



December 9th - December 17th

Saturday, December 9nd

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

†Huber Lopez Guerrero

En Su Primer Aniversario

† En Acción De Gracias para

Cristopher Rejo

†Robert Barbagallo

En Accion De Gracias Para San Judas

Monday, December 11th

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

Tuesday, December 12th

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

7:00 PM *Para La Virgen de Guadalupe

Departa De La Familia

De Lazaro - Puebla

Wednesday, November 13th

7:30 AM †Lucy Bassano

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

Friday, December 15th

7:30 AM †Carlo Yannarelli

Saturday, December 16th

5:30 PM †Thelma Reck

† Marianna Scelfo

Sunday, December 17th

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

9:00 AM †Peter & Julia Sees

11:00AM † Angelia Cubati

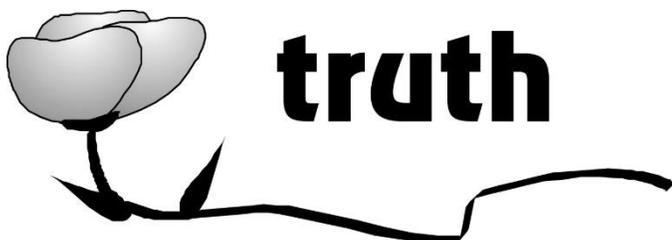
†John B. Zuffa

†John T. Zuffa

† Ray Zaneski

12:30 PM † Joel Mejia

†Luis E. De Jesus



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.

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.

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 16th – December 17th, 2017

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Michael**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

9:00 am **Fr. Michael**

11:00 am **Fr. Junior**

12:30 pm **Fr. Junior**

Weekend Collection Dec 2nd – Dec 3rd

<i>Christmas Flower Collection</i>	\$1044.00
5:30PM	\$ 615.00
7:30AM	\$ 664.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,232.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,521.00
12:30PM	\$ 797.00
Total	\$ 5,873.00
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

Message from our Pastor 

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

In the Readings of this Second Sunday of Advent, three great biblical figures: the prophet Isaiah, Saint Peter and Saint John the Baptist, show us that the mercy of God is infinite. He is always faithful. His patience is without limits with us. He continually gives us opportunities to return to Him.

In the Second Reading we heard the words of Isaiah. Through this great prophet, God spoke to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. Before the exile, a number of Jews had abandoned their faith. They allowed themselves to be dazzled by the religious rites of Babylon and other pagan nations. These false religions offered instant salvation in return for unwavering devotion. Many left the true faith of their ancestors. They abandoned their God and began to adore the idols of a false religion. Even though they were unfaithful to Him on many occasions, God called out to them giving them an opportunity to straighten out their lives and go back to Him but they did not want to listen.

We should realize that God, sometimes, in spite of His great patience and mercy, tests us, as He tested the Jewish people during their exile. On occasion these tests can seem to us to be very harsh but in the end all that the Lord asks of us is that we stop looking for instant solutions to our daily problems and begin our return to Him. The exiled Jews in Babylon were subjected to the power of the invaders, losing everything they had. Afterwards the Lord, in His great mercy, told the prophet Isaiah, "Go up to a high mountain... raise your voice... raise it and do not fear." That was when Isaiah told them the great news that their time of trial, their exile, had reached its end.

Saint Peter, in the Second Reading, says that it is useless to try to figure out when the second and final coming of Christ will take place. In Saint Peter's time, and in the present times, there was, and there is, great anticipation over when the end times will occur. Saint Peter, speaking to his community, tells them that God always keeps His promises. And He warns them that what should be of importance to them is to be prepared because, "The day of the Lord will arrive like a thief." Let us also follow the counsel of Saint Peter, trying to be

prepared for this great event so that when Christ comes, in all of His glory, He will encounter us at peace with Him and with our brothers and sisters, and cleansed of sin.

The Gospel of Saint Mark does not mention the birth of Jesus nor does it speak about the life of the Lord before the beginning of His public life. We just heard the beginning of this Gospel that explains to us how Saint John the Baptist, the greatest prophet sent by God, began his preaching in the desert of Judea. His message and his preaching were very similar to Christ's. He preached conversion, telling the Jews of his time that they should cast off false values and go through a complete conversion, a radical change in their lives. John, from the beginning of his ministry, warned that he had come to prepare the way and that behind him came another who was more powerful. John was a great man and a great preacher. He was the last prophet sent by God. He fulfilled his mission, with integrity, even unto giving up his life for the Master.

Let us follow the example of Saint John the Baptist: his valor and his exemplary life. God, throughout history, has spoken through the prophets. They revealed, little by little, the divine plan, the salvation of the human race through Jesus Christ.

We are in the Advent season, a time for conversion, a time to reflect, straighten out our lives and follow God more closely. In a society that has lost its sense of God, the Church invites us to meditate on our sins, to reacquire the principles, values and convictions of our Catholic faith.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net
Reflexión

Si reflexionamos sobre el Evangelio de hoy, nos surge una pregunta evidente: ¿Por qué Jesús se deja bautizar por Juan, haciéndose común con los pecadores? Cristo está libre del pecado: por eso no necesita bautizarse. Pero Él quiere solidarizarse con nosotros, los pecadores. Así puede señalarnos el camino de salvación y precedernos en él.

Y a la vez nos indica la condición para iniciar ese camino: tenemos que reconocernos pecadores ante Dios. Es como el fundamento de

nuestro ser-cristiano. Porque sólo los pecadores buscan y precisan el Bautismo. Por eso los fariseos no se someten al Bautismo de Juan: se creen dispensados de ello.

No es por nuestros méritos personales que recibimos la salvación de Dios, sino por nuestros pecados. No debemos poner la confianza en nuestras propias fuerzas, sino ponerla en la misericordia, en el perdón y amor de Dios.

Queridos hermanos, éste es el misterio de nuestra vida y muerte de cristianos. Éste es el misterio que nos revela el Bautismo de Jesús y nuestro propio Bautismo:

Lo único que nos salva y que nos va a salvar, al terminar nuestra vida, es la bondad, el amor misericordioso del Padre.



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, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Delphina Gracias, Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman, Trudy Lucas, Kimberly Halupka, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Helen Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan LintonJoan 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, Robin Shirak, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stolar, Carl Stramiello.

We also remember those who have died.



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 Advent and Christmas! 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 Bilingual Mass Schedule Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:30 PM	Fr. Junior
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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.



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.



The Parish office will be closed in observance of Christmas on Monday, December 25, 2017. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, December 26, 2017.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

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.



How better to end the Christmas season than with a concert full of inspirational music? January 6, or Three Kings Day (the Epiphany), will mark our parish's second annual Christmas concert, which will feature a fully bilingual program packed with soloists, our choirs, and a band. Please come out and support everyone, as this event will be an important fundraiser for our music ministries, whose efforts throughout the year will enhance our parish's worship life. See you at 8:00 PM on Saturday, January 6! Check out our website and Facebook page for more info.