

ST. BRENDAN PARISH

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021

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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. Scott personally)

Good Neighbors' Soup Kitchen 401.433.0045
and food pantry

Parish Intercessory Prayer Lines: stbrenprayerwarriors@gmail.com

On-Line Offering: safe, secure, convenient.

Information on our parish website: StBren.com



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: Monday—Wed, Friday, 8:00AM
(Summer Schedule)

Holy Days: as Announced

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated monthly but must be scheduled
several weeks in advance. Active parishioners should con-
tact 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 Initia-
tion & Baptism for Adults, begins in October. Candidates
are prepared for sacraments at Easter. Contact your par-
ish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Chaplains are available at the local hospital
during the day and in the evenings for emergency. Be-
cause 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 hesi-
tate to call your parish priest.

NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS

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

Dear Fr. Scott:

We are interested in becoming parishioners of
St. Brendan's.

Please send us information:

Name: _____

Street _____

Town: _____

State _____ Zip _____

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Email: _____@_____

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

Mass Intentions

There are Mass intentions available during the months of August/September 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, Aug 21, Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time
5:00 PM In Memory of Robert Tubman, 19th Anniv

SUNDAY, August 22, Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 AM In Memory of Thomas W. Quigley, 43rd Anniv
10:30AM For the living people of the parish

MONDAY, August 23, Saint Rose of Lima
8:00 AM In Memory of Sullivan & Higginbotham Families

TUESDAY, August 24, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
8:00 AM In Memory of Patrick McCabe

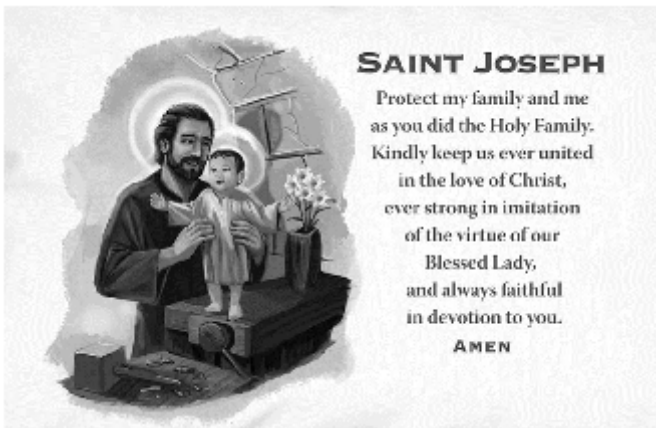
WEDNESDAY, August 25, Saint Louis
8:00 AM In Memory of Ellen Fillo & Manuel Machado

FRIDAY, August 27, Saint Monica
8:00 AM In Memory of William Tilley, Birthday Remb

SAT, August 28, Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time
5:00 PM In Memory of Jose & Maria Catarina Souto
In Memory of Bernard Mellen
For the living & deceased members of the
Richard J. Cronin Sr. Family

SUN, August 29, Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time
8:00 AM For the living people of the parish
10:30 AM In Memory of Leonard & Anazine Nardoza
In Memory of Jessica Buonanno

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH



PLEASE CONSIDER ON-LINE GIVING.

85% of our total parish budgeted expenses comes from those who donate using Sunday Mass collection baskets.



As Mass attendance remains low, so does our offertory. 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!

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Offerings for August 14th & 15th


Weekly Budget Collection amount: \$5,600.52
Online Giving Collection for last week : \$1,856.00
The Assumption of Mary : \$1,336.00

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

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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

 Work began this week on the gymnasium portion of the parish center (former school). A contract was signed with Roofing Concepts of Warwick, scheduling delays had pushed the work to start Aug 16th. The project will include replacement of 7,000 sf of badly damaged roof, underlayment and insulation, a new roof access hatch and flashing. This will complete the roof replacement on the parish center. Thanks to your prayerful generosity we have the funds on-hand to complete this project.

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 August, we will be collecting boxes of breakfast cereal for the Good Neighbors Food Pantry. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Registration is in full swing. You may download forms from our website at www.stbren.com/youthformation form is located in the "documents" box, you may also pick up a form in the back of the church. Classes will begin on September 26th, a full calendar will be available shortly. Please return registration forms by September 1st, 2021.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

First Communion Retreat will be held on Sunday, August 29th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Retreat will end at 2:30 p.m.

BECOME AN RCIA OR RCIC TEAM MEMBER

As an RCIA or RCIC team member, you would work with the Pastor and Coordinator in helping accompany and catechize those who are in the RCIA or RCIC program. In order to be a member of the team, you must be a Catholic in good standing, feel a call to work in evangelization and education of new members of our Faith, and be able to make some time commitment to the process.

Please call the rectory or send an email if you are interested in serving in this fruitful ministry. **SAVE THE DATE:** There will be an informational meeting for the team members that have signed up on September 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Beginning on September 5th, our Children's Liturgy of the Word will have a new format. On the first Sunday of the month, children will be dismissed by Fr. Scott to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Sacristy, led by two adult volunteers. On the third Sunday of the month our 10:30 Mass will be a Mass for Children. There will be reserved seating for the children and their families in the front of the Church. Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is available for children ages 4-10, our Mass of Children reserved seating will be open to all families with young children.

HOW TO TAKE YOUR KIDS TO MASS

From Catholiclink.com

Each week for the next 11 weeks, we will share with you tips for taking your children to Mass from catholiclink.com

Expect bad days and leave room for grace: Just as we have days when things are a little off and we lose our patience (or temper), our children have days when they can't behave their best. This is an opportunity to bestow God's grace over them.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, August 24

8:30PM - AA (open) Meeting (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY - August 25

8:00AM - Mass followed by Teen Breakfast (Church)

6:30PM - Rosary (Church)

THURSDAY, August 26

7:00PM - Music Rehearsal (Church)

LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN-UP AND TRAINING

Parish members are encouraged to join in the celebration of the liturgy in a special way by becoming part of the Liturgical Ministry. Adults and High School youth are welcome to participate as Readers (Lectors) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (*must be a practicing catholic in good standing*). Children in grades 4 and older are welcome to become Altar Servers and are encouraged to continue serving throughout Middle School and High School. If you are interested in being part of our Altar Server ministry, please contact the office to let them know you would like to attend the training on **September 28th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Church. Current Altar Servers are encouraged to attend as well.

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please contact the office to let them know you will attend the training on **October 3rd immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** Refreshments will be served.

If you are interested in becoming an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Scott directly.

HIGH-SCHOOL YOUTH MORNING MASS AND BREAKFAST



Father Scott is inviting all High School Youth to attend morning Mass on Wednesday mornings throughout the summer and then accompany him to Farnsworth Café for Breakfast. They will walk to the restaurant together along with either Mrs. Primmer or Mrs. Potrzeba. Please remind your teenager of this wonderful opportunity to gather in prayer and enjoy each other's company over breakfast. Our next one will be this Wednesday August 25th.

A NIGHT TO HONOR MARY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Join Bishop Thomas J. Tobin to inaugurate the Diocese of Providence's 150th anniversary celebration at "A Night to Honor Mary" on September 8 at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. The Bishop will lead the diocese in this Marian devotion through prayer, readings from Sacred Scripture, the Holy Rosary, and a litany and procession. A small reception will follow

Beginning September 8, 2021, the Diocese of Providence will celebrate the sesquicentennial of its foundation through a series of events running through June 2022. For more information on this event and other anniversary events, visit dioceseofprovidence.org/150

AUGUST 22, 2021

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

"You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:69)

Dear Friends in Christ,

The answer of Peter to Jesus' question continues to resonate with the whole Church today. Let our searching rest and find fulfillment in the Person of Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. He is the Word made flesh. He is Emmanuel, God with us.

Here are some further explanations of the devotions of Saint Joseph that will be offered beginning in September:

The Seven Sundays Devotion is a long-standing tradition of the Church in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph on March 19. The devotion begins on the seventh Sunday before March 19 and honors the seven joys and seven sorrows that St. Joseph experienced as husband of the Mother of God, faithful guardian of Christ, and head of the holy family. The devotion is a prayerful opportunity to "help us find out what God is telling us through the simple life of Mary's husband" (St. Josemaria Escriva; Christ is Passing By, no. 39). Even though this devotion is a particular preparation for the feast of Saint Joseph on March 19, we will meditate on the joys and sorrows of Saint Joseph beginning September 19th.

What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph? Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

(<https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/introduction.html>) November 1st, All Saints Day is the chosen date for the Act of Consecration to Saint Joseph.

May the Lord continue to bless us and fill us with grace as we continue our journey of faith.

"Almighty God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. As we enjoy his protection on earth, may we have the help of his prayers in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." (closing prayer to the Litany of Saint Joseph)

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Scott



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