

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: stbren-prayerwarriors@gmail.com

On-Line Offering: safe, secure, convenient.



LITURGY & SACRAMENTS AT ST. BRENDAN'S

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

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday : 8:00AM, 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Monday–Thursday, 8:00AM
(NEW Schedule)

Holy Days: as Announced

Devotions: First Fridays & First Saturdays, 8:00AM

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 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 _____

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 October/November Call the office to have a Mass celebrated for the intentions of the living or deceased. The 2022 book is now open for intentions.

SAT, October 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

5:00 PM In Memory of Joseph M. Wilcox Jr., B-Day
 In Memory of Antonio & Maria Barbosa
 In Memory of Nancy Lester, 10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, Oct 3, Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For the living people of the parish.
 10:30AM In Memory of John Soito, 1st Anniversary
 In Memory of William Franklin, 6th Anniversary
 In Memory of Joan Gaskill Baily, Month's Mind

MONDAY, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM In memory of Bernard Lofgren, B-Day Remb.

TUESDAY, October 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00 AM In Memory of Alexandra Schapoval

WEDNESDAY, October 6, Saint Bruno &

Blessed. Marie Rose Durocher

8:00 AM Intentions of the Priest

THURSDAY, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM Intentions of the Priest

SAT, October 9, Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

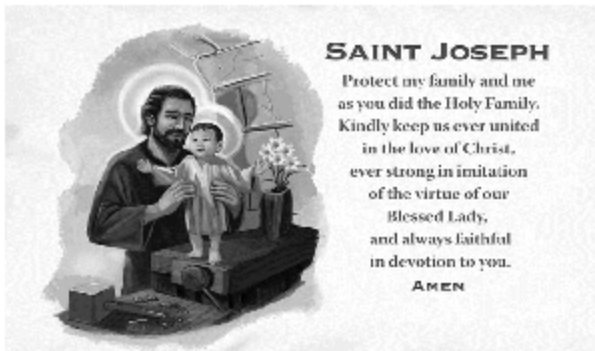
5:00 PM In Memory of Patrick Harrington, 20th Anniv
 In Memory of Margaret Fallon, 16th Anniv
 In Memory of Robert Boyd, 1st Anniv

SUN, Oct 10, Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For the living people of the parish
 10:30 AM In memory of Ralph Miech, 1st Anniversary
 In memory of Daniel J. Cronin, 37th Anniv
 In memory of Yvette Lamb, Annette Palumbo,
 and Courtney Lowry

 We remember in prayer Margaret Kennedy
 whose funeral was celebrated this week.

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!

Offerings for September 25th & 26th

Weekly Budget Collection amount: \$7,387.52
 Online Giving Collection for last week : \$1,739.00

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION :
 SEMINARY COLLECTION**

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. BRENDAN'S
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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.

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 October, we will be collecting boxed pasta, potatoes, and rice for the Good Neighbors Food Pantry. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

During Mass, after the prayers of the faithful, while the collection baskets are passed, members of our parish carry the gifts of bread and wine to the priest. These gift bearers represent the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. If the Mass you are attending has a loved one as the intention, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church prior to Mass to bring the gifts down.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

This weekend, October 3rd and 4th will follow our regular schedule:

Gr. 1-6 - Sunday, 9-10:15 a.m.

Gr. 7 - Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation 1 Sunday, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

There will be no classes next weekend due to the Columbus Day holiday.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRED assists parishes in the Diocese of Providence reach out and integrate children, teens and adults with special needs into the faith and life of the Church through their local parish. For years St. Brendan's Parish has hosted a SPRED program for Adults. We find ourselves, at this time, without a leader for this program. Please prayerfully consider joining the team, training is provided by the Diocese of Providence. Please call Irma Rodriguez **Director, Office of the Apostolate with People with Disabilities**, 401.278.4578, irodriguezdioceseofprovidence.org

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 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.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Do you like to meet and greet people? Do you like to bake? Do you want to be involved in parish activities? Then our hospitality committee may just be for you! From time to time we will call on our hospitality committee to bake, set up and maintain refreshment tables at parish events, or just to greet and direct people at parish events. If you are interested in joining this committee or even chairing the committee, please call the office at 433-2600 or email at stbrendan@cox.net.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, October 5

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

WEDNESDAY - October 6

6:30PM - Pro-Life Rosary (Church)

THURSDAY, October 7

7:00PM - Music Rehearsal (Church)

50 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - A PARISH FUNDRAISER

Our biggest parish fundraiser is back! We will be offering chances to win a prize each day for 50 days beginning December 25! The raffle will act as a great gift option and stocking stuffer. Of course, you will receive a Christmas Card that you will give to the recipient as their entry-gift.

Here's where you come in! We are asking for donations of NEW Gift Cards from your favorite local or chain establishment in denomination of \$25 or more. These will serve as prizes for our 50 days so we need at least 50.

The more the

merrier as they will be combined for super-prizes

Please make your gift card donation on any Sunday using the offertory collection. Please be sure the dollar value of the gift card is clearly indicated. Thanking you for your continued generosity!



THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The 40 Days for Life Campaign began September 22 & concludes October 31st, 2021. St. Brendan Church has adopted Saturday, October 9th, 2021 to participate in a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street, Providence, R.I. from 8AM until 3PM. Please volunteer for one hour on the signup sheet at the rear of the church and we will be certain that you do not stand alone. For additional information contact Anne at (401)559-9303

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

On Life Chain Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 St. Brendan's Parishioners will pray on the sidewalk of St. Martha's Church in East Providence from 2PM to 3PM along with parishioners from other nearby parishes. All ages are invited to join in a peaceful prayer opportunity for the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Please contact Anne with any questions. (401)559-9303.

OCTOBER 3, 2021

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14)

Dear Friends in Christ,

At our Baptism, we become children of God. As our journey of faith unfolds, we are always invited to come to Jesus. The mention of children in the Gospel reminds us of our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us approach the Lord with praise and thanksgiving! Let us rejoice, that the Kingdom of God belongs to the childlike.

Sunday, October 3rd is observed as Respect Life Sunday. Human life is a great gift. Human life is precious and sacred at every stage of growth and development. May this observance continue to strengthen our appreciation to God for creating us and fashioning us in the womb of our mother (Psalm 139:13). The Diocese of Grand Rapids has this to say about Respect Life Month, with reflecting on the Year of Saint Joseph:

"As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its natural end, and at every point in between. During October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, a time in which we're invited to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life."

"This year, Respect Life Month, is closely connected with the celebration of the Year of St. Joseph. During this year, each of us can find in St. Joseph "an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble (PC, intro). Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our fears and frailties. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child, Jesus, and his mother" (PC, 5). May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need at the beginning and end of life and everywhere in between. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!"

Every Wednesday night at St. Brendan, a group gathers to pray the rosary in the church. For the month of October, the Pro-Life Rosary with Adoration will take place in the church at 6:30 pm. All families, friends, and neighbors of the parish of St. Brendan are invited to join us in prayer for all life from conception to natural death. May Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Joseph intercede for us and protect the vulnerable.

Please keep all those who are making their 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph in prayer. The consecration Day will be made on November 1st.

Our Lady of the Rosary...Pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Scott



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