

ST. PATRICK PARISH

BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,
and Thursday
9 am to 1 pm



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.

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

Masses For The Week

Saturday, January 4—Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm—Connie Campbell—Bernard & Dianna Rumbaugh

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 am—Ethel Double—Deb & Bernard Berteotti

Monday, January 6—St. André Bessette

No Mass

Tuesday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30 am—Poor Souls In Purgatory—St. Paddy's Ladies Group

Wednesday, January 8—Christmas Weekday

8:30 am—Mary Cassese—Rose Blakney & Karen Fullerton

Thursday, January 9—Christmas Weekday

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

Friday, January 10—Christmas Weekday

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

Saturday, January 11—Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm—Steve Sheakley—Donna & Boys

Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am—Tom McCloskey—wife, Bernie

**THE UNIVERSAL ROYAL MESSIAHSHIP
OF JESUS CHRIST**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, ,
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

"Epiphany" means "appearance, revelation, or manifestation." Today's feast celebrates the first of three joyful wonders that signified Jesus's 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 Gospel Reading). The second was Jesus's baptism 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. 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 water jars 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 (Jn 1:5; 8:12). He is a divine "Light" shining in the darkness prophesied by God's holy prophets. The Response Psalm response 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 dominion 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 Christ. In our Second Reading, St. Paul wrote about the mystery of God's plan to deliver Gentiles and Jews through Christ's work of redemption. He told the Ephesian Christians that implementing that plan to bring the Gentiles to salvation began with the Gospel message delivered by Jesus's Apostles and disciples (Acts 8:26-38 and 10:1-48). However, 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 (Acts 9:15). 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's message of salvation by the Gentiles.

Jesus Christ, "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), 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."

(Taken from Agape Bible Study.com)

Liturgical Ministers for January 11-12

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
Lectors	Ann T.	Scott A.
EMoC	Janice B.	Bernie M.
Cross Bearer Book Bearer	Peggy W.	CB—Joseph B. BH—Jackson B.



St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Freeport will have a monthly bingo at their Family Community Center on January 3, 2025. Doors open at 5 pm and bingo begins at 6:30 pm.

St. Wendelin School Bingo, 210 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, will be held in the St. Wendelin Church hall on Friday, January 10, 2025. Doors open at 6 pm and bingo begins at 7 pm.



Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>December 21-22</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Adult Offertory	\$3,236.75	\$74,366.25
Children Offertory	\$0.00	\$0.00
Loose	<u>\$303.00</u>	<u>\$8,484.30</u>
Total	\$3,539.75	\$82,850.55
Budget	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<u>\$90,000.00</u>
Difference	-\$60.25	-\$7,149.45
Christmas Flowers	\$5.00	
Children & Family Services	\$8.00	
Thanksgiving	\$16.00	

Upcoming Events

January 7	St. Paddy's Ladies Group Meeting in the hall at 9 am.
January 15	Young At Heart in the hall at noon.

Faith Formation News

Preschool—5th Grade: Faith Formation will be held this Sunday after Mass (approximately 10:20 am) to 11:45 am.

Grades 6 through 8 (Confirmation Prep): Class will held this Sunday evening, January 5, in the hall from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

FOOD 4 KIDS

Backpack for Success Program

The St. Paddy's Ladies Group will be collecting non-perishable food items and hygiene products for students in the Karns City School District. The Karns City Community that Cares Program wants to make sure that all students have food to eat on the weekend. These items are to be easy to open and microwavable, if the items are to be heated. The collection for these items will be from January 18 to February 2. Below is some suggestions:

Items in most need:

Single-serve cereal
Granola Bars
Instant Oatmeal
Soups (canned or microwavable)
Microwavable pasta rice, or other single serve meals
Hormel Complete Meals
Chef Boyardee Items
Easy Mac or Velveeta Single Serve
Cup of Noodles, Oodles of Noodles in a cup (single serve)

Other items needed:

Raisins
Cereal Bars
Single-serve fruit cup
Single-serve apple sauce
Single-serve pudding/jello
Sandwich crackers
Single-serve goldfish
Handi-snacks
Microwave popcorn
Juice boxes

Hygiene Items

Toothpaste/toothbrushes
Shampoo
Bar Soap
Antibacterial hand soap
Deodorant

All items must be microwavable and non-perishable. Items requiring use of a stove or oven will not be distributed. If you have additional questions, please contact the office or see a St. Paddy's Ladies Group member.