



# 4th Sunday of Easter

## ST. PATRICK PARISH

BRADY'S BEND, PENNSYLVANIA



*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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### 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.)

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*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2026*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****SATURDAY, APRIL 25****Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter****5:00 pm**—Josephine Vasbinder—Vicki Steiner & Family**SUNDAY, APRIL 26****Fourth Sunday of Easter****9:30 am**—Loretta Posey—St. Paddy's Ladies**MONDAY, APRIL 27****Easter Weekday**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28****St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignion****9:00 am**—Bob DeBacco—Vicki Steiner & Family**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29****St. Catherine of Siena****9:00 am**—Fr. Victor Kriley—Rose Snyder**THURSDAY, APRIL 30****St. Pius V, Pope****9:00 am**—Harry Boltz—St. Paddy's Ladies**FRIDAY, MAY 1****St. Joseph****9:00 am**—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick**SATURDAY, MAY 2****Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter****9:00 am**—Ronald DeBacco—Art & Rhonda Delano**5:00 pm**—Elizabeth (Betty) Cook—Marree Family**SUNDAY, MAY 3****Fifth Sunday of Easter****9:30 am**—Viola King—Dan & Anne Harmon**From the Desk of the Administrator**

On this *Good Shepherd Sunday*, we acknowledge the uniqueness of our Catholic Christian faith in that it is based on the notion of sacrifice and of our call to practice sacrificial love. Jesus offered himself as the new and eternal sacrifice, becoming for us the Lamb who was slain for the forgiveness of sins. In return, he challenges us to follow his example, by offering our lives in sacrifice for the sake of the Kingdom. As sheep, we need to learn to recognize the voice of the only Shepherd who can truly save us, if we hope to

one day pass through that eternal Gate of Heaven and live with him forever.

Because of its connection to the theme of the Good Shepherd, today is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, the purpose of which is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (*Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2*). As the Church throughout the world prays for vocations in a special way today, all of us are called to make an effort to encourage young men, especially from our parishes and our diocese, to be open to hearing the Lord's call to the Priesthood and responding generously in the service of the Church and God's people.

As we reflect on the role of the Priesthood, it is worthy of note that the practice of offering Mass intentions for the deceased is a profound expression of charity rooted in the Church's faith in the Communion of Saints. When parishioners request that a Mass be offered for a loved one who has died, they are entrusting that soul to the infinite mercy of God and uniting their prayer to the perfect sacrifice of Christ made present on the altar. As taught in the Catechism, the faithful have long upheld the practice of praying for the dead so that they may be purified and enter fully into the vision of God. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most powerful prayer the Church can offer, and is one of the greatest spiritual gifts we can give—an act of love that transcends death itself.

It is important to remember that no matter where a Mass intention is fulfilled, the same sacrifice of Christ is offered, and the same spiritual fruits are applied. The grace of the Mass does not depend on the location or the familiarity of the priest, but on Christ Himself, who is both Priest and Victim. This reflects the very nature of the Church in its universality, meaning that every Mass, regardless of where it is celebrated, is united to the one sacrifice of Calvary, and is always honored fully and fruitfully.

*Yours in Christ, Father Dinga*

**Sanctuary Candle**

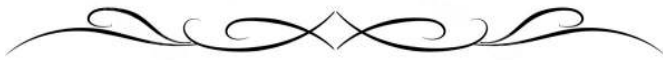
*The Sanctuary Candle will burn from  
May 1 through May 14  
In Loving Memory of  
Elizabeth "Betty" Cook  
Love Marree Family*

Parish Goal: \$22,648  
 5% over goal: \$23,780  
 10% over goal: \$24,913  
 15% over goal: \$26,045  
 Current Pledges as of April 20: \$14,615  
 Current Payments as of April 20: \$14,190

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 7 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.

**CHANGE IN ONLINE GIVING CODE:** The Diocese would like all online DLA gifts for St. Patrick to be given directly to the Diocese instead of our online platform. Please use this link: <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/diocesan-lenten-appeal/donate-to-the-diocesan-lenten-appeal> if you would like to give online. If you have any questions, please contact Barb on Monday evenings.





**St. Paddy's Ladies Purse Party**

**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)



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## 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):** Confirmation at Christ, Prince of Peace, Ford City at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

**May Crowning is Sunday May, 3**—Practice will be held Sunday April 26 after mass.

Children please wear “Sunday Best” and Communicants please wear your Communion attire for the May Crowning.



## Liturgical Ministers for May 2 & 3

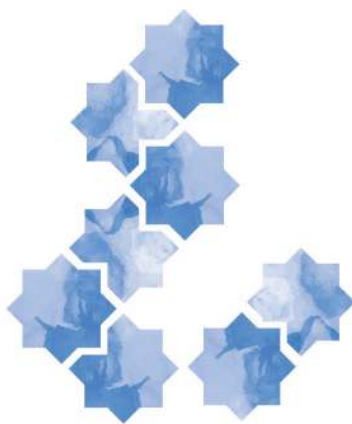
Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Lectors</b>	Monica A.	Jen M.
<b>EMoC</b>	Janice B.	Art D. Vicki S.
<b>Altar Server</b>	Cheryl P.	CB—Joseph B. BH—Evelyn M.

## Upcoming Events

May 3	<b>First Saturday Mass</b> at 9:00 am followed by Adoration, 10:00 am Benediction
May 3	<b>May Crowning</b> —After Mass
April 30— May 6	<b>The Office will be closed</b>

## Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>April 18 &amp; 19</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Offertory	\$2,918.25	\$118,977.14
Loose	\$258.00	\$14,353.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,176.25</b>	<b>\$133,330.65</b>
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$151,200.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$423.75</b>	<b>-\$17,869.35</b>
<b>Good Friday</b> \$7.10	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	\$7.10



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