# ST. BRENDAN PARISH

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## Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

*Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop*

***Rev. John Codega, Pastor***

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Life Long Faith Formation Office: **401.433.2680**
Mrs. Tamara Primmer, Coordinator

Music Ministry: **401.433.2600**
Mr. Michael Parrillo, Music Director

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St. Vincent de Paul Ministries: **401.301.6307**
An outreach ministry to those in need.
Call SVdP donate or for assistance (Active parishioners may call the parish offices directly – please ask to speak with Fr. Codega personally)

Good Neighbors' Soup Kitchen **401.433.0045**
and food pantry

Parish Intercessory Prayer Lines: **437.0369 or StBrendan@cox.net**

**On-Line Offering**: safe, secure, convenient.
Information on our parish website: StBren.com

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### SACRAMENTS AT ST. BRENDAN'S

**Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00, or anytime by appointment**

**Holy Communion: Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**
**Sunday : 8:00AM, 10:30AM**

**Daily Mass: (temp. sched) M,W,F, 8:00AM**

**Holy Days: 8:00AM and 7:00PM**
**(or as announced)**

**Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated monthly but must be scheduled several weeks in advance. Active parishioners should contact your parish office to begin preparations.**

**Marriage: Diocesan requirements state that arrangements should begin at least 6 months to one year before desired date of marriage. Active parishioners should contact the parish office for more details.**

**Adult Confirmation: Preparation for RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation & Baptism for Adults, begins in October. Candidates are prepared for sacraments at Easter. Contact your parish office for more information.**

**Anointing of the Sick: Chaplains are available at the local hospital during the day and in the evenings for emergency. Because of privacy issues you may have to ask to see the priest. However, if you know you are going, or know of someone who could use a visit today, please do not hesitate to call your parish priest.**

### NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS

Welcome. Glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to Father after mass.

Dear Fr. Codega:
We are interested in becoming parishioners of St. Brendan's.
Please send us information
Name:
Street _____
Town: _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone
Email: _____@_____

*Drop in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the parish office and we'll send you a welcome package.*

# Mass Intentions

There are Mass intentions available during the months of February/March. Call the office to have a Mass celebrated for the intentions of the living or deceased. At every mass, you should also bring at least one personal intention with you. Mass intentions are published so the entire church community can pray the mass intention of the Priest for the living or the deceased. Even if you cannot attend mass this day, please join in our parish intention during your personal prayer time.

**SATURDAY, February 6, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM Tina Larocque, Remembrance
Mary A. Madden, Remembrance

**SUNDAY, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM Evelyn Quinn, Month's Mind
10:30AM For the living people of the parish

**MONDAY, February 8, Saint Jerome Emiliani**
8:00 AM Edward A. Sousa

**WEDNESDAY, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin**
8:00 AM John Soito, Remembrance

**THURSDAY, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes**

**FRIDAY, February 12, Weekday**
8:00 AM Paul & Mary Finn

**SATURDAY, February 13, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM Charles Golden, Sr.
George Walsh, 7th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, February 14, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM Catherine & William Mello, Memorial
McCauley Family
10:30 AM For the living people of the parish

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**Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"**

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

We look forward to celebrating the year with events and liturgies to be scheduled.

**K.O.C FUNDRAISER FOR DISABLED & HOMELESS VETERANS**

The Knights of Columbus is helping disabled and homeless Veterans in our area by collecting Walmart Gift Cards. They are asking for donations of Wal-Mart gift cards in any amount up to $25.00. The gift cards will be used to buy food and clothing which will be dispersed to disabled VETS through-out the Southern New England area. Members of the Knights of Columbus council will be at masses on the weekend of February 13th

**KEEP THE HEAT ON:** Bishop Tobin has once again kicked off his annual "Keep the Heat On" heating assistance when all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the winter have been exhausted. To donate $25, text HEATRI to 27722. If you know of someone in need of heating assistance or to donate, please visit www.heatri.com or call 401-421-7833x107 for additional information. (Active parishioners in need may speak to Fr. Codega directly for possible assistance.)

**PLEASE CONSIDER ON-LINE GIVING DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.**

85% of our total parish budgeted expenses comes from those who donate using Sunday Mass collection baskets. Obviously, if there's no Mass there's no collection. That's a tremendous burden on our income. We realize you also may be affected during this season but if you are able, please consider mailing in, or dropping off your envelopes or even better, sign up for on-line giving.

On Line Giving through our partner, Our Sunday Visitor, is safe, secure, and totally in your control to edit, update or cancel anytime. There are no long-term commitments. Visit StBren.com for the image above.

Thank-you for your prayerful generosity!

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. BRENDAN'S
PARISH OR ENDOWMENT IN YOUR WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING.

DID YOU KNOW, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DEFER YEAR-END TAXES ON WITHDRAWALS FROM YOUR IRA OR 401(K) WHEN TRANFERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR PARISH? ALSO, AS PART OF THE COVID RELIEF BILL, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE AN ADDITIONAL $600 DONATION ABOVE THE STANDARD TAX EXEMPTION IF YOU DO NOT ITEMIZE. CONSULT YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNER FOR DETAILS.
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# *FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

News regarding return to in-person meetings will be forthcoming. In the meantime, all students are to continue submitting their Gospel/Homily reflections via email, tprimmer@cox.net or you may drop them off in the Church.

Confirmation candidates are reminded that all assignments are a requirement of our program. We must assume that failure to complete these minimal assignments is a sign you have lost interest in the program and will result in a delay of the Sacrament. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Primmer as soon as possible.

**PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION**

*"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you."*
*- Mother Teresa*

For the month of January, we will be collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly to help stock the shelves at Good Neighbors Food Pantry.

**FORMED.ORG – STREAMING VIDEOS**

Did you know that you can learn more about our Sunday readings by using your FORMED.ORG streaming video account? Simply log in and visit the "Opening the Word" video. It is updated weekly and allows you to dive deeper into understanding the Word. If you have not already signed up, you can do so by visiting FORMED.ORG and entering Q D F M 9 4.

**SHOULD WE COME BACK TO MASS?**

Although weekend Masses have resumed, please continue to celebrate with us on-line if you are part of the vulnerable population, have any type of illness or symptoms (coughing, sneezing, etc.) or are simply not ready or prepared to return due to anxiety, trepidation or other justified concerns.

Sadly, it's been almost a year since many of our families have kept Holy the Sabbath.

Our young parishioners at back at school. Sporting and extracurricular activities are slowly resuming. Perhaps it's time to come back to Mass. Anxious? Try a weekday Mass where the numbers are less and the anxiety may be as well.

Moms and Dads, Pastors to your home church, thank you for accepting this responsibility at the level that it is. When you asked to have your children baptized you made the promise of raising them in The Faith. Now, perhaps, like no other time in a generation, is this role most needed.

## MASSES STREAMED ON-LINE

As we have for many years, we will continue to live-stream Mass from St. Brendan's Church. Visit our website at StBren.com and click on the YouTube logo.

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

If you are unable to receive the Eucharist at this time, join in a prayer for Spiritual Communion such as…

--------My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

## TELEVISED MASSES DURING THIS TIME

CatholicTV Offers DAILY Online
Visit https://www.watchthemass.com/

Diocesan Television Mass: The Fall River Diocese sponsors a televised Mass each Sunday at 11 a.m. on WLNE-TV, ABC Channel 6, New Bedford-Providence.

Eternal Word Television Network Masses (EWTN)
On Cox Channel 22 and Verizon FiOS 285
8:00am, 12noon (re-aired), 7:00pm (re-aired)

Do you need help during these difficult times? Your church is here for you. Heating assistance, please call the Bishop's Keep the Heat On fund, (www.heatri.com) 401-421-7833. Food assistance call Good Neighbors food pantry at St. Brendan's Church, 433-0045. (goodneighborsri.org), or of course you may call our parish office at 401-433-2600

**THANK YOU AND WELCOME**
**…to our visiting clergy who will be covering masses while Fr Codega is away:**

**Fr. Nathan Ricci**
**Fr. Christopher Murphy**
**Fr. Jack Unsworth**
**Fr. Eric Silva**

**40 Days for Lenten Campaign**

The office of Life & Family Ministry & R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17 through Palm Sunday, March 28. We are asking parishes to adopt a day for individuals to adopt an hour for a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street, Providence during this 40- day period from 7am-7pm. Please encourage women who are in crisis or unplanned pregnancy to call us for confidential assistance. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting & community outreach contact Lisa Cooley, Office of Life & Family Ministry at (401)421-7833 x218.

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VOLUNTEER OPRTUNITY

Please consider joining our parish "Pew Crew", a small but dedicated group of parishioners that gather on Saturday mornings at 8:30AM to prepare our church for the weekend celebrations.

You don't need to be available every week but willing to be consistent in the time you can give. Simply stop by Saturday and introduce yourself or contact the office for more information.

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Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference,
March 20, 2021.
Remote and Interactive

This year's Conference on March 21st will be remote and interactive. The ongoing pandemic has had a profound effect on all of our lives. As a result of the many hardships and tragedies experienced throughout our communities, we believe that this may well be our most meaningful and fulfilling Conference ever.

Through a smart TV, PC, or Mac, conference attendees will be able to: Participate at home or with friends via their internet hook-up

- View our featured speaker presentations
- Join a Q&A session after each talk
- Interact in real time with our many vendors
- Enjoy a complementary lunch (Host locations only)
- Access telephone technical support

Bishop McManus will open the Conference at noon and close it with a 4:00 PM with Mass. Tickets from our cancelled event last year will be honored for March 20, 2021. For additional information or purchase new tickets, please visit us at firstmensconf.org or contact us at 508-929-4345.

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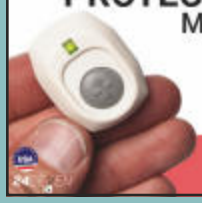
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