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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

Mon Feb 15	
8:00am	Judy Smith (Kim Smith)
Tues Feb 16	
8:00am	Janet Walsh (Ceil Marsteller) Adoration until 9:30 am
Wed Feb 17	**Ash Wednesday**
7:00am 9:30 AM	Bob & Lou Wattras (Estate) Seton Mass with only Seton Students
9:30am 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Jim Gillespie (Seton Teachers) Mary Garvey (Pat Porter) Margaret Lynam Wolbert (Janet & Ed Stets)
Thurs Feb 18	**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
8:00am	Annie Simpson (Betty & Bob Noel) Maxine Holzer (Rich, Audrey & Jeanette)
Fri Feb 19	**Friday after Ash Wednesday**
8:00am	Shirley & Michael Hribik (Frank Hribik) Florence & Bill Porter (Pat Porter)
Sat Feb 20	**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
8:00am	John Vitelli (Larry & Mary Coon)
8:30 & 3:30	Confessions at St. Agatha Center
	Vigil Mass
4:30pm	Mike Kalustian (Renie Fischer) Gerald Cerami (Geraldine Porfilio)
6:00pm	Dave Anderson (Diane Siegel)
Sun Feb 21	**First Sunday of Lent**
8:00am	For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of Saints Agatha, Brigid, & Mary of Grace
9:30am	Loretta Leffingwell (Pat & Peg McHale) William L. Byham (Barbara Byham & Family)
11:00am	Dennis Livi (Stephanie & Scott Grinnell)

Parish Calendar of Events

	St. Agatha
Thursday	6:30 PM Class with Father Jeff (St Agatha/Live Stream)
Friday	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
	St. Brigid
Monday	5:30 PM Drum Circle (Rm 5)
Tuesday	6:30 Boy Scouts (Rm 5-7)
	St. Mary of Grace

Thank you to...

Gladys Hurlbert, Dale & Arlene Santner, Arnie & Kelly Belz and the Ken Servey Family

For their memorial donations to St Agatha

In memory of Robert "Ding" Dimerling

SYMPATHY to the family of

Ronald W Ball

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

St. Agatha Ministers Next Weekend 2/21

Sat.	Lector	Cleaners
4:30	Kiley Blaine	Justins/ Marisue Mears
6:00	Gerry Kightlinger	Pat McHale/ Cathy Price
Sun.	**Lector**	**Cleaners**
8:00	Mary Mulligan-Haines	Barb & Ed Burkett/ Mary Mulligan-Haines
9:30	Steve Corsi	Cheryl Leech/Rita Pyrdek
11:00	LuAnn Hoover	Mawn Family

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

DRUM CIRCLE Held in St. Brigid Center Room 5 on **3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM**, Drum Circle with hand-drums & percussion in a circle. Used for team building, recreational music making, wellness, education, celebrations, spirituality & personal growth. Facilitator is Steve Corsi.

Sacrificial Giving for the Week of 2/7

	OFFERTORY		
St. Agatha	Loose	$	224
	Weekly	$	5496
	Total	$	5720
St. Brigid	Loose	$	15
	Weekly	$	5351
	Total	$	5366
St Mary	Loose	$	50
	Weekly	$	1595
	Monthly	$	1035
	Total	$	2680

Correction to Pro Life Holy Hour

It is the THIRD FRIDAY not Thursday as listed in last weeks bulletin.
From 7—8 PM

Sorry for the confusion!

The men's club unfortunately has decided to suspend the annual chili cook off that is normally held on the last Saturday in February. See you next year!

The men's club will be having a **pancake breakfast** on March 21st. Mark your calendars, and watch for more details. Thank you.

To keep you informed of our financial status, the following are income and expense the parishes & cemeteries received last week (February 7, 2021)

St. Agatha		St. Brigid		St. Mary of Grace	
Income	$7,442.00	Income	$5,772.00	Income	$3,131.00
Expense	$2,440.76	Expense	$1,363.86	Expense	$792.04
Net Income	$5,001.24	Net Income	$4,408.14	Net Income	$2,338.96

St. Agatha Cemetery		St. Brigid Cemetery	
Income	$600.00	Income	$110.00
Expense	$800.00	Expense	$839.85
Net Income*	-$200.00	Net Income*	-$729.85

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

CLERGY THOUGHTS by Deacon Ken

Have you opened that last Christmas present yet?

The Catholic Community of Meadville provided a Christmas present for all who wanted one. The copy of **Matthew Kelly's "I Heard God Laugh"** is a great present, but only if you ***open*** it.

Kelly writes about his journey to a prayer life. I have found it to be a very friendly read, not needing a dictionary or advanced degree in theology to understand. His style is very conversational, and I find his approach richly rewarding.

He talks about WHY prayer is to our soul as food is to our body. And while he talks about prayer, he also shares a simple 7 step PRAYER PROCESS, the *HOW* to Pray! He also promises that if you try it for 21 days (we are already more than twice that into this new year) you will develop a daily habit that you will not be able to live without for the rest of your life, for as little as 10 minutes a day.

I found many of his observations and experiences and the process to be very familiar to me in my life. I started daily prayer following my Renewal Weekend in August 1980. I started with my Good News bible, and set my alarm for just 10 minutes earlier. Over time, I got up earlier and earlier, at least until I retired.

My prayer life has journeyed through focus on scripture, the rosary, various daily prayer and reflection booklets, to daily Mass, to praying the Divine Office Morning and Evening Prayer, also known simply as Christian prayer. I live life with an attitude of gratitude, talk freely with God about today, about what he wants me to do next, ask for his help in carrying out that which I have undertaken, especially in my ministry.

If you are thinking I pray because I am a deacon, I think you have that backwards. I am a deacon because I pray. Besides, I have been a deacon almost 13 years, and you can add 4 years of formation before that. But I have been praying daily for over 40 years. Prayer is more than "saying" your prayers, but that will always be part of a good prayer life. The conversation goes two ways, and hearing God speak to you does not require your ears, but an open heart. The song paraphrases scripture – *I will break your hearts of stone, give you hearts for love alone.*

I know many of our community are already prayer warriors, who cannot get through the day without prayer. Just like most of us need to spend time with family, especially members of our household.

If you picked up a copy of this book and have not yet opened it, do it today. Lent starts this week and what a great time to develop a habit that will be with you for a lifetime.

Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation

Eucharistic Corner

After the Great Amen, we stand and together pray the Our Father. *"To pray the 'Our Father' is to pray with all people and for all people that they may know the one True God and be gathered into unity."* Compendium, Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 585. In the Our Father, we call on God as His children in Christ. We stand before our Father in humility as His child, resting in His unconditional love. He knows what we need.

Spirituality of the Christian East with Fr. Jeff
Thursday, February18, 25, March 4, 6:30-8:00pm, St. Agatha's Center
Sessions will be live streamed as well.
Please register with Amy so folders can be made.

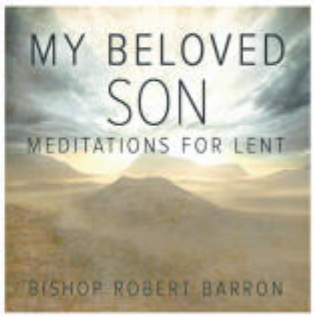
In the Holy Land During Holy Week with Fr. Andy
Experience the Passion of Jesus with a visual journey to the Holy Land based on Fr. Andy's travels. No registration required. The first session will be at St. Agatha's Center, 6:30pm, March. 11. March 18 & 25 locations to be determined.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK February 14, 2021

LISTEN

MY BELOVED SON: MEDITATIONS FOR LENT BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Lent is a season of discipline where we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In five riveting homilies, join Bishop Barron as he describes the spiritual disciplines we undertake during Lent.



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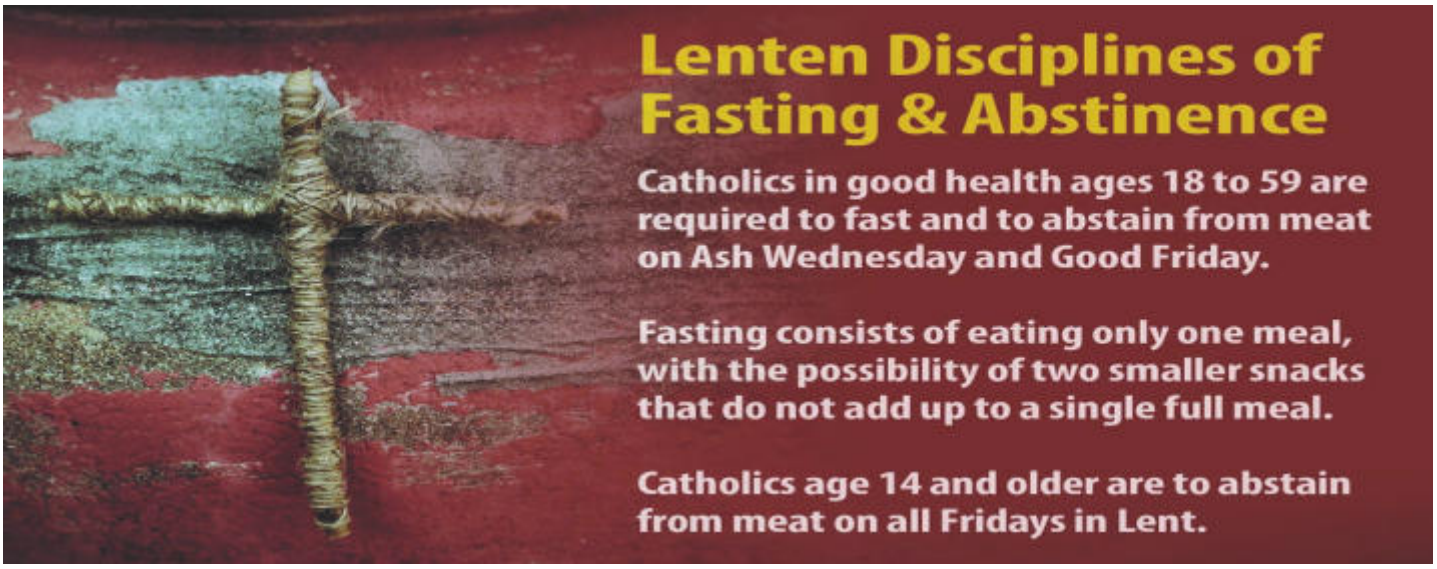

Ash Wednesday Ashes

Question:
Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer:
Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "*out of the dust of the ground*" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "*remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*" or "*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.*" When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

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An Ash Wednesday Prayer

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."
You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.
In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.
You dignified dust with the Breath of Life.
You made us in Your image and likeness.
You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land.
You overcame temptation in the dry desert.
You healed the blind with dirt and clay.
Three times Your body stirred the dust
as you fell on the road to Calvary.
Hear the cry of Your people!
One day we will return to dust.
This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve You in our brothers and sisters.
May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
be Your breath alive in us.
Amen.
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Marriage Moment 2-14-2021

What do Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, and Ash Wednesday have in common? We are all called to love; but no one, even a President is perfect. Being human we each have our faults. Ash Wednesday calls us to purify our love through self-sacrifice.

Pastoral Council Recruitment: Our Catholic Community of Meadville is recruiting three new members for the next Council term beginning May 2021. Anyone interested in serving on Pastoral Council is requested to submit a letter of interest indicating what contribution you can bring to this consultative council. The Council usually meets monthly and minutes are published following each meeting. Our three parishes will each have a new member elected. Letters should be submitted to the parish office by March 5, 2021. Any questions regarding this announcement and the subsequent process may be addressed to Pastoral Council president, Paulette Widmann at 814-724-1032 or email pwidmann@zoominternet.net.

Lent 2021 virtual retreat

All ages are welcome to join Father Mike Polinek and youth ministers from the Diocese of Erie for a virtual Lenten retreat on Mondays Feb. 22, March 1, March 15 and March 22. These Zoom sessions will include discussion of how to personally strengthen your relationship with God. See the attached flier for details. Sign up through JotForm at https://form.jotform.com/210333866089157. Contact Father Polinek with any questions at mpolinek@ErieRCD.org.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Sunday

- Today, February 14th, is Commitment Sunday for our 2021 Catholic Services Appeal Fund Drive. Please prayerfully consider your gift to our parish projects. To help our volunteers and staff properly allocate your pledge and gift make sure to write on the outside of your pledge envelope the parish to which you are contributing, write your name and contact information clearly on the interior, and make checks payable to the parish that you pledged. Pledge envelopes can be found in the pews at St. Agatha. If you are not prepared to make a pledge today, you may take your pledge envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift and return it next week in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office at 353 Pine St., Meadville, PA 16335.
- Our parish projects and goals are:
    - St. Agatha-updating the church sound system, improving the church acoustics, and repairing the rectory dormers. $70,243 and 100% participation.
    - St. Brigid-repainting the khaki colored blocks & window frames of the church and the window frames of the rectory. $57,107 and 100% participation.
    - St. Mary of Grace-repairing or replacing the flashing and ice guard around the north and south wings of the church. $37,985 and 100% participation.
- All gifts no matter how big or small are appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic Community of Meadville!

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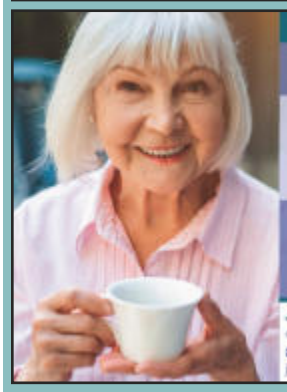

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