . . I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.” The hour had come, indeed! In the next chapter, at the Last Supper, it is mentioned that His hour had come. The hour of Jesus is His death and glorification. He hints about this when He speaks about the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, with the climax of His words in the text, about being lifted up from the earth. So solemn and sad, coupled by Jesus’ words, “I am troubled now.”*

In 2020, at the height of the corona virus pandemic, the world saw a lot of deaths, whether from the virus or from other common reasons. If death itself is a blow to every family in normal consequences, the end was doubly painful for those who died of COVID – 19 in the time of lockdown. People could not even come near their loved ones who were dying. Many had the experience that they could not even see and, much more, hold their loved ones’ mortal remains for the last time. There were no opportunities to hold a wake and let relatives and friends pay their last respects. There could not even be public funeral Masses. There was so little time to mourn, and still more time to worry, for the disease was a mystery and the pandemic’s end was nowhere in sight. And if that was the case for the bereaved, what more for the sick person who suffered and died?

What is more painful than death? It is to die alone – with no loved one beside you at the hour of death. Jesus’ words must have echoed in those deathbeds: “I am troubled now.” Jesus who was troubled was consoled with the words of assurance from the Father. We too can ease the pain of dying with our presence – even from a distance if the circumstances do not allow it. The words of the Gospel bring us to grips with important questions. How do I foresee my “hour” to be? Do I prepare myself for it? How do I reach out to those who are sick and dying? As we think of our own hour, we also pray to the Lord, that he may be the comfort of those who are dying at this very moment, especially those who are alone.



The DLA runs through May 10. Please send your pledge or donation directly to the Diocese (using the envelope provided), pledge online using the QR code below, or give your pledge/donation to St. Patrick via offertory, mail, or drop off at the office. You may also use the black mailbox outside the front door



Check out the front door of the church for our DLA progress.

Thank you to everyone who have given to the appeal.

Liturgical Ministers for March 23, 24

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Lector</u>	Jen M. Cindy I.	Scott A. Kitty M.
<u>EMoC</u>	Judy C.	Vicki S.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Evelyn M. Cheryl P.	Volunteer Needed

Stewardship of Treasure

	March 2,3	Year-To-Date
Adult Offertory	\$4,995.75	\$105,859.00
Children Offertory		
Loose	\$126.00	\$4,092.19
Total	\$5,121.75	\$109,951.19
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$129,600.00
Difference	+\$1521.75	-\$19,648.81

Easter Flowers: \$90.00



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

March 17	St. Patricks Day Brunch After Sunday Mass
March 19	Penance at St. Patrick 6:30pm
March 20	Young at Heart 12:00noon
March 22	Last Fish Dinner 4:00pm-6:30pm
March 24	Choir Practice -8:30am
April 7	First Communion
April 16	Confirmation

We are in need of two people to participate in The Washing of The Feet on Holy Thursday at 600pm. Please contact the Parish Office in interested.

Penance Services

Mar 19-St. Patrick, Brady's Bend —6:30pm
Mar 21-St. Mary, Mother of God, Freeport-6:30pm

Faith Formation News

For Preschool through Grade 5: Faith Formation will meet **NOT** his Sunday, March 17. St. Patrick's Day Brunch will be held. **6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep.** Please see Cari Harmon for schedule for March 17

In the event that Faith Formation class must be cancelled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be posted

Fish Dinners

Friday will be our Last Fish Dinner
COME SUPPORT OUR PARISH!!
TAKE OUTS CALL 724-526-5180



St. Paddy's Ladies Group

Designer Purses & More Party

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Designer Purse Raffle Begins at 1:00pm

Doors Open at Noon .

St. Patrick's Church, 915 State Rte 68

East Brady PA 16028

Entry in the 14 Designer Purse Raffle

2 Door Prizes and Food

\$30.00 Donation

Extra Raffles Available at Event



Sunshine Corner—I'll attempt to make this story as short as possible, because you're busy, and I'm busy too. Really busy. It's one of the primary ways we let people know we are important. Because if we aren't busy then we aren't important, right. Wrong. The most thoughtful, kindest people I ever met where busy, but you wouldn't know it. They find time that others don't. And while you may not get much of their time, when you do get it you get their undivided attention and they are truly present. Multi-tasking is not being present. We have become a society that glorifies busy. We have all been tricked into believing that if we are busy we are important. Being busy makes us hurried, creates shortsightedness, expands blind spots, increases careless mistakes and results in missed opportunities that we can't get back. Busyness creates chaos in our life—which ultimately leads to regret. **"Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for things we did not do that is inconsolable"**—Sydney J. Harris. So the next time you find yourself apologetically telling someone that you would have liked to have spent time with them or acknowledged their existence but couldn't because you have been so busy, consider the real message you are sending them.: My time is more important than yours, and I am not very good at prioritizing my time and you really aren't a priority, or what you want to speak with me about isn't important to me. It's easy for us to fall into the trap of busyness, the world moves much faster today than it used to. Today, we have the ability and may choose to browse social media to see who is out having fun without us, what new fashion trends are sweeping the country or spend useless hours trying to figure out what's real and what is fabricated all over the world, instead of partaking in things that last through eternity not just through the week. Use some of your time to interact with things that make a true impact on your life. Prayer, making that call to an old friend or ailing parent, just being present. Rest your soul in Jesus and with the ones you love, you will not regret it.