

Mass Intentions for the Week

September 23rd - October 1st, 2017

Saturday, September 23rd

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

Sunday, September 24th

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

9:00 AM †Raymond Halupka

11:00AM †Loretta Cammaroto

†Bilmur Abilo

†Al McAdams

†Daniel Tello

12:30 PM †Josefa Baires

Monday, September 25th

7:30 AM †Bill Burnett

†Gilbert Ramos

Tuesday, September 26th

7:30 AM †Frank Cupo

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

Wednesday, September 27th

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

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

Friday, September 29th

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

Saturday, September 30th

5:30 PM †Ted & Angelo Bassono

†Thelma Reck

Sunday, October 1st

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

9:00 AM †Hugh & Eleanor DeGhetto

11:00AM †Remedios Crudo

†Bilmur Abilo

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



Marian Prayer Group will hold their next gathering on Saturday, of October 7th, 2017 at 11:00AM.

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.

First Friday

Every first Friday of the month, 7:30 AM Mass will be moved to 9:30 AM for a school mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend mass. The next School Mass will be October 13th, 2017 at 9:30AM.

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 of the Catholic Community of St. Brendan and St. George 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.

Mass Celebrants

Weekend of September 30th – October 1st, 2017

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Ed**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

9:00 am **Fr. Michael**

11:00 am **Fr. Ed**

12:30 pm **Fr. Junior**

Weekend Collection September 16th – September 17th

5:30PM	\$ 841.00
7:30AM	\$ 723.00
9:00AM	\$ 802.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,235.00
12:30PM	\$911.00
Total:	\$4,512.00
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

My Dear friends, please read this exceptional article from Fr. Al Carino:

During the time of Jesus, people who desired work went to the public square early in the morning. Those in need of laborers went there to hire those they needed. This was what the landowner in the gospel parable did (Mt. 20:1-16). Picking the most skilled to work in his vineyard, their wage was agreed upon -- one denarius, the daily wage. But as there was much work to be in the vineyard, the landowner went back at midmorning, noon, mid-afternoon and before dark and hired the "leftovers." He promised to pay them "what is just."

When evening came, the landowner had the laborers paid. The ones hired last were paid first -- with one denarius. Because of this, those who were hired first expected to be paid more. But they were paid the same amount. They grumbled at this "injustice." But the landowner told them, "Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? ... Are you envious because I am generous?" The parable ends with Jesus saying, "Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This Kingdom parable is aimed at the Christian Jews in the early Christian community who, because they had been called first by God -- they were His chosen people--believed that they deserved more attention, reward, than the late-comers, the Gentiles. They could not understand why those who had not borne "the day's burden and the heat," were treated as their equals.

To understand the parable, we have to ask the right question. We will not see its point if the question we ask is, "Why did the last ones not get more than the first?" But if we reverse the question and ask, "Why did the last ones get as much as the first ones?" then we will see its point. The parable is not primarily about justice though it is included -- the landowner had complied with the agreed upon daily wage for those hired first -- but about something beyond justice, namely, the love, goodness and generosity of God even and specially for latecomers in the Kingdom.

The gospels are filled with God calling and offering His love generously to late-comers -- the prodigal sons, the outcasts like the tax collectors and prostitutes, the overlooked, the ones whom people think they can safely ignore or shun, even the thief crucified with Jesus. In short, the physically, economically and spiritually crippled. They are found in the pages of the Gospel because the world is filled with such people. Thus Jesus' prejudice is in their favor. We do not understand how God works because the basis of His actions is different from ours: "*My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways*" (Is. 55:8). Thus it is we who should adopt to God's ways, not God to ours.

The parable presents a consoling picture of divine goodness, generosity and love. Equality, as we understand it, may convey justice. But it is goodness, generosity and love as personified by Jesus Himself that enable us to go beyond justice and share with those who are marginal, unfortunate and abandoned members of society. And lest we forget, even these virtues are gifts from God. In fact, there is nothing that we are and have that has not come from God.

In our own life we may question how God distributes His gifts among us. We may feel envious of people who are more gifted than we are -- better looking, more intelligent, more wealthy, etc. But how He disposes of His gifts is entirely up to Him. Indeed, we cannot be "envious" because God is generous. Moreover, before God, it is not a question of "how many" gifts we have received but rather "how" we use them in His and our neighbor's service that count. For example, one may be very intelligent but if he uses this gift to swindle others, then he is misusing God's gift and he will be made accountable for it before God.

Then there is the question of reward -- the very point the laborers hired first raised. We may have toiled day and night for the Lord's cause. We may have risked life and limb to promote His Kingdom. Yet, we cannot -- we never can -- demand that God reward us. The Pharisees believed otherwise -- that they could "merit" or "earn" God's reward by their "good works." Not so, as Jesus taught in the parable. To reward always remains a purely free act

of God, an act proceeding purely from His goodness, generosity and love.

As we labor in God's vineyard, we should never be blinded by the gift in favor of the Giver of the gift. Moreover, over and above the "wage" we may receive in return for our "work", the "delight" of the "Landowner" should be our primary concern. And His delight is for us to carry out His will -- no matter what the circumstances are. Then even if we are unskilled workers and late-comers before God, we can still be first in His Kingdom.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net

Reflexión

¿Quién dice que ya no hay trabajo? Jesucristo, en esta parábola, viene a ofrecernos uno: el trabajo por su viña, por su Iglesia. ¿Y con qué moneda nos pagará? Con la vida eterna.

Es necesario ver cuánta necesidad hay en el mundo. No sólo en las misiones; también en nuestra ciudad, en nuestra parroquia, quizás también en nuestra propia familia. Porque a unos les falta el pan y a otros el alimento espiritual, que es la palabra de Dios. ¡Qué importa la edad o los medios que tengamos! Cada uno tiene una vocación muy concreta que Dios le ha regalado, una misión insustituible. ¿Cuál es la mía? Mi primera misión es la de ser cristiano, por algo estoy bautizado. Y un cristiano lo es en la medida que da testimonio con su vida.

¿Hay otras maneras de trabajar en la viña del Señor? Desde luego: la oración, el consejo acertado, la ayuda económica, etc. Hay que echarle un poco de imaginación, y seguro que encontraremos un apostolado que nos venga a la medida. Y si no, pregúntale a tu párroco.

Cristo te necesita. Necesita tus manos, tu inteligencia, tu servicio para hacer algo por los demás. Decídetes a ser un apóstol y prepárate para el premio de la vida eterna.



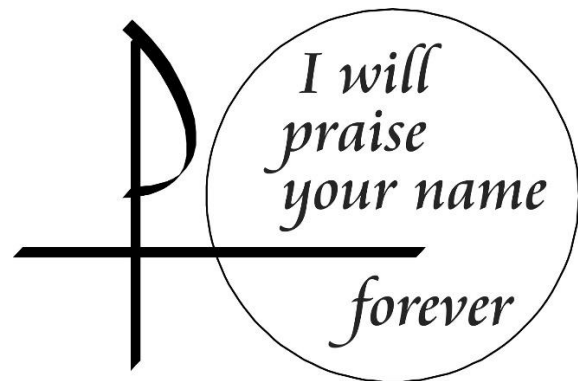
Mandatory Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday October 4th, 2017 at 6:00 PM for all the parents of St. Brendan's Second Grade First Holy Communion Students.



Especially for: Roman Baca, Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Armando Carrillo, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Mary Ann DiPietro Rose Dziekanowski, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Shelby Flores, Delphina Gracias, Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman, Trudy Lucas, Kimberly Halupka, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Helen Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Kathy McDermott, 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 Stclair, Carl Stramiello.

We also remember those who have died.



Every Monday, at 4pm our Church is hosting a weekly "Weight Watchers" meeting in the Church Hall! We will weigh in, discuss our weight loss strategies, and walk for 45 min. This is a weight loss support group promoting healthy living and an exercise lifestyle. If you are interested in joining or sharing your weight loss journey story please contact our office at 973-772-1115!

IT'S PARTY TIME



Come celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the merger 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.



Bible Study Group will be meeting every other Thursday Starting October 5th, 2017 at 7:00 PM.



Friday, October 13th, 2017 is the Feast Day of our Lady of Fatima. There will be a bilingual mass at 5:00 PM and a Dinner Reception at 7:00 PM in the School Gym with a special performance by Portugese Folk Dancers.



Ace Support Group will begin meetings again on Monday, September 25th, 2017 at 7:00PM in Church Hall.

Liturgy Services

Music for ALL liturgies outside of weekly Masses, which includes funerals, weddings and quinceañeras, must be appropriate, of a sacred nature and in accordance with the guidelines prescribed in "Music and Catholic Worship." Please discuss all matters with the Music Director. The Pastor and Music Director will not deviate from said guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

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

Monday, September 25th, 2017 – ACE Support Group meeting at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017

-Mandatory meeting with St. Brendan's School 2nd Grade Parents at 6:00 PM.

-Feast of St. Francis Animal Blessing at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, October 5th, 2017 – Bible Study Group Meeting at 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 7th, 2017 – Marian Prayer Group at 11:00 AM

Friday, October 13th, 2017 – School Mass at 9:30 AM, No 7:30AM Mass.

Friday, October 13th, 2017 – Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Reception

- 9:30 AM School Mass
- 5:00 PM Bilingual Mass
- Dinner Reception

Sunday, October 29th, 2017 – Saints Among Us Mass at 9:00 AM

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

Feast of St. Francis



On Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at 7pm our Church will be hosting a special animal blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. All are welcome to bring their beloved pets for a blessing to our church parking lot.