

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 14th - October 22th, 2017

Saturday, October 14th

5:30 PM † Frank & Adelaide Rainey

Sunday, October 15th

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

9:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

11:00AM † Martin Verostek

† Mildred Buttafuoco

† Sam Wilson

† Benjamin Lato

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

Monday, October 16th

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

Tuesday, October 17th

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

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

Wednesday, October 18th

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

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

Friday, October 20th

9:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Saturday, October 21th

5:30 PM † Thelma Reck

† Maria Robustelli

† Tina Tamzi

Sunday, October 22nd

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

9:00 AM † Isabella Altano

11:00AM † Lee Fadem

† Ray & Mae Robertson

† Rocco Marchegiani

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



St. Brendan and St. George Community will be accepting donations from parishioners for the disaster relief efforts in Puerto Rico. Members of our

community are encouraged to bring the following items:

Bottled water, shampoo/ conditioner, toiletries, flashlights and batteries, deodorant, baby wipes, first aid supplies, soap/ body wash, senior/children diapers, toothpaste, dental floss, mouthwash, pillows, blankets, nonperishable items and dog food.

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 November 3rd, 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 October 21st – October 22nd, 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 October 7th – October 8th

5:30PM	\$ 740.50
7:30AM	\$ 814.00
9:00AM	\$ 1305.00
11:00AM	\$ 1079.00
12:30PM	\$872.00
Total:	\$4,810.50
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

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

Weddings are happy occasions. More so in barrios where all the people join the feast regardless of age, gender, social status and religion. The feast is a celebration not only of the families of the bride and groom but of the entire barrio. It becomes a time for renewing friendships, showing generosity and thanksgiving for blessings received.

It is in this kind of context that Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with a wedding banquet for a king's son (Mt. 22:1-14). When all the preparations have been made, the king sends his servants to inform those invited to come. Obviously, the king expects a full house. But those invited refuse to come. So he again sends his servants this time to plead that they come since everything is ready. But they still will not come.

The king is the figure of God. The wedding feast is the Jewish image of the life to come: "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines" (Is. 25:6). The king's first invitation speaks of God's gracious call of the Jews to be His Chosen People. To them, God has sent his prophets to proclaim that one day, His Son would come to establish God's Kingdom -- a Kingdom of truth, justice, freedom, love and peace.

The king's second invitation underlies God's patience with His Chosen People -- He still hopes for a change of heart in them. But for one reason or another, they still refuse to come. For some, nothing is more important than their "farm" and "business" -- their personal interests and ambitions. Others seize the servants, mistreat and even kill them so as to be rid of those who remind them of the king's desire. When the King sent his son, they not only refused to listen to his message but also had him killed. The king is naturally enraged. So he sends his army to destroy them.

But God will not be denied His banquet. Since the people of Israel refused to come, God sends His servants to the "highways and by-ways" to invite "whomever you find" -- Isaiah's "all peoples" above. Thus "the hall was filled with guests." This act of the king signifies the taking away of the exclusive

"right" of the Chosen People to the Kingdom of God and is instead handed over to the Gentiles.

The parable reflects our relationship with God as a community and as individuals. He invites us to love Him above everything else, to complete fidelity in Him. But often, we ignore or even refuse His invitation. Why? Because we often consider our "farms" and "businesses" -- our personal interests and ambitions--as more important than God's invitation. In their pursuit, we put aside Jesus and His message to us.

The parable also warns us against our "holier than thou" attitude. We tend to consider ourselves better than others -- as the Pharisees and Scribes did -- and thus look down on them. We want our good works appreciated but we are stingy with our encouragement when others do the same. How easily we forget that unlike the Chosen People, we just happened to be in "the highways and byways" when the king's servants invited us! In short, our being Christians is not due to our merit but because of God's gracious invitation in love.

Such attitudes can lead us away from God, from union with Him. One writer has said: "Each of us are called to be saints. There is nothing more tragic than if we do not become saints." To be united with God forever, to become a saint, even with just a small "s", should be our life's only goal and nothing should ever make us deviate from it.

To attain this goal, God wants that during our earthly life we make love -- for God and for neighbor -- the foundation of our lives. This is what the second part of the parable (a second parable really) means when the one "without a wedding garment" was cast "into the darkness outside." Oriental courtesy demands that a wedding guest must wear the proper wedding attire. In the parable, this symbolizes a life that has produced fruits worthy of repentance and love. Thus any Christian who has not done so face the same fate as the one without the wedding garment.

This is really just going back to the basics: God's Kingdom is anchored on love that bears fruits -- love for God manifested in our love and concern for one another. Difficult? Definitely. But God gives us the strength to do so. We have the example of St. Paul (Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20) who after going through all kinds of trials and sufferings said, "I can do

everything through him who gives me strength." Thus with God's help, there is nothing we cannot do.

If we make love for God and neighbor rather than our interests and ambitions as our life's primary goal then we will be ready with our wedding garment when God asks us to come to the wedding feast of His Son.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net

Reflexión

Podría sonar demasiado extraño este evangelio porque, ¿cómo es posible que alguien rechace la invitación a una boda donde habrá vino, música y buen ambiente? Al menos hoy día son pocos los que rechazarían esta oferta tan especial. Pero es claro que esta parábola Cristo nos la dibujó así para que comprendiésemos que todos estamos invitados a participar del gran banquete que celebrará en el cielo.

Sólo nos hace falta cumplir un requisito que el evangelio lo pone como algo externo pero que en realidad en las bodas se le da demasiada importancia y es el vestido. Es necesario e indispensable entrar con el ajuar apropiado al gran banquete que Cristo nos invitará, este ajuar es la vida de gracia. Por eso expulsaron de la boda al hombre que no llevaba el traje apropiado, porque no estaba en vida de gracia. Y la gracia, como la llama santo Tomás de Aquino, es "nitior animae" es decir, esplendor del alma, presencia de Dios en nuestra alma.

Es claro que Jesús no puede habitar en un lugar en donde no tiene amigos, y tampoco nosotros nos deberíamos atrever a presentarnos a la boda que Él organiza cuando no le tenemos por amigo. Esto es la vida de gracia, conservar su amistad y por tanto rechazar enérgicamente todo lo que pudiese ofenderle: revistas indecentes, películas deshonestas, compañías perjudiciales, ofensas a nuestros padres o hermanos, críticas etc.

Es difícil conservar esta amistad con Cristo, pero si realmente lo tenemos por amigo no nos atreveremos a ofenderle, sino que al contrario nos esforzaremos por ser cada día mejores amigos de Él.



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 Stolair, Carl Stramiello.

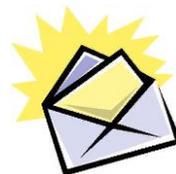
We also remember those who have died.



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!

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



Mass Envelopes are now available for pick up in the back of the church. If you do not see your envelopes you may not be registered so please submit a registration form, found on the front of our bulletin.

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.



8th Grade Car Wash

St. Brendan School 8th Graders will be hosting a Car Wash on Sunday, October 15th, 2017 from 9am to 2pm.



St. Brendan School is seeking a part-time Technology Teacher and part-time Custodian. Please contact the school for further details at 973-772-1149

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.

Bilingual Disaster Relief Concert



At 7:30 PM on Friday, October 20, 2017, soloists, duos, groups, choirs and instrumentalists will support our brothers and sisters in Houston, Mexico City, and Puerto Rico, who have been affected by recent natural disasters. All donations will be split evenly and sent to the relief efforts in the areas affected.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

Sunday, October 15th, 2017 – 8th Grade Car Wash

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

Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 – All Saints day

- **9:30 AM School Mass**
- **5:00 PM English Mass**
- **7:00 PM Spanish Mass**

Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 - All Souls Day Mass at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017 - Thanks Giving School mass at 9:30 AM

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

Rejoice

be glad in the salvation
of our God



Food Collection

Father English Collection
(Sat, Oct. 21st- Sun, Oct. 22nd)

Please continue to support this Catholic organization donating **Non-Perishable food**, such as: canned foods, cereal, pasta, rice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, etc.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Straight & Narrow Collection
(Sat, Oct. 28th – Sun, Oct. 29th)

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.