

Mass Intentions for the Week



August 26th– September 3rd, 2017

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

Monday, August 28th

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

Tuesday, August 29th

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 30th

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

Friday, September 1st

7:30AM † Mary Pichnarcik

Saturday, September 2nd

5:30 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Sunday, September 3rd

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 9:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 11:00AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 12:30 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners



Eucharistic Adoration



Important Notice: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 1st, 2017 at 8:00 am -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 September 2nd – September 3rd, 2017

Saturday
 5:30pm **Fr. Michael**

Sunday
 7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**
 9:00 am **Fr. Charlie**
 11:00 am **Fr. Michael**
 12:30 pm **Fr. Junior**

Weekend Collection August 19th – August 20th

5:30PM	\$ 898.00
7:30AM	\$ 704.00
9:00AM	\$ 842.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,316.00
12:30PM	\$1,207.00
Assumption Mass	\$710.00
Total:	\$5,677.00
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

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

Many of us are image-conscious. We want to project a particular image by the brand of apparel and accessories that we wear. Some people are walking advertisements for brand names from head to foot. If they espouse the current "just-got-out-of-bed" look, it takes them time and effort to project the rugged and unshaved image of the sportsman - no matter if they have not engaged in any athletic activity. What is important is the perception, not the reality.

If perception is more important than reality, then looking busy is more important than doing actual work. Appearing intelligent is more important than being capable of engaging in intelligent discussion. Looking holy is more important than being holy.

Still, appearances more than substance, are given value by media-conscious people nowadays. People like to be perceived as having the proper image, so much so that the image consultant has become a busy professional. One can get advise for a makeover, not just in terms of fashion and style but also in terms of public perception. This is true especially for public figures such as politicians, entertainers, sports celebrities, and media practitioners.

When Jesus asked the question "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" (Mt. 16:13), it was not because he was concerned about his image. It was to see if people's perceptions coincided with reality - whether they really knew him. The answer given showed that the people were wrong. In the public's perception he was an incarnation of one of the great prophets. Jesus then asked those closest to him whether they knew him. Peter came up with the correct answer, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus could have exploited the public perception. He was popular. He was equated with the great figures of the scriptures. People were drawn to him by his works and miracles. They wanted to listen to his words. He could have led the crowd as a political figure, the messiah who would re-establish the earthly kingdom of David and Solomon. But then he had to be true to his mission

to be the suffering messiah. What followed after this episode was his foretelling of the way he would suffer, "he must go to Jerusalem and suffer...and be killed" (v.21).

Jesus refused to be carried forward by people's perceptions and the accompanying expectations. He wanted to be faithful to his mission as the Christ - a mission that would bring him to the cross. The only expectation he would fulfill was that of his Father, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me" (Jn. 4:34). It was a great temptation to ride on people's opinions and be popular and powerful.

Public figures, especially political leaders, retain their mass support by riding on the waves of popular opinion. In ancient Rome, the emperors gained popularity by giving the people "bread and circus". Keep the people entertained and fed. Jesus could have taken this path. Already he was known to occasionally provide bread to the thousands who followed him.

Leaders, however, sometimes have to take the lonely path and lead the people to places they would not rather go. Moses was such a leader. His people were looking back to the fleshpots of Egypt. They preferred to be slaves again rather than go through the hunger and dangers of the wilderness. The people would rather dance and be merry before the idol of the golden calf, than worship the living God. The calf makes no demands but God does. Moses, amidst opposition and discontent, kept going forward to the Promised Land. It is not enough to cultivate a popular image. Leaders have to bring people to their goals. Leaders have to be true to principles of living. One such principle is that sacrifices have to be made for goals to be attained. More important, leaders have to be true to the commands of God.

As an example, in our country, with the proliferation of illegal gambling, the popular demand in some places is to legalize all forms of gambling. According to their argument, since it is hard to completely stop gambling, the government better make money out of it, or provide jobs through it. Given the same argument, since the drug problem is so pandemic, governments might as well legalize the drug trade. Or in the same vein, since prostitution and pornography are so widespread, we might as well not regulate them. While we are at it, since abortion is so widespread, why go against it?

Leadership is not just acceding to people's popular demands or having a well-liked public image. It is about following a moral compass and being faithful to principles of living.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net

Reflexión

El Evangelio del día de hoy nos presenta precisamente esta verdad fundamental de nuestra fe, sobre la cual se basan nuestras certezas y seguridades sobrenaturales: ¡Jesucristo fundó realmente su Iglesia y colocó a Pedro y a sus sucesores como piedra angular de la misma!: “Tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y el poder del infierno no la derrotará. A ti te daré las llaves del Reino de los cielos, y lo que ates en la tierra, quedará atado en el cielo; y lo que desates en la tierra, quedará desatado en el cielo.” ¡Esto es lo que da fuerza y solidez a nuestra fe, y por eso nos proclamamos, con santo orgullo, católicos, apostólicos y romanos!

Este es un punto fundamental que, tristemente, niegan los hermanos separados, que se autodenominan cristianos y que, dicho claramente han abandonado la fe católica para pasarse a las diversas denominaciones protestantes.

En el Papa los católicos tenemos un punto firme y seguro de nuestra fe porque Jesucristo quiso edificar su Iglesia sobre Pedro y sus sucesores. En sus enseñanzas y en su Magisterio pontificio hallamos una roca incommovible de frente a los oleajes de confusión doctrinal que hoy en día se arremolinan por doquier, sobre todo en todas esas sectas que quieren asolar y engañar a los fieles católicos. En el Papa, en los Obispos y en los sacerdotes fieles es decir, en todos aquellos que reconocen la autoridad del Romano Pontífice, siguen su Magisterio y transmiten sus enseñanzas encontramos al mismo Cristo, Buen Pastor, que guía a sus ovejas a los pastos del cielo.

¡Escuchemos su voz, sigamos sus huellas, imitemos su ejemplo de amor, de santidad y de entrega incondicional para el bien de todos los hombres, nuestros hermanos.

Que éste sea hoy nuestro compromiso: de vivir, defender y proclamar nuestra fe católica, en obediencia al Papa y a nuestros pastores; y, si Dios lo permitiera, también pedirle la gracia de morir por ella, como lo hicieron un día los cristeros y todos

nuestros mártires. Que Dios así nos lo conceda y desde ahora proclamemos nuestra fe con nuestras propias obras.



Especially 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, Josefina VanDerbeck.

We also remember those who have died.



Make a joyful noise unto the LORD... and specifically at the 11:00 AM 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!



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, 2017 for Labor Day. We will resume our regular office hours on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 at 9:00 AM.



St. Brendan's School Admission Day will be held on Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 from 1:00 PM -- 7:00 PM. There will be an opportunity to meet the principal and register your child for the 2017/2018 school year. Openings are available in PreK3 through 8th Grade. Please contact the school office at 973-772-1149 for more information.



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.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

Wednesday, August 30th 2017 – St. Brendan School Admission Day, 1:00PM to 7:00PM.

Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 – Last Day to sign up for Confirmation Classes.

Monday, September 4th, 2017 – Labor 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.**

– **Vivere Cristus Award Ceremony at 3:00 PM.**

– **Last day to sign up for CCD Classes.**

Sunday, September 17th, 2017 – Confirmation Classes Begin.

Sunday, September 24th, 2017 - CCD Classes Begin.

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 – Fiest of St. Francis.

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



IT'S PARTY TIME



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