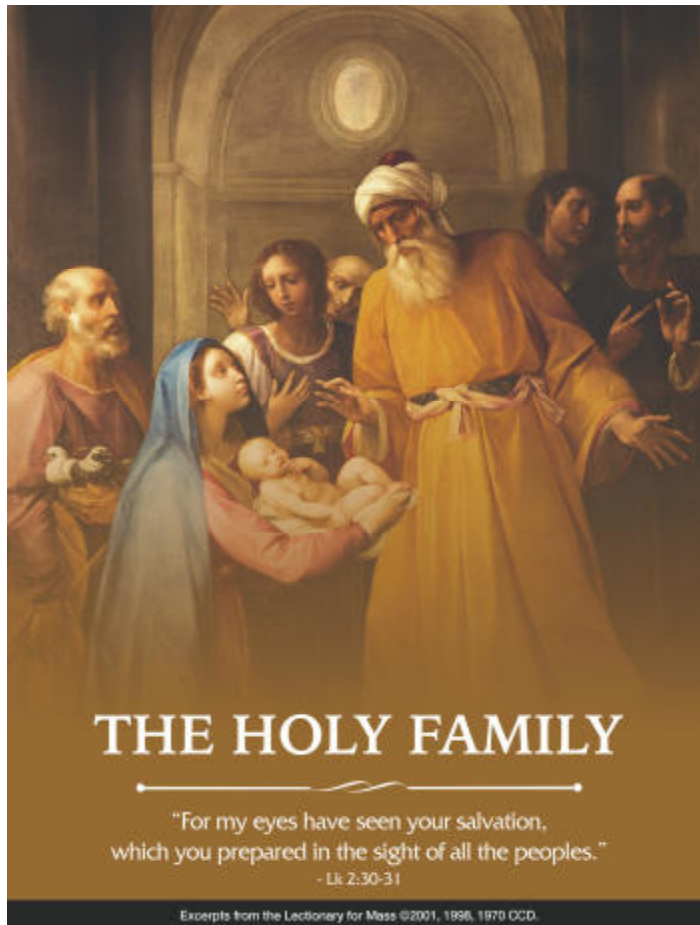


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Remember St. Agatha, St. Brigid, St. Mary of Grace in your will. (Suggested form to be included in your will.)

"I give and bequeath to St. __ Parish, Meadville, PA 16335, the sum of __ dollars, real estate, and/or stock for the purpose of assisting St. __ in furthering the work of the Church."

ST. AGATHA CELEBRATIONS

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| Mon Dec 28 | The Holy Innocents, Martyrs |
| 8:00am | Paul Lewis (Patricia & Thomas Offi) |
| Tues Dec 29 | Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| 8:00am | Lenore "Mimi" Deeb (Larry & Carla Wolf) Adoration until 9:30 am |
| Wed Dec 30 | Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| 8:00am | John Gionti (Dan & Lana Mesley) |
| Thur Dec 31 | Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord |
| 8:00am | Mary Beth Weidner (Jerry Weidner) John Gionti (Pete & Adria Petersen) |
| 4:30 | For the Intentions of Alva Lumley (Amy Mosbacher) |
| 6:00 | For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saints Agatha, Brigid, and Mary of Grace |
| Fri Jan 1 | The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary Mother of God |
| 9:30 | For the Living and Deceased Members of Sts Agatha, Brigid, and Mary of Grace |
| Sat Jan 2 | Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church |
| 8:00am | Karen Langley (Loeta & Gerald Derby) |
| 8:30 & 3:30 | Confessions at St. Agatha Center |
| | Vigil Mass |
| 4:30pm | Paul Pontillo (Lori & Jack Petruso) |
| 6:00pm | Carolyn Unger (Ann Findlay) |
| Sun Jan 3 | Epiphany of the Lord |
| 8:00am | For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of Saints Agatha, Brigid, & Mary of Grace |
| 9:30am | For the Intentions of Anne Doak (Amy Mosbacher) |
| 11:00am | Catherine McGraw (Marge Hajduk Family) |

Thank You!!!

Steve & Kim Steider & Family, Jane M Avoy,
Dennis & Peggy McKenzie-

For your memorial contributions-

In memory of Janet B Walsh and
Karen Langley.

Parish Calendar of Events

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| | St. Agatha |
| Thursday | Office is Closed |
| Friday | Office is Closed |
| | St. Brigid |
| | St. Mary of Grace |

St Brigid Altar Rosary does not meet in
January 2021.

Mother of God—Mary's oldest title, celebrated on January 1 solemnity, was established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus which, in defending Mary's divine maternity, was clarifying Christ's true nature. Nestorius, the bishop of Constantinople, maintained that there were two distinct Persons in the incarnate Christ, one human and the other divine. True faith, on the other hand, believed in a "hypostatic" union of the two natures in the one Person of Jesus and thus could say, as believers still do, that the Son of God was born of Mary, that he was crucified, that he died. Even after the bishops of the whole Church clarified the truth and condemned the heresy, Nestorius and his followers continued to teach and preach in error, causing a confusion among the faithful. "Nestorianism" remained, developed a whole theology, spread through Asia Minor, and migrated to Persia. To this day, a Nestorian Church survives, namely Assyrian Christians.

The Catholic Source Book



SYMPATHY to the family of Maxine Holzer, Helen Fischer (Renee Fischer's mother), Charles Larson and Judy Stein Smith.

| St. Agatha Ministers Next Weekend 1/3 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Sal. | Lector | Cleaners |
| 4:30 | Linda McQueen | Marty & Sheryl Justin |
| 6:00 | Rosaria Burkett | Cathy Price |
| Sun. | Lector | Cleaners |
| 8:00 | Kim Steider | Barb & Ed Burkett/Jim Miller |
| 9:30 | Meg Reisenweber | Cheryl Leech |
| 11:00 | LuAnn Hoover | |

There will be a Pro Life Holy Hour on January 22nd at St Agatha's Church starting at 7pm.

Ministers may use the internet to log into, sign up, change, or delete your schedule at: <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/CatholicCommunityofMeadville>

To keep you informed of our financial status, the following are income and expense the parishes & cemeteries received last week (December 13, 2020)

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| St. Agatha | | St. Brigid | | St. Mary of Grace | |
| Income | \$9,058.80 | Income | \$6,430.00 | Income | \$4,382.00 |
| Expense | \$7,514.78 | Expense | \$3,273.59 | Expense | \$7,589.59 |
| Net Income | \$1,544.02 | Net Income | \$3,156.41 | Net Income* | -\$3,207.59 |
| St. Agatha Cemetery | | St. Brigid Cemetery | | | |
| Income | \$885.00 | Income | \$2,085.00 | | |
| Expense | \$0.00 | Expense | \$19.00 | | |
| Net Income | \$885.00 | Net Income | \$2,066.00 | | |

* Taken from previous weeks' positive cash flow; no debt incurred.

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation

Eucharistic Corner



After the Holy, Holy, Holy, we drop to our knees (as we are able). It is a sacrificial act, demanding more physically from us, an active giving on our part so we are doing more than just listening. Now is the *epiclesis*, or the “calling upon God.” As the priest gestures his hands in a downward movement that reflects the hovering of the Holy Spirit, we are calling upon the Father, the Creator, to send the Sanctifier, the Spirit, down so that the gifts we have brought to the altar - the bread and wine - become the Redeemer, Christ the Son. Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to come down and make Christ present in our lives like He did with Mary.

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a
blessed New Year!**

From the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation

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December 27, 2020

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WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?**

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

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Remember the parish has purchased a FORMED subscription for you. Log on to Formed.org and click on parish subscription. Type in “Catholic Community of Meadville” to create your own personal account and start watching, listening and reading solid, good Catholic stuff!

HELP FOR HEATING LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is open from November 1, 2020 through April 9, 2021.

A family of four with a gross annual income of \$39,300 qualifies for a grant.

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Who qualifies for LIHEAP? The 2020-2021 Income Guidelines for LIHEAP are listed below.

| Household Size | Annual Maximum Income Limit |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 | \$19,140 |
| 2 | \$25,860 |
| 3 | \$32,580 |
| 4 | \$39,300 |
| 5 | \$46,020 |
| 6 | \$52,740 |
| For income limits for larger households, visit www.LIHEAPhelp.com . \$6,720 each | |

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How to apply?

It's easier than ever! Depending on your circumstances, you may apply:

- **Online** - www.LIHEAPhelp.com
- **By mail** - Download an application at www.cmcncps-shes.pa.us.
- **In person** - Applications are taken at all local County Assistance Offices.
- **For more information**, call the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095.
- **By telephone** - Contact the local County Assistance Office.

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What will you need to apply?

- Names of people in your household
- Dates of birth for all household members
- Social Security Numbers for all household members
- Proof of income for members of your household
- A recent heating bill

If you or someone you know is having trouble paying the heating bill this winter please check out the above information.

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.

May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.

Pope Francis, December 29, 2019

Catholic Current



2020 Catholic Service Appeal Update:

St. Agatha

| | |
|---------|------------------|
| Pledged | \$88,169.00 |
| Paid | <u>79,452.00</u> |
| Due | \$8,717.00 |

234 families have pledged out of 549 active families (42.6%). We have exceeded our parish goal of \$62,843 to cover the cost of repairing the rectory/church basement wall, but we are still short of our 100% participation goal!

St. Brigid

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| Pledged | \$60,403.60 |
| Paid | <u>54,381.60</u> |
| Due | \$6,022.00 |

136 families have pledged out of 473 active families (28.8%). We have exceeded our parish goal of \$58,800 to cover the cost of repainting the church porticos, the window frames of the rectory, and continuing repairs on the center wall in the social center, but we are still short of our 100% participation goal!

St. Mary of Grace


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| Pledged | \$48,035.00 |
| Paid | <u>44,364.00</u> |
| Due | \$3,671.00 |

109 families have pledged out of 356 active families (30.6%). We have exceeded our parish goal of \$38,842 to cover the cost to repair the stonework of the church, but we are still short of our 100% participation goal!

Note this year's fund drive ends December 31, 2020. Please submit your final payment before that date. If you are unable to complete your pledge, please notify the office so we can adjust your total pledge. Thank you for supporting our parishes!

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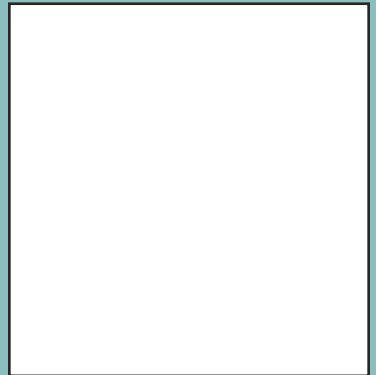
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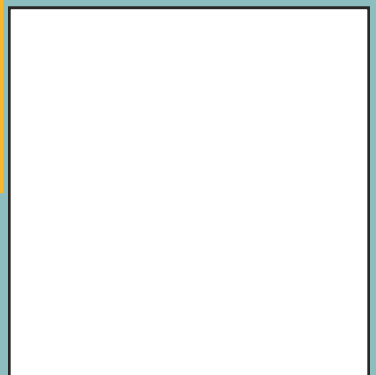


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