

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 28th - November 5th, 2017

Saturday, October 28th

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

Sunday, October 29th

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

9:00 AM †Nancy Reznick

11:00AM †Ivette De La Barrera

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

Monday, October 30th

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

Tuesday, October 31st

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

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

Wednesday, November 1st

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

5:00 PM † Manna & Leonardo Scelfo

† Antonio & Carmela Alfanzo

† Giuseppe Scelfo

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

Thursday, November 2nd

7:00PM †Carlos Luis Irizarry-Lugo

†Para Todos los Difuntos de la Familia
Puebla y Tlapa

Friday, November 3rd

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

Saturday, November 4th

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

Sunday, November 5th

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

9:00 AM †Nancy Reznick

11:00AM †Ivette De La Barrera

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY



All Saints day

Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

9:30 AM Fr. Junior

5:00 PM Fr. Michael

7:00 PM Fr. Junior

All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2nd, 2017

7:00 PM Biligial Mass.



Mass Celebrants

Weekend of November 4th – November 5th, 2017

Saturday

5:30pm Fr. Ed

Sunday

7:30 am Fr. Charlie

9:00 am Fr. Michael

11:00 am Fr. Michael

12:30 pm Fr. Junior

Weekend Collection October 21st – October 22nd

5:30PM	\$ 689.00
7:30AM	\$ 602.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,173.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,755.00
12:30PM	\$938.00
Total:	\$5,157.00
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

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

The Darwinian theory speaks of the survival of the fittest. Those who can cope with changing environmental conditions are the ones who thrive. That explains why cockroaches have been in this planet for millions of years. Crocodiles too. I came up with the theory that in order to survive one must be able to hide in holes or must have a very thick hide. One can avoid threats or wear an armor. I do not know if palaeontologists would agree with my theory. These are just thoughts that come to mind with the global economic crisis. Shall we live by the law of the jungle and fight off every perceived threat? Or shall we isolate ourselves and hide in our caves? Can one be loving in times of difficulties?

The fallout from the global financial crisis is being felt in different degrees by different nations. There are speculations that with the economic recession there will be less economic activities and therefore less jobs. This would certainly affect our overseas workers who may have to come home or accept lower pay. Remittances from abroad would be lesser. If during “good times” there were not enough jobs in the country, how about during worst times? Almost every Filipino family circle has a relative working abroad. We are in for tough times.

Is there a place for tenderness in tough times? Or is it that “when the going gets tough, only the tough gets going?”

It is not just the economic crisis. We also have to deal with the effects of war and flood in our area of the country. We might say, enough. We do not want to hear more. However, reality confronts us, no matter how we try not to think of it. And so we are back to the question, “Can one love in times of crisis?”

This Sunday’s readings speak of what our Christian attitude should be. The first reading counsels us not to take advantage of the defenseless and the marginalized, “You shall not oppress an alien. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan” (Ex. 22:20 ff.). One should not extort exorbitant interests from a suffering neighbor. In the Gospel, Jesus brought in a new teaching by putting on the same level the commandments to love of God and

neighbor (Mt. 22:34 ff.). Rabbinical discourse would classify the 613 precepts of Jewish law into what is more important than others. While some teachers would speak of the love of God as “weightier” and love of neighbor as “lighter”, Jesus said, “the second is like it”. To love God is to love one’s neighbor. One cannot claim to love God and not care for others.

Clearly tough times do not only demand toughness. Tough times demand tenderness and compassion. There are the times to demonstrate love. Love here is understood not just as a feeling or a sentiment but as acting for the good of the other.

An enemy of love during these times is opportunism. Opportunism is taking advantage of the misery of others. I recall a lesson in world history where I first met the word “carpetbagger”. Carpetbaggers were opportunists who came to the South after the American Civil War when the South was in ruins. They only owned their carpetbags when they arrived. Eventually, they thrived politically and became rich by taking advantage of the devastation brought by the war. They made use of their connections to establish themselves in power, even when they were outsiders.

Opportunism can take up many forms. One can make use of the adverse conditions to buy out properties of victims or take out interest in loans at exorbitant rates. Hoarding and selling at huge profits is another opportunist act. It can even take the form of human trafficking, when people are taken advantage of, especially the young, who risk selling their bodies and their freedom just to survive.

These are tough times. When the going gets tough, love keeps going.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net
Reflexión

Creo que hoy muchos cristianos –o que se dicen cristianos– cometen el grandísimo error de disociar su fe y su comportamiento: afirman creer y amar a Dios, pero luego no hacen nada para probar su fe y su amor a Él. Como el caso de la chica que te conté la semana pasada. ¿Te acuerdas?

En el evangelio de hoy vemos a uno de los fariseos que se acerca a nuestro Señor para preguntarle cuál es el primer mandamiento; y Jesucristo le responde sin vacilar: "Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con todas tus fuerzas". Ésta era la fórmula más sagrada y solemne para un israelita y constituía como el "corazón" de toda la Ley. La llamaban el "shemá" y todo judío piadoso lo conocía de memoria. Al igual que nosotros, los cristianos, aprendimos de memoria desde niños el primer mandamiento de la ley de Dios.

Hemos oído miles de veces y tenemos archisabido que "el primer mandamiento es amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas", y pensamos que de verdad lo amamos, aunque nuestras obras desdigan lo que afirman nuestras palabras. Pero el amor hay que demostrarlo más con nuestros comportamientos que con buenos deseos o sentimientos. "Obras son amores –reza el refrán popular–, que no buenas razones".

¿Qué pensaríamos nosotros de cualquier persona –podrías ser también tú mismo-- que dijera amar mucho a sus padres o a sus abuelos, pero que nunca fuera a visitarlos a su casa dizque porque "no tiene tiempo", porque viven muy lejos, o simplemente porque "no le nace"? ¿Verdad que eso nunca sucede en la vida real? Sería inconcebible, pues el amor nos lleva a estar cerca de los seres a quienes amamos. Y entonces, ¿por qué con Dios nos comportamos de esa manera? Decimos que lo amamos, pero no estamos dispuestos a visitarlo ni siquiera media horita cada semana. ¿Cada semana? ¡Ojalá fuera al menos cada semana! Y en ocasiones ni nos acordamos de Él a lo largo del día, al menos que "nos urja" pedirle algún favor. Es que somos a veces demasiado interesados...

A este primer mandamiento, nuestro Señor añade otro: "Amar al prójimo como a uno mismo". Es el mandamiento de la caridad, que es igual de importante que el primero. Es más, "quien dice amar a Dios a quien no ve, pero no ama a su hermano a quien ve, es un mentiroso", nos dice san Juan. Y el mismo Cristo afirma que "de estos dos mandamientos penden toda la Ley y los profetas". O sea que aquí se halla resumida toda la revelación bíblica. Éste fue el "mandamiento nuevo" que Él vino a traernos; éste es el núcleo del Evangelio y la esencia del cristianismo. Quien no vive el mandato de la caridad, simplemente no puede llamarse cristiano.

Grupo Carismático de Oración de San Jorge

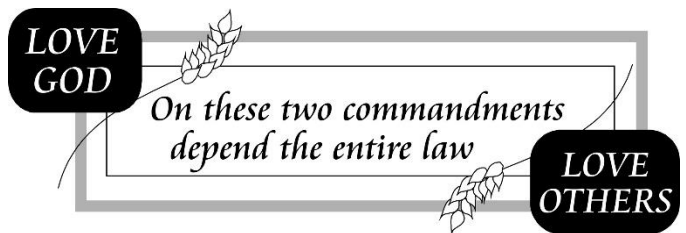
El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes en la Iglesia comenzando con la Santa Misa 7:00 pm, luego de 7:30 PM a 9:00 PM con cánticos, alabanza, reflexión de la Palabra y peticiones



Especially for: Roman Baca, Nick Bassano, Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta,

John Canemalla, Armando Carrillo, Samuel Damato, 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, Ray Zaneski.

We also remember those who have died.



The Memorial Book has been placed in the back of the church. If you would like to add a name to the book it will be available until the end of November.



Day Light Savings

Don't forget to set your clocks back at 2am on Sunday, November 5th, 2017.

Parishioner Registration

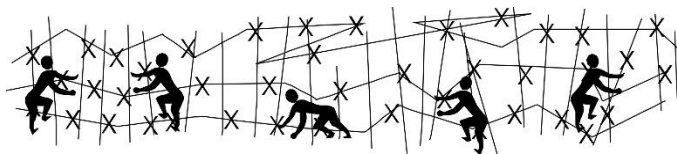
As a new parishioner of the Catholic Community of St. Brendan and St. George you should formally register with our parish! Registration forms are available on the bottom of the front page of our weekly bulletin. Once registered, you will receive a letter from our staff to inform you of your official envelope number. This number can be used until your weekly envelopes arrive. They will be placed in the back of the church for you.



RCIA Classes will begin November 5th, 2017 at 9:00 AM Mass. If any person older than 18 wishes to complete their sacraments please submit a registration form which can be found in the back of the church.



The office will be closed Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 in observance of All Saints day and Friday November 10th, 2017 in observance of Veteran's Day.



DO NOT OPPRESS THE STRANGER

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.



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

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.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

- **Church Office Closed**
- **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

Friday, November 3rd, 2017 – First Friday Mass at 9:30 AM

Friday, November 10th, 2017 – Church office closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

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

Thursday, November 23rd, 2017 – Thanksgiving Day Bilingual Mass at 10:00 AM.

Christmas Eve/Day

Sunday, December 24th, 2017 – Christmas Eve Bilingual Mass at 4:30 PM.

Monday, December 25th, 2017 – Christmas Day

- **8:00 AM English Mass**
- **10:00 AM English Mass**
- **12:00 PM Spanish Mass**

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