

Mass Intentions for the Week

August 19th– August 27th, 2017

Saturday, August 19th

5:30 PM †Thelma Reck
†Rosa Perez

Sunday, August 20th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
9:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
11:00AM †Mary Ellen Brophy
†Joan Yannarelli
†Charlotte Grabler
† Scelfo M. Anna
† Josefina Abilo

12:30 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Monday, August 21st

7:30 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Tuesday, August 22nd

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
5:00 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
7:00PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:30 Am *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
7:00 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Friday, August 25th

7:30AM † Gilbert Ramos

Saturday, August 26th

5:30 PM †Thelma Reck
†Francesco DiLeo
†Antonio DiGiacomo

Sunday, August 27th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
9:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
11:00AM †Mary Ellen Brophy
†Martin Verostek
† Josefina Abilo
12:30 PM † Ysamo Miysato

Eucharistic Adoration



Important Notice: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 25th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.-12:00 pm. Service will be held in the Church.

Grupo Carismático de Oración de San Jorge

El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes en la Iglesia comenzando con la Santa Misa 7:00 pm, luego de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm con cánticos, alabanza, reflexión de la Palabra y peticiones.

Becoming a Sponsor

A Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor must be at least 18 years of age and be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. This means that the person follows the commandments of God by participating each week in Sunday Mass, frequents the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and, if married, their union has been blessed by the Catholic Church. The sponsor must have received all the sacraments of Initiation which include Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Mass Celebrants
Weekend of 26th – August 27th**

Saturday	5:30pm	Fr. Michael
Sunday	7:30 am	Fr. Charlie
	9:00 am	Fr. Bob
	11:00 am	Fr. Ed
	12:30 pm	Fr. Junior

Weekend Collection August 12th – August 13th

5:30PM	\$ 928.00
7:30AM	\$ 704.00
9:00AM	\$ 899.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,360.00
12:30PM	\$1,014.00
Total:	\$4,905.00
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	



Message from our Pastor 

*My Dear friends, please read this exceptional article from **Antonio, P. Pueyo**:*

All the three readings this Sunday converge on the theme of inclusion. Inclusion is inviting an outsider or a stranger into the circle. Many of us may have experienced during our childhood the joy of being invited into the games. The stranger in the neighborhood lingers around, waiting for the time when somebody notices her and invites her to enter the group. Sometimes we may have experienced being rejected and being kept outside the circle.

In the first reading, the foreigner who joins himself to the Lord by observing what is right and doing what is just is brought to the Lord's holy mountain or holy presence (Isaiah 56:1-7). In the second reading, Paul calls himself an apostle of the Gentiles. Paul saw his mission as that of inviting those who are considered outsiders (Rom. 11:13). The Gospel tells the story of the Canaanite woman. Because of their historical experiences with these people, the Canaanites were avoided by the Jews for being idolaters and sinners. This woman however expressed her faith in Jesus, "Lord Son of David, have pity on me" (Mt. 15:21). Due to her persistence and her faith, the Lord Jesus granted her request for her daughter's healing. She entered the circle of Jesus' friends.

The human tendency to exclude is rooted in our desire to survive and our need for safety.

Exclusion is as old as human civilization. We can imagine primitive man seeking safety in the small circle of family and relatives. Later on the bigger circle of the tribe became the source of protection. The tribes grew into nations. The nations staked their territories and set up states. All of these groupings found safety in defining territories and boundaries. When necessary, alliances were made with other tribes and nations.

Even in our post-modern age of jet travel, everyone has to carry his passport wherever and whenever he goes around the world. Nations are very careful about who are given a visa to visit or work in their territory. Exclusivity is therefore a human tendency that served the purpose of safety and security. Some groups of people are more exclusive than others. Such fear of other people is called

xenophobia. Jingoism is the word applied to extremely exclusivist national policies.

The scriptures however point to another way. The value of the Kingdom of God is that of inclusivity. Everyone is invited to be a citizen of the Kingdom. Jesus' prayer is "that they may be one" – Ut unum sint. Instead of excluding people or branding them outsiders, the Gospel exhorts us to be brothers and sisters to one another. The family of God excludes no one. It is like a wedding banquet where even those from the highways and the byways are invited.

These past three weeks have awakened us to the fact that we are far from being a united people. Our divisions have once more led to open armed conflict. People have died, lost their homes, and are displaced. Old animosities and prejudices are once more kindled. We again retreat behind the walls of our tribe, religion, and nation. It may not be so much because of ill will on anybody's part. Rather, it could be because in this real world we have to deal with historical interpretations, experiences in the past and present, personalities, limitations of communication, interest groups, and a host of other factors.

We all desire to live in peace and harmony. We all desire to be recognized, respected, and heard. We want our place under the sun. Hopefully, we go back to building bridges rather than building walls.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net
Reflexión

Cuántas angustias y necesidades experimentamos en la vida. El dolor nos visita, los problemas abundan, las tristezas nos sofocan. ¡Ten compasión de mí, Señor! Es el grito del alma a un Dios que siente lejano.

Sin duda, buscamos una respuesta inmediata. Y nos desalentamos si no llega. ¡Cuántas veces pedimos y, quizás, sin resultado! ¿Por qué Dios no nos escucha?

Nos desconcertamos, llegamos a dudar de Dios y hasta nos desesperamos. ¿No será que Dios nos pone a prueba? ¿Hasta cuánto resiste nuestra fe?

Espera un poco. Insiste. Dios permite esa angustia para purificar tu intención, para que sigas creyendo en Él aunque no te atiende a la primera. La mujer cananea del evangelio seguía a Jesús gritando. Los discípulos perdieron la paciencia y obligaron a Jesús a detenerse para atenderla. Nos sorprende la primera reacción de Cristo.

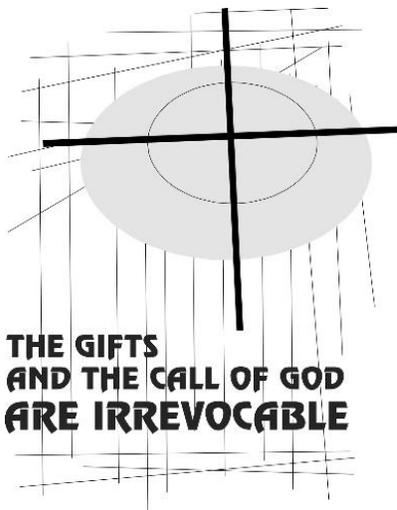
¿Acaso no se conmovió su Corazón, lleno de misericordia? Desde luego que sí. Pero prefirió esperar y ver hasta qué punto la mujer confiaba en Él. Como su fe era grande, Jesús le dijo finalmente: "que se cumpla lo que deseas".



PRAY
FOR THE SICK

Especialmente for: Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Mary Ann DiPietro Rose Dziekanowski, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias, Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman, Trudy Lucas, Kimberly Halupka, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Helen Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Joan Marie Miller, Marianne Messino, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Louis Morgan, Helen Ortiz, Lidia Ramos, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Bishop Rodimer, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Robin Shirak, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stolair, Carl Stramiello, Josefine VanDerbeck.

We also remember those who have died.



Registrations for **CCD, RCIA & Confirmation** Course have begun. Classes will begin in September for **CCD, Confirmation** & November for **RCIA**. Please find registrations in the back of the church. You may drop off all complete registrations during Parish office hours.



Straight & Narrow Collection
(Sat, Aug 26th – Sun, Aug 27th)

We want to thank you for your continual support in donating items to the men and women of Straight & Narrow, plus a special thank you to the money donated to this Diocesan agency.



Come Celebrate The Catholic Community of St. Brendan and St. George's 5 year anniversary of the merger on April 20th, 2018! There will be a formal dinner at The Mansion in Parsippany from 7:00pm - 11:00 PM. Tickets will be \$125.00 and are going on sale starting in September.





St. Brendan's School

Registration Open for the 2017-2018 School Year

St. Brendan School is now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. Openings are still available in PreK3 through 8 th Grade. Please contact the school office at 973-772- 1149 for more information.



Congratulations and thank you to all those who participated, donated and helped support our fundraisers for the Altar Servers. They raised \$1,100 for their trip to Hersey Park!

Registered Parishioners

In order to be a *registered parishioner*-it is **imperative** that your envelopes are used. This will also assure that your donations are being accurately registered. In an effort to keep our records accurate, we will be discontinuing/eliminating envelope numbers that are **not** currently being used from the parish registry. For every envelope that is **not** being used our parish is charge.

Parishioner Registration

As a new parishioner or former St. George Parishioner you should formally register with our parish!

Registration forms are available on the bottom of the front page of our weekly bulletin. Once registered, you will receive a letter from our staff to inform you of your official envelope number. This number can be used until your weekly envelopes arrive. They will be placed in the back of the church for you.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

Sunday, September 10th, 2017 – **Vivere Cristus Award Ceremony at 3:00 pm**

Monday, September 4th, 2017 – **Labour Day, Office closed**

Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 – **First day of classes at St. Brendan School.**

Sunday, September 10th, 2017 – **11:00 AM Choir's first official Mass**

Sunday, September 24th, 2017 - **CCD Begins**

Friday, October 13th, 2017 – **Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Reception at 5:00 pm**

Friday, April 20th, 2018 – **5th Anniversary of St. Brendan and St. George Community**



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD... and specifically at the 11:00 Mass every Sunday! Music is an integral part of our worship every time we come together as Christians, and a choir is not only a blessing for our parish family but also an incomparable means to assisting the congregation in raising our prayer together as a faith community.

If you are interested in singing with the 11:00 choir, please contact our director of music ministries, Dylan, at SBSG.MusicMinistries@gmail.com.

The 11:00 choir will be open to all parishioners from freshman year of high school and up. No musical experience required! Just the love of music and God!