

Mass Intentions for the Week



Eucharistic Adoration



September 2nd – September 10th, 2017

Saturday, September 2nd

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

Sunday, September 3rd

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

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

11:00 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

12:30 PM † Acción de Gracias Para la Virgen de Guadalupe

† Ida and Midori Yamaguchi

Monday, September 4th

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

Tuesday, September 5th

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

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

Wednesday, September 6th

7:30 AM † Scelfo Giuseppe

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

Friday, September 8th

7:30 AM † J. Emmet & Elizabeth McGill

Saturday, September 9th

5:30 PM † Thelma Reck

Sunday, September 10th

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

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

11:00 AM † Martin Verostek

† Ronald Parker

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

Important Notice: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 8th, 2017 at 8:00 am -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.

Becoming a Sponsor

A Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor must be at least 18 years of age and be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. This means that the person follows the commandments of God by participating each week in Sunday Mass, frequents the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and, if married, their union has been blessed by the Catholic Church. The sponsor must have received all the sacraments of Initiation which include Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Mass Celebrants

Weekend of September 9th – September 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**

There
is in my
heart a
burning
fire



Weekend Collection August 26th – August 27th

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| 5:30PM | \$ 643.00 |
| 7:30AM | \$ 666.00 |
| 9:00AM | \$ 1,084.00 |
| 11:00AM | \$ 1,066.00 |
| 12:30PM | \$1,108.00 |
| Total: | \$4,567.00 |
| <i>Thank you for your Generosity</i> | |

Message from our Pastor 

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

I am a teacher. Sometimes, students with failing grades come to me and ask for some consideration. As they present their case, varied reasons are given. Mostly, their parents will be angry, or will not allow them to go to school any longer. Eventually the question is asked, "What will I do in order to pass this subject?" My standard answer is "Study."

When we want something badly enough we have to work hard for it. We do not often get a free lunch. If we do, somebody is paying for it.

There was a time in my life when I was into body building (those who know me will not believe this). As we physical enthusiasts enter the gym, a big sign greets us, "No pain, no gain." The first week was indeed a week of muscle pains (or pains due to undeveloped muscles). I remember especially the pain in the abdominal area because of the sit-ups we had to accomplish.

It is a fact of life. You want the fruits, take care of the roots. You want muscles? Then bear the pain.

Since life is short, we really have to look hard into the choices we make. When we choose one thing, we are bound to sacrifice another. We have to make the wise decision to give our time and effort to things that really matter. Jesus reminds us about this in this Sunday's Gospel "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?" (Mt.16:26)

Do you have a life? Or are you just existing? What is that which makes one really live? What is that which is more important than gaining the whole world?

Humanity's millennia of experiences show that people's struggle for a worthwhile life mostly revolve around three things: to be somebody, to have something, and to have somebody. Stories in all cultures tell of people's search for fulfillment through conquest, wealth, and relationships. Enshrined in world history are the exploits of Alexander, Genghis Khan, Julius Caesar, and Napoleon. Explorers have searched for the fabled wealth of the pharaohs. We are fascinated by that great monument to love, the Taj Mahal.

Alongside these stories are those of people who have given up life, power, riches and loved ones for what they believe is a greater purpose. Famous examples are Socrates, the Buddha and Francis of Assisi.

Life really revolves around two poles - the pole of having and the pole of renouncing. Acquiring and surrendering. One may acquire the whole world, but at the end one has to relinquish them. One may have a perfect physique and flawless beauty but eventually old age diminishes them. One may have developed intellectual acuity but eventually memory fails and thinking gets fuzzy.

The Lord's challenge for us is that in this life we give importance to that which has eternal repercussions. Go for life, life that lasts eternally. How? When one acts like God does, which means acting with the mind and heart of Jesus Christ, then we really have life. When we act with love, kindness, justice, and concern for the poor, then our earthly life somehow overlaps with eternal life. We are acting as citizens of God's Kingdom. And when we cross the great divide, we will not be strangers in paradise. We will be coming home. We will have gained Eternal Life.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net
Reflexión

Muchas veces, absortos por tantas preocupaciones e inquietudes, nos olvidamos de las cosas verdaderamente esenciales de la vida y perdemos a menudo la brújula y el sentido de nuestra existencia. Hacemos muchas cosas y nos afanamos en una y mil actividades sin reparar en por qué o para qué de todo aquello. Nos sucede lo que le ocurrió a un brillante general también francés que, estando en una reunión familiar, relataba dramáticas hazañas de su expedición en Marruecos.

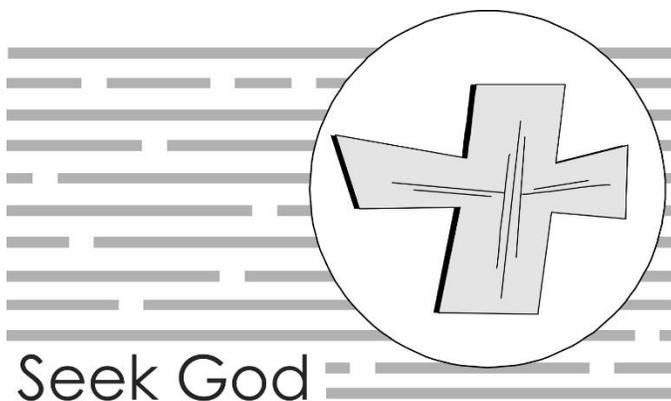
De pronto, una sobrinita, que seguía llena de admiración los relatos de su tío, le pone una de sus manitas sobre las rodillas, y le pregunta: "Tío, has hecho cosas maravillosas por Francia. Y por Dios, ¿qué has hecho?" El gran general se quedó sin palabras ante la pregunta inocente de una pequeña y pasó toda aquella tarde pensativo. ¡No había hecho absolutamente nada por Dios! Al poco tiempo dejó

la carrera militar y se consagró al servicio de Dios y de los demás. Había nacido un gran misionero y un futuro santo: Charles de Foucauld.

En el Evangelio de hoy, nuestro Señor nos dirige una pregunta sumamente importante y trascendental; más aún, de la respuesta que demos a ese interrogante depende el sentido y el futuro de nuestra misma existencia: “¿De qué le sirve a un hombre ganar el mundo entero, si al final pierde su alma? ¿O qué podrá dar para recobrarla?”. Es ésta una de las preguntas que atraviesan de polo a polo la historia de la humanidad y ante la cual nadie puede quedar indiferente. ¿Qué has hecho tú por Cristo hasta el día de hoy?...

Se cuenta que el gran general romano Julio César, cuando desembarcó con su ejército en Cádiz, reparó en una estatua de Alejandro Magno y que, al verla, se conmovió y se echó a llorar amargamente. Sus generales quedaron consternados. Y César, mirando su asombro, les dijo: “Lloro porque, a mi edad, Alejandro era ya señor de la mayor parte del mundo, y yo todavía no he hecho nada”. Y tú, ¿qué has hecho por Dios a tu edad? Por favor, no sigas leyendo sin dar una respuesta adecuada a esta pregunta. Sé valiente y afóntala ante tu propia conciencia. ¿Sabías que la vida de muchos santos y misioneros ha dependido de la respuesta que han dado a esta pregunta?

Cristo te cuestiona hoy a ti, directamente, querido amigo, amiga: ¿De qué te va a servir ganar el mundo entero con placeres, poderes, lujos y vanidades, con dineros, bailes y fiestas superficiales si al final pierdes tu alma o te quedas sin lo más importante y esencial? Y para ti, ¿qué es lo más importante?



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.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, 2017 for Labor Day. We will resume our regular office hours on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

Eucharistic Ministers

A Eucharistic Minister is an active parishioner of St. Brendan and St. George's Parish. He or she is assigned as a minister by the **Pastor** of the church. Once assigned, so long as the parishioner maintains their active status within our community, they will remain a minister. Any minister who leaves our parish is no longer an authorized minister of our church and ceases to be a Eucharistic Minister at any other parish, unless the Pastor, of their new said parish has appointed them. Re-assignments of ministers must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Junior. Letters of recommendation are given to those who have shown the courtesy of a proper resignation.

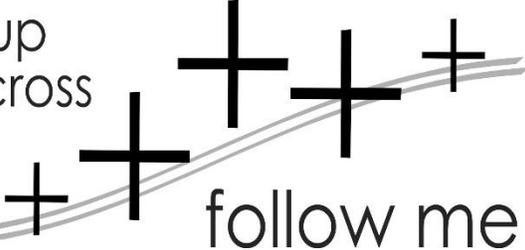


Join the Choir... You'll Be Glad You Did!

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD... and specifically at the 11:00 AM Mass every Sunday! Music is an integral part of our worship every time we come together as Christians, and a choir is not only a blessing for our parish family but also an incomparable means to assisting the congregation in raising our prayer together as a faith community.

If you are interested in singing with the 11:00 choir, please contact our director of music ministries, Dylan, at SBSG.MusicMinistries@gmail.com.

The 11:00 choir will be open to all parishioners from freshman year of high school and up. No musical experience required! Just the love of music and God!

Take up
your cross

follow me



Registrations for **CCD, RCIA & Confirmation** Classes have begun. We are looking for teachers to help with the Religious Education program throughout the 2017/2018 Sunday school Year. Please contact the office if you would like to be a Religious Education teacher. May God Bless you.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS 2017

Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 – Last Day to sign up for Confirmation Classes.

Monday, September 4th, 2017 – Labor Day, Office closed.

Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 – First day of classes at St. Brendan School.

Sunday, September 10th, 2017

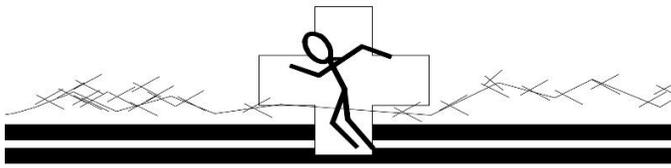
- **11:00 AM Choir's first official Mass.**
- **Vivere Cristus Award Ceremony at 3:00 PM.**
- **Last day to sign up for CCD Classes.**

Sunday, September 17th, 2017 – Confirmation Classes Begin.

Sunday, September 24th, 2017 - CCD Classes Begin.

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 – Feast of St. Francis.

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

Those who lose their life for my sake

will find it

IT'S PARTY TIME



Come celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the formation 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.