

# ST. PATRICK PARISH

BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA



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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items for the bulletin must be submitted a week prior due to printing of the bulletin. (Thursday morning via office/Friday am via email.)

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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.

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**December 8, 2024**

**Masses For The Week**

**Saturday, December 7—Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm—Carl F. Curran—Mr. & Mrs. David C. Curran

**Sunday, December 8—Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am—Faith-Strong and Love-Filled Marriages—Kitty Miller

2:00 pm—Rev. Arnel Tadeo on his 25th Anniversary

**Monday, December 9—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

6:00 pm—For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish

**Tuesday, December 10—Our Lady of Loreto**

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

**Wednesday, December 11—St. Damasus I**

8:30 am—Cathy Coe—Family

**Thursday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 am—Joe & Rose Bratkovich—Peggy Wimer

**Friday, December 13—St. Lucy**

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

**Saturday, December 14—Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00 pm—Grace Pederzolli—Rich & Marcia Sweeney

**Sunday, December 15—Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am—Steve Kusick—John & Anna Marie Olszak

**LET US MAKE THE JOURNEY TOGETHER**

Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-6  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

The First Reading sets the theme of our readings. First, it describes the promised joyful return of the Jewish exiles of the Babylonian captivity to Jerusalem in the 6th century BC. Then, the passage looks beyond that historic return to the journey of redeemed humanity to the heavenly New Jerusalem of Christ the King.

The Psalm Reading is one of the so-called "Songs of Ascent" that pilgrims sang on the journey up the Judean mountains to the holy city of Jerusalem to celebrate the annual feasts and worship in the Jerusalem Temple. In the hymn, the pilgrims remember the joyful journey of the returning exiles to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. However, this "Song of Ascent" can also

be seen as the symbolic anticipation of all the righteous as they continue their earthly journeys with the hope that they may one day ascend to worship in the heavenly New Jerusalem Jesus has prepared for His redeemed people.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul prays for the Christian community at Philippi. He writes to praise them for their growth in charity, characterized by their "love in action." Such works, he tells them, are a supernatural virtue that includes wisdom in discerning the will of God for the lives of the community that leads them to attain a better knowledge of God and thereby a greater union with Him. Moreover, a more vital unity prepares them (and us when we follow the same path) in holiness for "the Day of Christ," when Jesus will return in glory to receive His holy Church.

In the Gospel Reading, we learn that St. John the Baptist is the mysterious, unidentified prophetic voice from Isaiah's prophecy in the 8th century BC (Is 40:3-5). His is the voice that announced the coming of God among His people in Jesus's First Advent, and the all-encompassing change His arrival will have on the world. Nothing will stand in His way to hinder His coming or message, and all humanity will see the salvation of God (Is 40:5; Lk 3:6).

All of our readings for this Sunday remind us that we are making a journey through our earthly exile in this life on our way to eternal salvation in the promised heavenly Jerusalem. The Season of Advent is an especially appropriate time to reflect on that journey. We are called during Advent to respond anew to St. John's prophetic voice. We need to confess and repent those sins that separate us from God, to make straight our paths on the journey of salvation, and to pray that all flesh shall see the salvation of God (Is 40:5b; Lk 3:6). As a covenant people, we must take the time to prepare ourselves to relive the events of the First Advent of the Messiah. We do this with the knowledge that we must remain vigilant for the possibility that Christ could return at any moment to judge the world and receive the righteous into His everlasting glory in the New Jerusalem of the redeemed!

*(Taken from Agape Bible Study.com)*

**Happy 25th Anniversary  
Fr. Arnel**

**Office Closed**

The office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 11 and December 12. The office will reopen on Monday, December 16 at 9 am.

## Liturgical Ministers for December 14-15

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
Lectors	Monica A.	Vicki S.
EMoC	Jen M.	Scott A.
Cross Bearer Book Bearer	Karen T.	CB—Wyatt M. BH—Evelyn M.

### Angel Tree Gifts DUE TODAY!

Angel Tree gifts are due this weekend. If you cannot return your gift by December 8, contact Susan Reeves at 724-496-8808.

### Fall Dinner Recap

#### Income:

Fall Dinner .....	\$2,852.50
Basket Raffle .....	\$835.00
Bake Sale.....	\$606.50
Donations .....	\$200.00
Raffle Ticket Income .....	\$2,047.00
Income Total .....	\$6,541.00

#### Expenses:

Dinner Expenses .....	\$1,742.80
Raffle Ticket Expenses .....	\$832.48
Expense Total.....	\$2,575.28

**Profit .....** **\$3,965.72**

#### Raffle Ticket Winners:

Angela Galassi.....	\$100.00
Mark Grazioli .....	\$100.00
Michele Stitt.....	\$100.00
Philip Anderson.....	\$100.00
Vicki Steiner.....	\$100.00

### Upcoming Events

December 9	Immaculate Conception Masses
December 10	St. Patrick Penance Service at 6:30 pm
December 11	Young At Heart at Noon in the hall.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	November 23-24	Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Year To Date
Adult Offertory	\$3,607.75	\$3,868.25	\$65,548.00
Loose	\$303.00	\$264.00	\$7,278.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,910.75</b>	<b>\$4,132.25</b>	<b>\$72,826.30</b>
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$79,200.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$310.75</b>	<b>\$532.25</b>	<b>-6,373.70</b>
Thanksgiving	\$381.00	Accent	\$118.25
Christmas Flowers	\$45.00	Poverty Relief	\$10.00
		Year End Don.	\$210.00
		Cemetery	\$25.00

## Faith Formation News

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

**Grades 6 through 8 (Confirmation Prep):** Class will held NEXT Sunday evening, December 15, in the hall beginning at 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9 at 8:30 am—St. Patrick Church  
December 9 at 10:00 am—St. Eusebius Church  
December 9 at 6:00 pm—St. Patrick Church

### Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 at 5:00 pm—St. Patrick Church  
December 24 at 10:00 pm—St. Patrick Church  
December 25 at 9:00 am—St. Patrick Church

**Liturgical Ministers Needed:** The **sign-up sheets** for the **Immaculate Conception** and **Christmas** are in the entrance of the church.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE** for the Masses you will be attending. With the transition of the office staff, **please do not wait** for someone to call you! **Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated!!**

*With Christmas approaching, the bulletin company has given us many early bulletin deadlines, as listed below:*

Bulletin Date	Due to Barb by:
December 15	December 6
December 21	December 13
December 29	December 16
January 5	December 20

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### Area Penance Services

December 10 at 6:30 pm  
St. Patrick, Brady's Bend  
December 14 at Noon  
St. Mary, Kittanning  
December 17 at 6:30 pm  
St. Lawrence, Cadogen  
December 19 at 6:30 pm  
St. Mary, Freeport