



December 2nd - December 10th

Saturday, December 2nd

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

Sunday, December 3rd

7:30AM ☩ Matthew Kudlack Sr.

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

11:00AM ☩ Anthony & Anna Alessi

☩ Claire Latorgia

12:30 PM ☩ En Acción De Gracias para
Briceño Hernandez

Monday, December 4th

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

Tuesday, December 5th

7:30 AM ☩ Angelo & Lucy Bassano

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

Wednesday, November 6th

7:30 AM ☩ Cristina & Francesco Ranieri

7:00 PM ☩ Beatriz Elena Montoya

Friday, December 8th

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

Saturday, December 9th

5:30 PM ☩ Thelma Reck

Sunday, December 10th

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

9:00 AM ☩ Hugh & Eleanor DeGhetto

11:00AM ☩ Ronald Parker

12:30 PM ☩ Joel Mejia

* En Acción De Gracias para
Briceño Hernandez

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

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.

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. The next School Mass will be January 5, 2017 at 9:30AM.

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 December 9th – December 10th, 2017

Saturday

5:30pm Fr. Ed

Sunday

7:30 am Fr. Michael

9:00 am Fr. Michael

11:00 am Fr. Junior

12:30 pm Fr. Junior



Weekend Collection Nov 18th – Nov 19th

5:30PM	\$ 813.50
7:30AM	\$ 650.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,167.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,384.00
12:30PM	\$ 777.00
Total	\$ 4,791.50
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Weekend Collection Nov 25th – Nov 26th

Thanksgiving Mass 9:30 AM	\$617.00
5:30PM	\$ 677.50
7:30AM	\$ 422.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,132.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,793.00
12:30PM	\$ 957.00
Total	\$ 5,598.50
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

My Dear friends, please read this exceptional article from Fr. Frank Enderle:

This Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. Advent comes from the word *adventus* which, in Latin, means coming or arriving. It is a perfect time to prepare ourselves to celebrate, cleansed of sin and in a state of grace, the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. At the beginning of our Catholic Church, when the Apostles were still alive, the season of Advent did not exist. It was only during the second and the third centuries after Christ that Christian communities began to celebrate the great event of the birth of our Savior. Years afterwards, this season was consolidated, between the sixth and the eighth centuries, when the Christian community in Rome began to celebrate it. And from Rome it was extended to the entire Christian world.

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year of our Church. It can appear somewhat strange to us that during these days in which we are preparing for the birth of Jesus, the Gospel Reading talks to us about the end times. But if we think about it a little we can see that both seasons, Advent as well as Lent, remind us of the need to cleanse our souls of impurities and better our spiritual life. Both seasons remind us of our own end.

From today on, we have four weeks to go until Christmas. It is enough time for us to purify ourselves, making a good confession, freeing ourselves of sin, and promising God and ourselves to be more careful so as not to fall into temptation. The Gospel Reading says to us, "Be watchful! Be alert! Because you do not know when the time will be." This is a truth so evident that we should keep it in mind. None of us – nobody – knows when the second and final coming of our Divine Redeemer will be. When He comes, in all of His glory and in all of His greatness, we will not have time to get ready. We have to begin now. That is why the Lord recommends that we always be vigilant and prepared - that we await His return with care - taking into account that our lives here on earth will someday be over.

How do we prepare ourselves during these four weeks to better our lives? First, as I told you before: with a good confession. The Lord is waiting for us to

pardon all of our sins. He does not care about the number or the gravity. He wants to see our repentance and He forgives all. Priests around the world are ready to hear our confessions and give us God's pardon. No priest is going to be startled by what is said to Him in confession. The second thing is to keep praying to God, praising Him and obeying Him in all that He asks of us. Scripture tells us very clearly what He wants of us. He ardently desires our firm resolution to better ourselves. Meditating on this should make us better, more responsible, followers of Christ. Our Church, with love and patience, invites us, through the Readings, to begin to cast off impurity, to give up the things that the world offers us that can make us sin. She asks us to separate ourselves from anything or any person that can impede us in our spiritual growth or in following God with dignity.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul tells the Christians of Corinth, and this also goes for us, that they should recognize the mercy and the patience that the Lord has for them. In spite of having received great gifts, there are Christians who, unfortunately for them, will allow this season of Advent to pass without preparing themselves for their own personal judgment, without getting ready for the Second Coming of Christ in all of His glory. Let us not be like them. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength we need to repent, to set aside sin and come closer to Christ.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net

Reflexión

El tiempo de Adviento es un tiempo de esperanza, de alegre espera en esa múltiple venida del Señor.

El Adviento nos recuerda la larga espera del pueblo de Israel. El pueblo de Dios se preparó durante siglos esperando la venida del Salvador, el Mesías prometido. Los profetas se encargaron de mantener viva esta esperanza. Así hace también el profeta en la primera lectura de hoy. Ojalá rasgases el cielo y bajases, le suplica al Señor.

El Adviento nos recuerda también la espera alegre y confiada de la Sma. Virgen María. Durante

nueve meses siente crecer en su seno a su Hijo, el Salvador del mundo ¡Con qué amor lo acoge en el pesebre de su propio corazón! ¡Con qué ansia espera y anhela el nacimiento de su hijo Jesús! María es, por eso, la gran figura de Adviento.

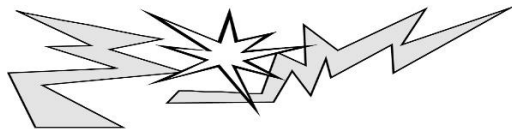
Para nosotros, cristianos del siglo XXI, el hijo esperado por María y el Mesías anunciado por los profetas, ya vino y hemos visto su rostro de hombre y de Dios. Pero todavía esperamos su plena manifestación, cuando vuelva con poder y majestad. Y el Evangelio de hoy nos invita a prepararnos a ello por medio de la vigilancia.



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, 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, 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, Ray Zaneski.

We also remember those who have died.



God is near



Immaculate Conception Mass

Friday, December 8, 2017 is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy day of Obligation and Mass times are as follows:

9:30 AM Fr. Junior
5:00 PM Fr. Michael
7:00 PM Fr. Junior



Come celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the merger of The Catholic Community of St. Brendan and St. George's on Friday, April 20, 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.



Volunteers Needed!

St. Brendan and St. George's church will need your help to decorate during the season of Christmas and Advent! On Tuesday, December 19, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM our staff and volunteers will come together to decorate and transform our beautiful Church for Christmas! Please Call the Rectory office for more details at 973-772-1115.



Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:30 AM Fr. Charlie
9:00 AM Fr. Michael
11:00 AM Fr. Michael
12:30 PM Fr. Junior

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:30 PM Fr. Junior

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Monday, December 25, 2017

8:00 AM Fr. Charlie
10:00 AM Fr. Michael
12:00 PM Fr. Junior

Please Note, Christmas Eve Mass is not in the Morning, those Mass times are for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Parish office will be closed in observance of The Immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary, Friday, December 8, 2017. We will resume regular office hours on Monday, December 11th, 2017.



Food Collection

Father English Collection
(Sat, Dec. 16th- Sun, Dec. 17th)

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, Dec. 23- Sun, Dec. 24th)

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.



On Tuesday, December 12, 2017, The Catholic Community of St. Brendan & St. George will be celebrating our annual Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00 pm in Spanish, music by a live Mariachi Band. Following the Mass there

will be a dinner reception at 8:00 pm, in the St. Brendan School gym.



*****Attention*****

Please be courteous to your fellow parishioners and our church staff when using the bathroom. Clean up

and always accompany your children to ensure we can all enjoy the privilege of a clean space.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

Friday, December 8, 2017 –

Immaculate Conception Mass

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 –

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Reception

- **7:00 PM Mass**
- **8:00 PM Dinner Reception**

Friday, December 22, 2017 – St. Brendan

School Christmas Mass at 9:30 AM

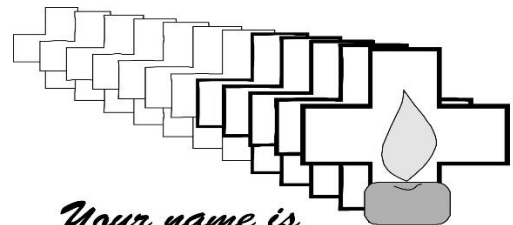
Christmas Eve/Day

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.



REDEEMER

St. Brendan's school invites our parishioners to complete their Christmas list at two of their upcoming school fundraisers:

Sunday, December 3rd

9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the School Library

Santa Shop Fundraiser, Christmas gift sale.

Teusday, December 5th

7:00PM to 9:00PM in the School Gym,

Sparkle and Shine School Fundraiser, Touchstone Crystal Sale.

