

ST. PATRICK PARISH

BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 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.

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.)



PARISH INFORMATION

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**SATURDAY, MARCH 28****Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord****5:00 pm**—Bernie Conerty—Sandy Broerman**SUNDAY, MARCH 29****Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord****9:30 am**—Adam Rodgers—Sandy Broerman**MONDAY, MARCH 30****Monday of the Holy Week****No Mass****TUESDAY, MARCH 31****Tuesday of the Holy Week****9:00 am**—Josephine Vasbinder– Monica Andreassi & Family**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1****Wednesday of the Holy Week****9:00 am**—Michael Renfrew—Peggy Wimer**THURSDAY, APRIL 2****Holy Thursday****6:00 pm**—Bernadette Conerty Birthday Remembrance—Rose Miller**FRIDAY, APRIL 3****Good Friday—Passion of the Lord****3:00 pm**—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish**SATURDAY, APRIL 4****The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night****8:30 pm**—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish**SUNDAY, APRIL 5****Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord****9:30 am**—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish

On Holy Thursday morning, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, during which Bishop Kulick will bless and consecrate the new oils to be used in the administering of the Sacraments in each parish during the coming year. Also during this Mass, all of the priests of the diocese renew, in the presence of the Bishop and the faithful who are gathered, the promises made at their Priestly Ordination. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this beautiful liturgy, particularly if you have not had the opportunity to do so before. It is a wonderful way to begin the Sacred Triduum and truly “sets the tone” for these holiest of days.

On Holy Thursday evening, the Church enters into the Sacred Paschal Triduum (meaning *three days*) of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, which is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. For this reason, we can say that, as Sunday is to the week, these three days are to the Church year. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night is the high point of the Triduum, during which those in OCIA receive the Sacraments of Initiation and are welcomed into the Church.

It is important to keep in mind that if we are not willing to enter with Jesus into his sacrifice and death on the Cross, we cannot hope to be sharers in the Resurrection. Even in the celebration of Baptism, the ritual speaks of entering into the waters of *death* and being *buried* with Christ, so that we can rise with him to newness of life.

If we move directly to Easter, and choose to skip over everything that precedes it, we miss so much of the story and lose out on the reality that we must first journey with our Lord through Good Friday in order to get to Easter Sunday. With this in mind, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in each of the liturgies of these holiest of days. Let us enter together with joyful hearts and willing spirits into what is truly *The Week that changed the world!*

Yours in Christ, Father Dinga

From the Desk of the Administrator

These past five weeks, our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving has helped to prepare us for the arrival at what is indeed the holiest week of the entire Church year. During these most sacred of days, we will relive in a very intense and purposeful way the events surrounding the final days of our Savior’s earthly life. We begin this weekend with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, commemorating Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem to complete his saving work as the Messiah.

Parish Goal: \$22,648
 5% over goal: \$23,780
 10% over goal: \$24,913
 15% over goal: \$26,045
 Current Pledges as of March 16: \$6,905
 Current Payments as of March 16: \$6,905

As we reach the different tiers listed about, our parish goal is reduced, allowing the excess funds to be used to pay down our debt to the diocese.

Once pledges/payments are returned to the parish, the bulletin will reflect the amounts received approximately 9 days prior to the bulletin date. Please see the thermometer posted on the front door of the church for an up-to-date representative of where we currently are.

Online gifts may be given using the QR code to the right. If you have any questions, please contact Barb on Monday evenings.





St. Paddy's Ladies Purse Party

Great Easter Gift

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026
Time: Doors open Noon
Where: St. Patrick Hall
Price: \$30 per ticket

For tickets please contact:
 Donna Sheakley (724-756-7133),
 Peggy Wimer (724-526-5883), or
 Jan Bishop (724-756-5015)

<u>Stewardship of Treasure</u>		
	<u>March 21 & 22</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Offertory	\$2,767.25	\$106,286.59
Loose	\$378.00	\$12,872.51
Total	\$3,145.25	\$119,159.10
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$136,800.00
Difference	-\$454.75	-\$17,640.90
Easter Flowers	\$75.00	

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 be held Sunday evening, March 29, in the hall from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

Monday March 30	Crux Bible Study —6:00 pm in the church hall.
Wednesday April 1	Stations of the Cross —6:00 pm
Holy Thursday April 2	Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00 pm—the church will remain open until 9:00 pm for Adoration.
Good Friday April 3	Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service —3:00 pm
Saturday April 4	Blessing of the Food/Baskets —1:00 pm
Saturday Easter Vigil April 4	Mass at 8:30 pm - Wine & Cheese Party after Vigil in the church hall.
Sunday April 5	Easter Mass —9:30 am
April 6—10	No Mass —Monday April 6 through Friday April 10

St. Mary & St. Patrick Cemeteries

PLEASE NOTE:
 Please remove all items from the front of the stones at St. Mary & St. Patrick Cemeteries by April 15th. Spring clean-up will begin shortly after that date. Items remaining will be removed from the graves.

Holy Week Office Hours

The office will be open on Monday, March 30, Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The office will be closed on Holy Thursday, March 2. The office will open again on Tuesday, April 7.