

Mass Intentions for the Week

Eucharistic Adoration

September 16th - September 24th, 2017

Saturday, September 16th

5:30 PM † Thelma Reck

† Jane Roback

Sunday, September 17th

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

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

11:00AM † Mildred Buttafuccho

† Marie Kennedy

12:30 PM † Huber Lopez Guerrero

† Beatriz Elena Montoya

Monday, September 18th

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

Tuesday, September 19th

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

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

Wednesday, September 20th

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

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

Friday, September 22nd

7:30AM † John & Elizabeth McGill

Saturday, September 23rd

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

Sunday, September 24th

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

9:00 AM † Raymond Halupka

11:00AM † Loretta Cammaroto

† Al McAdams

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

Important Notice: There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until further notice.

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.

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 first Friday Mass will be October 6th, 2017 at 9:30AM.

Mass Celebrants

Weekend of September 23rd – September 24th, 2017

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Michael**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

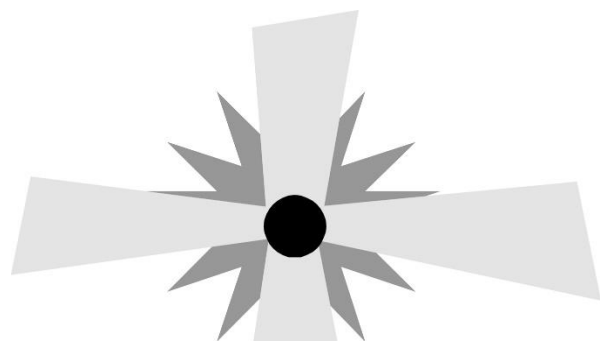
9:00 am **Fr. Michael**

11:00 am **Fr. Ed**

12:30 pm **Fr. Junior**

Weekend Collection September 9th – September 10th

5:30PM	\$ 1001.00
7:30AM	\$ 638.00
9:00AM	\$ 1157.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,423.00
12:30PM	\$1106.00
Total:	\$5,325.00
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	



Christ died and lives for us

Message from our Pastor 

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

I was in a conference on peace. The participants were talking about reparation and justice. They were peace workers who came from all parts of the world, especially from areas that have experienced war, ethnic conflict, and death. Many of them had first hand experience of suffering. The participants were talking about the relationships between peace, justice, reparation, and forgiveness. These were not mere concepts for them. These were realities they have met in the field or personally experienced.

Some of the discussants were saying peace is the fruit of justice. There could be no real peace unless justice were observed. This brought the discussion to the issue of reparation and forgiveness. If justice is to be observed then there must be reparation for damages done - for lives lost and human rights violated. There must also be admission of guilt so that the offended parties can forgive. How can forgiveness be given when no offense is admitted? One participant who came from an area that has gone through a bitter war of independence remarked, "How can I forgive those who killed my father and raped my sister?" Perpetrators remained hidden in the anonymity of war.

Forgiveness is not easily given. In this Sunday's gospel reading, Peter asked our Lord, "*When my brother wrongs me, how often must I forgive him? Seven times?*" *The answer of Jesus was so unexpected, "No, not seven times but seventy times seven times" (Mt. 18:22).* And to think that Peter was being generous. The conventional wisdom at that time followed the three strikes rule. Forgive three times. After that, have nothing to do with the offender. Peter thought that seven times was an improvement over the usual practice.

Forgiveness is not easy, whether one is asking for it or one is giving it. To admit wrongdoing is not easy. We would rather gloss over our sins. Or we deny them and blame somebody else. This dates back to the time of Adam and Eve when upon discovery of his sin, Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the snake (Gen. 3:11-13). Poor snake, he

had nobody else to blame. We tend to suppress the truth about our wrongdoing. Or we hedge on our admission of guilt, like the man who confessed stealing a rope. He failed to mention that at the end of the rope was his neighbor's goat.

Pope John Paul II led the way in asking for forgiveness for the instances where the church has caused painful historical memories, "To the extent that we are responsible for these, I join my predecessor Paul VI in asking forgiveness (Ut Unum Sint, no. 88). The Catholic practice in the sacrament of reconciliation is for one to admit and voice out one's particular sins. It is not enough to make a generic confession such as "I have sinned in thoughts, words, and deeds." One has also to be sorry, make the intention to amend his life, and as far as one is able, do reparations for the damaging effects of his wrongdoing. The story is told of a woman who liked to spread gossip about her neighbors. She thought she was getting a light penance when the priest told her to carry a pillow to the second floor of her house and pour its contents out of the window. Then the priest told her to pick up all the cotton that the wind has spread and stuff them back into the pillow.

If to ask for forgiveness is difficult, to forgive one who has wronged us is seven times more difficult. One of Jesus' last words as he was dying on the cross was, "*Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing*" (Lk. 23:34). Stephen the first martyr, with his last breath forgave his persecutors, "Lord, do not hold this against them" (Acts 7:60). Pope John Paul II went to visit his assassin in prison and forgave him. St. Maria Gorreti died forgiving her assailant. These are heroic examples of forgiving because forgiveness was given even before the offender asked to be forgiven.

In the regular course of events, forgiveness is given because the offender asked for it, or at least admitted and expressed sorrow for participation in wrongdoing.

Who then benefits from forgiveness? Both the one who forgives and the one who is forgiven. The heavy burden of guilt is lightened for one who asks for forgiveness and receives it. He can start life new, despite his past sin. The one who forgives is also benefited. He or she is freed of the hatred, the

resentment, and heaviness of heart. She too can put a closure to the event and start anew.

That must be the reason why Jesus puts no limits to forgiveness. Despite a person's sin, there is always the possibility of a new beginning.

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net
Reflexión

Dios nos muestra su amor perdonándonos nuestros pecados, deudas infinitas que tenemos con Él. Nos ofrece su misericordia para que también nosotros podamos ser misericordiosos con los demás. El perdón es una característica del amor perfecto de Dios a los hombres. Pero Él necesita de nosotros para que su misericordia llegue a la gente. Quiere que nosotros seamos instrumentos de su perdón. Quiere mostrarles a los hombres su perdón a través de nosotros. Cuando nos invita a amar como Él mismo nos ama, también se refiere al perdón. El perdón es la perfección de la caridad. Nos cuesta mucho porque requiere que vencemos nuestro orgullo y que seamos humildes. Pero solamente así podemos ser sus apóstoles y llevar su amor al mundo. Dios nos necesita y nos llama a esta misión maravillosa: ser instrumentos de su amor y de su perdón.

Señor, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonar? Con esta respuesta Jesús no nos dice que perdonar sea fácil, sino que es un requisito absolutamente indispensable para nuestra vida. Podríamos decir que es un mandamiento, porque nos dice ¡perdona! De otra forma el corazón se encuentra como una ciudad asediada por el enemigo, la caridad rodeada por el odio y el progreso espiritual sumergido en un pozo profundo.

Por otro lado, no debemos preocuparnos por la correspondencia del otro si hemos hecho lo que estaba de nuestra parte. Cada uno es diverso y, por lo tanto, cada uno dará cuentas a Dios de lo que ha hecho con su vida y con sus acciones.

Nuestro corazón deber ser un castillo donde sólo reine Dios. Él es amor, como dice san Juan en su primera epístola, y como tal aborrece el odio. Si, por el contrario, permitimos entrar al odio en nuestro corazón, Cristo abandonará el sitio que estaba ocupando dentro de nosotros porque no puede ser amigo de quien odia. Por este motivo debemos trabajar en amar en lugar de odiar, comprender en lugar de pensar mal, perdonar en

lugar de buscar la venganza.

Odiando, matamos nuestra alma. El deseo de venganza significa que se quiere superar al otro en hacer el mal y esto en vez de sanar la situación la empeora. Pidamos a Cristo la gracia de contar con un corazón como el suyo que sepa amar y perdonar a pesar de las grandes o pequeñas dificultades de la vida.



Especially for: Roman Baca, Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Armando Carrillo, 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, Marie Kennedy, 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 Stolair, Carl Stramiello.

We also remember those who have died.



Every Monday, at 4pm our Church is hosting a weekly "Weight Watchers" meeting in the Church Hall! We will weigh in, discuss our weight loss strategies, and walk for 45 min. This is a weight loss support group promoting healthy living and an exercise lifestyle. If you are interested in joining or sharing your weight loss journey story please contact our office!



Food Collection
Father English Collection
 (Sat, Sept. 16th- Sun, Sept. 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.



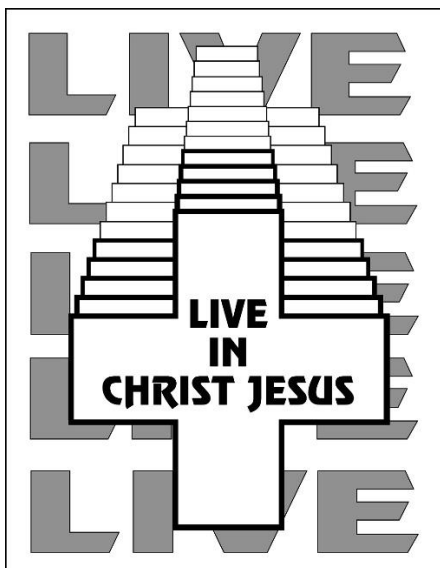
Straight & Narrow Collection
 (Sat, Sept. 23rd – Sun, Sept. 24th)

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.

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

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

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 – Feast of St. Francis Animal Blessing at 7:00 PM.

Friday, October 13th, 2017 – School Mass at 9:30 AM, No 7:30AM Mass.

Friday, October 13th, 2017 – Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Reception

- **9:30 AM School Mass**
- **5:00 PM Bilingual Mass**
- **Dinner Reception**

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



On Sunday, September 17th, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel and also an opportunity for all to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

We would like to specially recognize the catechists and religious education volunteers in our parish who devote their time to teach our children the Catholic faith. Thank you for all you do. Please keep them in your prayers:

Richard DeLa Cruz, Salvador Espino, Desiree Ferrendiz, Nikisha Feliciano, Irma Gamonal, Mary Gamonal, Debbie Gomez, Crystal Hernandez, Rebeca Iparraguirre, Daniel Ledesma, Christina Festa-Majano, Cheryl Perzely, Nelly Tantas

May God our Father, the Father of Love, fill you with confidence and Joy as you proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.