

Mass Intentions for the Week

July 29th- August 6th, 2017

Saturday, July 29nd

5:30 PM †Florence Casini
†Thomas Roback

Sunday, July 30th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
9:00 AM †Raymond Halupka
†Peter Cerbone
11:00AM †Jonathan Sylva
12:30 PM † Manuel Nazario
† Margarita Ruiz de Nazario

Monday, July 31st

7:30 AM † J. Emmet & Elizabeth McGill

Tuesday, August 1st

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

Wednesday, August 2nd

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

Friday, August 4th

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

Saturday, August 5th

5:30 PM †John Peragallo Jr.
†Thelma Reck
† Anna Alfonso Martascillo

Sunday, August 6th

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



Eucharistic Adoration



Important Notice: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 4 th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.-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.

Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, August 15th, 2017

9:00 am **Fr. Junior**
5:00 pm **Fr. Michael**
7:00 pm **Fr. Junior (Spanish)**

Mass Celebrants -Weekend of August 5th – August 6th

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

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

Weekend Collection July 22nd – July 23rd

5:30PM	\$ 666.00
7:30AM	\$ 539.00
9:00AM	\$ 1076.00
11:00AM	\$ 990.00
12:30PM	\$852.50
Total:	\$4,123.50
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

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

A few months ago I was shopping for pearls in a vacation resort – the kind of pearl that tourists bring home as souvenirs. I saw some pearls displayed in a locked cabinet and for curiosity's sake I asked about the price. A set which consisted of a pair of ear rings and a ring cost almost thirty thousand pesos. The set I had in my hands costs thirty pesos. Why the thousand times difference? The vendor said, one is genuine while the other is "cultured". In my untrained eyes they looked similar. Real pearls are expensive. Queen Cleopatra of Egypt was said to have possessed a pearl worth tons of gold. The Gospel this Sunday tells the story of a merchant who sold everything he had to purchase a really valuable pearl (Mt. 13: 44-52). He knew he could make a great profit from it. One could imagine his joy at discovering it. That is perhaps the reason why some people enjoy going to flea markets. There is a chance that one may find a barely used or even a brand new signature item. A friend of mine saw a pair of Gucci shoes that were not even scratched at the heels. He did not hesitate to pay the two hundred pesos asking price. That pair would cost six thousand pesos in the mall.

We find joy in such material items. Do we find joy in those that feed the soul and uplift the spirit? What price will you pay for the smile of a child? For the happiness of your family? For a sense that life is worthwhile? For liberty and security? For a new heaven and a new earth? For eternal happiness? For a better world? What would you give your life for? Each person must discover for herself what really is worth pursuing in life. The tragedy would be when one possesses the pearl and finds out it is not the real thing. When a person has spent his energies, sacrificed his health, his honor, his family and friends for the sake of what the world calls success, what has he accomplished? Friends, family and integrity are pearls of great price. Indeed, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, but lose his soul?"

In our present Philippine realities, we could ask, what is it that Filipinos make sacrifices for? Given the global economy, thousands of Filipinos leave the

country everyday in order to work abroad. Why do fathers and mothers endure months and years of absence from their families as overseas foreign workers? The common answers we hear are: for better lives for their families, for the education of the children, or because opportunities are lacking in the country. The decision to leave or not to leave is not an easy one. Each mother that leaves faces the dilemma of leaving her child in the care of another while she takes care of another child in a foreign land.

What is your pearl of great price? Our national hero Ninoy Aquino who was killed for resisting the Marcos military regime found his pearl of great price as he said, "The Filipino is worth dying for." The first Filipino saint, Lorenzo Ruiz who was tortured to death as a lay missionary in Japan, considered his faith as the pearl of great price. He declared that he would rather suffer a thousand deaths than deny his Christian faith. Nelson Mandela who just turned ninety this year is recognized as a living icon of the struggle for freedom and human rights. He endured many years as a political prisoner.

There are many other people who have found their pearl of great price, whether it is protecting the environment, fighting human trafficking, advocating for the right to life of the unborn, or promoting the freedom to practice one's religion. We may wonder what keeps such people going in the light of many oppositions. The letter of Paul gives us a hint, "We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). For the Christian disciple, his perseverance in the mission comes from knowing that what he is doing is pleasing to God.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net

Reflexión

Entre ambos relatos hay algunas diferencias: en la primera narración el ministro "deja" los tesoros de su amo; mientras que en la segunda, el hombre de la parábola compra el campo para adquirir el tesoro que ha encontrado. Parecería,

según esto, que ambas narraciones resultan contrapuestas entre sí. Pero, no obstante estas variantes, el contenido de fondo es bastante semejante. Trataré de explicarme.

Lo que nuestro Señor quiere resaltar con la parábola del tesoro escondido como también con la otra parábola que viene a continuación, la del mercader de perlas finas no es tanto el objeto material del tesoro escondido, sino la decisión fundamental de estos dos hombres de dejar todo para llegar a poseer ese tesoro de incalculable valor que han encontrado. “Va a vender todo lo que tiene” nos dice Cristo “para comprar aquel campo.” Este es el mensaje esencial de la parábola: vender todo para poder comprar todo. Aquí está precisamente el punto de convergencia con el cuento persa: también el ministro deja sus perlas para quedarse con lo verdaderamente importante, que es su rey.

A la luz de esta última historia comprendemos que el tesoro escondido de nuestra parábola no es algo material, sino que es Cristo mismo, nuestro Rey supremo: importa infinitamente más el Señor de las cosas que las cosas del Señor. En efecto, todos los teólogos y biblistas católicos afirman con unanimidad que el Reino de los cielos del que Cristo nos está hablando en estas parábolas es ÉL mismo. El centro de su mensaje es su Persona. ¡Él es el único y verdadero tesoro de nuestro corazón!



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FOR THE SICK

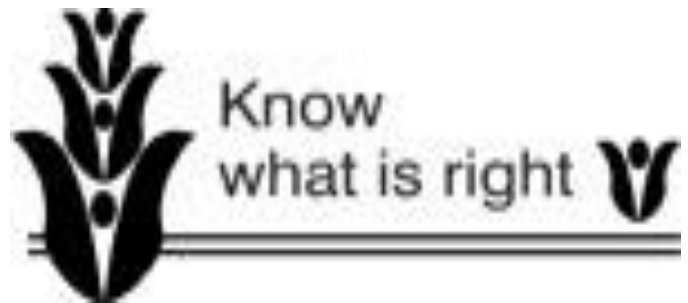
Especially for: Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Alyssa DiGiacomo, Mary Ann DiPietro, Rose Dziekanowski, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias, 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.



Marian Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting the 2017 Pilgrimage to The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 21st, 2017. The faithful will be provided with the opportunity to join parishiners throughout the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes mass Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Catechetical presentations. For more information please call the parish office at 973-772 – 0176.



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

Teusday, August 15th 2017 - Assumption of our Blessed Lady

Saturday, October 21st, 2017– Pilgrimage to The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



St. Brendan's School

Registration Open for the 2017-2018 School Year
St. Brendan School is now accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. Openings are still available in PreK3 through 8th Grade. Please contact the school office at 973-772- 1149 for more information.



There will be a car wash to benefit our alter server program held on Sunday, August 13th, 2017. Thank you in advance for supporting those who faithfully serve our community!



A Message From Principal Mitchell

I would like to introduce myself to the St. Brendan and St. George Parish community. My name is Robert Mitchell and I have the fortunate opportunity to serve as the Principal of St. Brendan's School. Above all, I would like to give thanks to Our Lord for this opportunity to work together with the teachers, support staff, parents and most importantly, your children! I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Fr. Junior and the selection committee for placing their faith in me to lead the St. Brendan parish school community.

I have been in the field of education for many years as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor and for the past 20 years as an administrator. I have had the unique experience of working with students from kindergarten through high school so I bring to St. Brendan's School the background to assist and support the teachers in their lessons and activities. Additionally, I will provide the guidance, support and encouragement to students as they grow spiritually, educationally, emotionally and physically in a Catholic school environment. I ask for your prayers as I begin my journey here at St. Brendan's School as I will keep you in mine.