

# ST. PATRICK PARISH

BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA



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

## PARISH INFORMATION

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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The bulletin deadline is Thursday mornings to the office or Friday afternoons by email to [bboltz@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:bboltz@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

## PASTORAL STAFF

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday Evenings**  
6 pm to 8 pm  
**Tuesday and Thursdays**  
9 am to 11:30 am



## 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  
Sunday..... 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 First Friday of each month.

*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 25, 2024*

**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, August 24—Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm—Anniversary of Steve Sheakley—Donna & Boys

**Sunday, August 25—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am—Ethel Double—Bob & Ellie Hancock

**Monday, August 26—Weekday**

No Mass

**Tuesday, August 27—St. Monica**

8:30 am—Robert Sirich—Jack & Elaine Grazioli

**Wednesday, August 28—St. Augustine**

8:30 am—Grace Pederzolli—Dave & Lill Griffith

**Thursday, August 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

8:30 am—Harley Flick—Pat & Bob Chlosta

**Friday, August 30—Weekday**

8:30 am—For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish

**Saturday, August 31—Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm—Glenn Maley—Helen Maley

**Sunday, September 1—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am—Evelino & Bertha LaRocca—Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaRocca

**THE CHOICE TO SERVE OR TO WALK AWAY**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21  
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; John 6:60-69

The readings for this Sunday conclude a four-week reflection on the miracle feeding of the Eucharist. In the First Reading, Joshua's challenge to the children of Israel, and the announcement of his decision, prefigures the Twelve Apostles' decision in the Gospel reading. When the Israelites completed the first phase of the conquest of the Promised Land, Joshua allotted territory to the new generation of the twelve tribes, the holy warrior descendants of the Exodus generation. In the allotment of the land, God's servant, Joshua, had completed his mission. He called the tribes together for a National Assembly at Shechem in central Canaan. He challenged the children of Israel to renew their commitment to the covenant oath of obedience they swore to Yahweh at Mt. Sinai (Ex 24:3, 8). Joshua called upon them to continue to live as a holy people in obedience to all of God's commands

and prohibitions to reap His covenant blessings in the Promised Land. Joshua's challenge was to either renew their oath to the covenant or relinquish God's protection and serve the false gods of the Canaanites and other Gentile peoples of the region. In making the challenge, Joshua answered for himself and his family, saying, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!" (Josh 24:15). It is a decision every family is still making.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul encourages the Ephesian Christians to become imitators of Christ by demonstrating love to others in the same way that Christ loves them. He uses marital love as a metaphor for Jesus's love for His Church. Paul urges Christians to demonstrate a solid and unselfish mutual love, especially in their marital relationship. Comparing the marriage of a woman and a man to Christ and the Church, Paul made these concepts complement and illuminate each other. As the Head of the Body of Christ, He loves the Church like a man loves his wife, and He takes the Church as His Bride in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.

Today's Gospel reading concludes a four-week Sunday meditation on the Eucharist from Jesus's Bread of Life Discourse in the 6th chapter of St. John's Gospel (18th to 21st Sundays). At the end of His discourse, Jesus challenges the Twelve Apostles to make a choice. He asks them if they will choose to believe and accept the New Covenant and the promise of eternal life that He offers in His flesh and blood, or will they walk away and return to their former lives before He called them to discipleship. The Gospel Reading reminds us that we declare our commitment to the New Covenant in Christ Jesus through the Sacraments He gave us, especially the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. As St. Paul wrote in the Second Reading, Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Baptism so we might be sanctified/made holy by Christ the Bridegroom through a spiritual rebirth by water and the Holy Spirit as cherished members of the Bride of Christ, the Church. And, through the Eucharist, we continually renew our covenant commitment as He nourishes us with His own Body and Blood on our journey through earthly life to the Promised Land of Heaven. Therefore, every generation must answer the same challenge Jesus made to His disciples. In the Mass, you declare your faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior as you make your way to the altar to renew your covenant commitment by receiving Christ in the Eucharist. Make the same commitment as Joshua by announcing, "I will serve the Lord." Have the courage of St. Peter by declaring, "We have come to believe that You are the Holy One of God!" And have faith like the psalmist who called us to "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" because He "redeems the lives of His loyal servants!" (Ps 34:9, 23).

(Taken from Agape Bible Study.com)

## Liturgical Ministers for August 31—September 1

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
Lectors	Chris H.	Jen M.
EMoC	Janice B.	Art D.
Cross Bearer Book Bearer	Cheryl	CB—Wyatt M. BH—Jackson B.

### Help Wanted: Part Time Administrative Assistant

St. Patrick Parish is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant to work five hours, two days a week. Additional information may be found on the bulletin board in the entrance way to the church..

Interested parties are asked to submit a resume to [stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or mail to 915 Route 68, East Brady, PA 16028.



**No daily Masses on  
Tuesday, September 10 or  
Wednesday, September 11.**

### Upcoming Events

September 2	9 am Mass at Sugarcreek Log Church
September 7	First Saturday Mass at 8:30 am, followed by Adoration and Benediction at 10 am.
September 9	Bible Study at 6 pm in the hall.
September 10	St. Paddies Ladies Group meeting after the 8:30 am Mass in the hall.



*The flowers this weekend are in memory of the wedding anniversary of Steve Sheakley by Donna and the Boys*

### Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>August 17-18</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Adult Offertory	\$2,152.75	\$18,772.25
Children Offertory	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loose	<u>\$276.00</u>	<u>\$2,780.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,428.75</b>	<b>\$21,552.25</b>
Budget	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<u>\$25,200.00</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$1,171.25</b>	<b>-\$3,647.75</b>
Assumption	\$226.00	

## Faith Formation News

**Preschool—5th Grade:** The first day of Faith Formation will be Sunday, September 22 immediately following Mass (approximately 10:20 am) to 11:45 am.

**Grades 6 through 8 (Confirmation Prep):** Classes will begin on Sunday, September 22 at 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Classes are held every other Sunday evening.

If you have a child that has not attended Faith Formation in the past, please contact the parish office and a registration form will be mailed to your home. *If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or email [stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:stpatrick@dioceseofgreensburg.org).*

### St. Paddy's Ladies Group

#### Annual Backpack, School Supply, And Hygiene Product Giveaway

**Event: Tuesday, August 27 from 6 pm to 7 pm**

The St. Paddy's Ladies Group are collecting hygiene products, backpacks, and school supplies to distribute to those in need. The most needed hygiene products are: **Individually wrapped** toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, soap, girl's deodorant, boy's deodorant, and shampoo for people of all ages. **Monetary donations are also appreciated.** Please place donations in the bin located in the Narthex by August 26. *Your donations are greatly appreciated.*

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal Update

Original DLA Goal:	\$22,424
Current Pledge Amount:	\$24,260
Current Paid Amount:	\$20,910

Additional pledges have been received, which have boosted our pledge total to over the 5% incentive goal issued by the diocese. Once all the pledges have been paid, our diocesan DLA goal will be reduced to \$18,000, which \$6,260 will be applied to the outstanding balance due to the diocese. The parish is only \$420 short of reaching the 10% over our goal, which will reduce our Diocesan DLA goal to \$13,000. We have until the beginning of December to reach this goal. If you have not donated to the DLA yet this year, please consider doing so. Additional donations are encouraged as well. *Thank you to everyone who donated to the DLA.*

### Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn from August 23 through September 5 for Steve Sheakley by Donna and the Boys*

