

“WHOEVER WISHES  
TO COME AFTER ME  
MUST DENY HIMSELF,  
TAKE UP HIS CROSS,  
AND FOLLOW ME.”  
- MK 8:34

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

### Maris Stella Church

5012 Dune Drive  
Avalon, NJ

Saturday: 5:00PM  
(Confession: 4-4:30PM)

Sunday:  
7:00AM (no music)  
9:00AM  
11:00AM

Weekdays:  
8:00AM on  
Tues., Thurs., Sat.  
(Confession after Sat. am  
Mass)

### St. Paul Church

9910 Third Avenue  
Stone Harbor, NJ

Saturday: 4:00PM  
(Confession: 3-3:30PM)

Sunday:  
8:00AM  
10:00AM

Weekdays:  
8:00AM on  
Mon., Wed., Fri.

## Music and Readings for September 12

### **GATHERING HYMN** *As We Gather at Your Table*

As we gather at Your table, as we listen to Your word, help us know, O God, Your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; send us forth to love and serve You, bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, Your great compassion to forgive as You forgave; may we still behold Your image in the world You died to save.

### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You; we give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **READING I** IS 50:5-9A

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

### **READING II** JAS 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

### **ALLELUIA** GAL 6:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **GOSPEL** Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and His disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then He warned them not to tell anyone about Him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. At this He turned around and, looking at His disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with His disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *This Is My Song*

This is my song, Oh God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating, with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up 'til all shall serve Him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations; myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *We Remember*

R. We remember how You loved us to Your death, and still we celebrate, for You are with us here; And we believe that we will see You when You come, in Your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch You and be healed. Gather all Your people, and hold them to Your heart. R.

Now we recreate Your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal. Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. R.

Christ, the Father's great "Amen" to all the hopes and dreams of every heart, Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear. R.

**SENDING FORTH HYMN** *God Bless America*

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home.

*Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.*

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

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. Amen.



**Prayer to Saint Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

MARIS STELLA CHURCH (MS), Avalon; ST PAUL CHURCH (SP), Stone Harbor;  
SACRED HEART CHURCH (SH), Avalon

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 VIGIL

- 4:00PM (STP) Deacon **Bill Lauth** by The Caruso Family  
**Kathleen Mahoney** by Rachel Walsh  
**JoAnn McDevitt** by Ed & Wayne Whitney  
**Jean Spizzirri** by Maria Pacitti  
**Walter P. Kurkowski**  
by The MacFeat Family  
**Marie Prajzner** by Joan Piotrowski & Family  
**Class of 1954 Chestnut Hill College, Living and Deceased** by Kathie Satori
- 5:00PM (MS) **Clare Lisowski** by A.S.C.O.  
**Pete Francesconi** by Jm McDonald  
**Geri O'Neill** by The O'Neill Family  
**Henry Cole** by Patricia Cole  
**Maria Teresa Alvare O'Reilly**  
by Timothy J. Arizin  
**Dr. Ted Aceto** by Nick & Joy Gligor  
**Leo P. Gallagher, Jr.** by Diana Comerford

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 7:00AM (MS) **Bernard Quinn** by Mike & Carol Matt
- 8:00AM (STP) **Patty Sauter Speakman**  
by Tom Speakman
- 9:00AM (MS) **MaryAnn Puglia** by Husband, Alfred & Sister-In-Law Rosanne Capone
- 10:00AM (STP) **Rosemary Mackell** by Family
- 11:00AM (MS) **Peter & Anna Kuhn** by John & Kathy Kuhn

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 *Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

- 8:00AM (STP) **Brother Tom Caldwell, FSC**  
by Tom Speakman

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

- 8:00AM (MS) **Geri O'Neill** by The O'Neill Family

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

- 8:00AM (STP) **Father Frank Moan, SJ** by Clare Keenan & Charlie Devlin

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 *Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

- 8:00AM (MS) **People of the Parish**

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 *Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

- 8:00AM (STP) **Joseph Anthony Iacovino** by Charles & Janet Dalessandro

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 8:00AM (MS) **Peggie O'Neill** by Family

### VIGIL

- 4:00PM (STP) **Joseph Boylan** by The Burns Family  
**Deacon Bill Lauth** by The Caruso Family  
**Anthony Manero**  
by Mr. & Mrs. William Barile  
**Gregory Piotrowski**  
by Joan Piotrowski & Family  
**Bill Larkin, Sr.** by Ellen and Bob McNeill
- 5:00PM (MS) **Patricia Forbes** by Family  
**Mary McDonald** by Jim McDonald  
**Craig Scott** by The Comerford Family  
**Philip Comerford** by Comerford Family  
**Clare Lisowski**  
by Ed & Rosemary Mancinelli  
**Mary Fanelli** by Family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 7:00AM (MS) **John and Evelyn Sexton**  
by Hannah Sexton Young
- 8:00AM (STP) **Rick Macconi** by Gina Macconi
- 9:00AM (MS) **Christine Hogan** by Marsha & Ted Burke
- 10:00AM (STP) **Jean and Ed Feehery**  
by The Feehery Family
- 11:00AM (MS) **Catherine Imms** by John & Kathy Kuhn

*If the Lord should give you power to raise the dead, He would give much less than He does when He bestows suffering. By miracles you would make yourself debtor to Him, while by suffering He may become debtor to you. And even if sufferings had no other reward than being able to bear something for that God who loves you, is not this a great reward and a sufficient remuneration? Whoever loves, understands what I say.*

– Saint John Chrysostom

*Lord, hear our prayers.*

*O merciful God, grant Thy gracious presence to this Thy family, that both in prosperity and adversity Thou mayest be ready to hear their prayers; and by the standard of the Holy Cross do Thou vouchsafe to bring to nought all the wicked devices of our enemies: that through Thy protection we may be counted worthy to attain unto everlasting joy in thy salvation.*

– Milanese Sacramentary

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Let us pray for:** the unborn and their parents, the sick and the dying, the poor and the lonely, those persecuted for their faith, and all the faithful departed - especially those with no one else to pray for them.

**Let us pray for:** Pope Francis, Bishop Sullivan, all Priests, Deacons and Religious, for an increase in vocations, and for all those discerning a religious vocation.

**Let us pray for:** all first responders, and medical staffs as they selflessly put others before themselves.

**Let us pray for:** those serving in the military, their families, and our country.

**Please pray for our sick:** *Frank Kelly, Martin Rowan, Patty Boyd Bennett, Adela Acerra, Bill Hough, Bill Burns (SH), Gary Bevan, Betty Keen*

**Let us pray for our deceased:** *Patricia Beddia, Charles McCormick, Kathlyne Rhodes, Clare Lisowski, Thomas N. Smith, Jim Naughton, William Lauth, Skip Keen*  
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

The lists of the Sick and the Deceased have begun anew. Names will remain on the sick list for 3 months, and on the list of the deceased for 1 month.

\* Please call or email the parish office to include the name of your loved one. Call 609-967-3746 or email [frontdesk@stbrendanavalon.org](mailto:frontdesk@stbrendanavalon.org). \*

**PARISH REGISTRATION:**

Welcome new parishioners! We are blessed to have you share in this Eucharist Celebration. We invite you to become part of our parish family. Please contact the parish office to register with us.

**BAPTISM:**

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Also, please note that **all parents who are scheduling Baptism for their child/children must attend a Baptismal Prep class if this is the first child they are having baptized.** The prep class is held each month for baptisms the following month. The classes are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7PM in Quinn Hall (St. Paul) in Stone Harbor. Classes will be instructed by Deacon Charlie Devlin. Please register for the class by calling the Parish Office 609-967-3746.

**MARRIAGE:**

Contact the Parish Office for availability and information. The common policy set by the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey requires a one year preparation for marriage.

**DEVOTIONS**

**ADORATION**

**St. Paul Church:** Wednesday evenings, 6-7PM  
and First Friday 8:30AM - NOON

**ROSARY GROUP**

**Maris Stella Church:** Tuesday evenings, 7PM  
*The ROSARY is prayed before each daily Mass.*

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

**Maris Stella Church:** Tuesday after Mass  
**St. Paul Church:** Wednesday after Mass

**The Sanctuary Candle  
and Altar Flowers**



may be in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the parish office at 609-967-3746.

**One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.**

Masses can be offered for:

- \* a person who is deceased
- \* a living person who is sick or suffering
- \* on the occasion of a person's birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion
- \* in thanksgiving
- \* for a prayer intention (so long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching) e.g.: for persecuted Christians or for world peace

**Mass Intentions are accepted in the Parish Office.**

**OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**St. Paul Church:** Daily 9AM - 4PM  
**Sacred Heart Church:** Daily 9AM - 3PM  
**Maris Stella Church:** *Saturday Only*, 9AM - 3PM

**We are Live Streaming the Mass on Sundays at 9:00AM for those unable to attend Mass in person.**

**Please visit our website:**

[www.stbrendanavalon.org](http://www.stbrendanavalon.org).

**Additionally, a recording of this Mass can be found on our website throughout the day.**

## St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

**Please be advised** that presently there are rising cases of Covid 19 in Cape May County even in vaccinated persons. Therefore, we encourage the wearing of masks. Of course, it is your choice. You will see the Ministers of the Eucharist wearing masks for your protection as well as theirs. Thank you for your understanding.

### FROM FR. KELLY REGARDING THE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Our program begins on Sunday, September 19. If you have not sent in your child's registration fee (it was due 9/1) please send it in or drop it off to the parish office ASAP. ALL Fees must be paid by Tuesday, September 14th in order for your child/children to participate. Please call Fr. Kelly at the parish office with questions.

### Madonna Maria Council Knights of Columbus

#### 400 CLUB 50-50 Sweepstakes

1st Prize.....\$10,000 or 25% of sales

2nd thru 11th Prize.....\$1,000 or 2.5% of sales

**DRAWING: September 26, 2021,**

St. Joseph Auditorium, SIC

Donation for Ticket: \$100

For tickets, contact Mike Quinn: 609-967-4571

### PRAYERS AND SQUARES—CHAPTER 1000

**Regular meetings have been put on hold due to Covid. Please look for updates in the bulletin.**

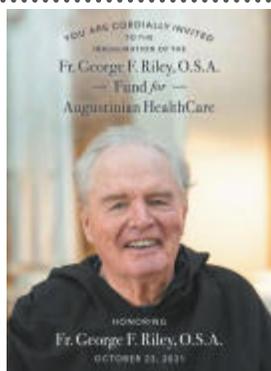


Discover Biblical solutions to life's challenges in our **women's Bible study group!** This fall, we'll delve into the newest Bible study from Walking with Purpose, Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection.

Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional relationships, deal with your past friendship wounds, and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship.

**The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14,** St Paul's Church, Quinn Hall, 9910 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, 9:45AM to 11:30AM, and we'd love for you to join us.

For more information contact Janet Levinson, [jvn13707ccr@verizon.net](mailto:jvn13707ccr@verizon.net), 609-967-7667 or visit Walking with Purpose at [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com).



Fr. George F. Riley, O.S.A. served decades of weekend ministry at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish. On **Saturday, October 23, 2021**, the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and Villanova University will co-sponsor a celebratory dinner to inaugurate the re-naming of the Province's Fund to care for elderly and infirm friars to the Fr. George F. Riley, O.S.A. Fund for Augustinian HealthCare. Proceeds from the event will provide for the care of friars like Fr. Riley and his Augustinian brothers. There are many ways to participate: table/event sponsorships/tickets, program ads, and donations to Fr. Riley's Fund. For more information, please visit: [www.augustinianfund.org/father-riley](http://www.augustinianfund.org/father-riley). Questions? Please contact Madonna Sutter at [madonna.sutter@augustinian.org](mailto:madonna.sutter@augustinian.org) or (267) 272-3048.

### REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN FOR THIS YEAR'S NJ SAMUEL GROUP.

NJ Samuel Group is an 8-month program for young adults (ages 18–39), open to both men and women, who desire to grow deeper in their spiritual life and to receive formation to learn how to discern God's voice in their daily life. NJ Samuel Group will begin on **September 12** and meets one Sunday a month in Hammonton, NJ.

Young adults should register by filling out the form found at: <https://camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup>

**St. Brendan the Navigator Parish Mission Statement:** Our Catholic community in Avalon and Stone Harbor, NJ is committed to implementing, following, and spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also invite, welcome, and encourage each member of our community and visitors to actively participate with us in our Catholic Faith. Our community joyfully joins in celebrating the Eucharist and the sacraments, recognizing God in one another, and serving those in need. We remember and believe that we are all brothers and sisters, the children of our all-loving heavenly Father.

**PARISH WISH LIST:**

- \* New Kneelers at Maris Stella Church
- \* Enhanced Lighting at St. Paul Church

If you would like to contribute to either or both of these projects, please make your check payable to St. Brendan the Navigator Parish and write in the memo "Kneelers" and/or "Lighting" for this to be a restricted gift, and then drop your check into the regular collection, or send it in or drop it off at the Parish Office. You are the best!

**Good Counsel Homes** envelopes were provided at all Masses the past two weekends. If you took one home, please remember to fill it with your donation (check or credit card) and mail it in. Thank you for your faithful, prayerful, and financial support! God bless you.

Staffed 24/7, Good Counsel maternity homes provide a family like atmosphere with all residents sharing the responsibilities of taking care of the home. The goal of all Good Counsel Homes is to help find the residents full time employment, safe and secure housing and to become financially and physically independent while becoming contributing members of society.

For more information contact Tara at:  
tara\_ingebritsen@goodcounselhomes.org  
or 757-817-7115. Visit: [goodcounselhomes.org](http://goodcounselhomes.org)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLANKET DRIVE**

**September 25 & 26**

New and used blankets of any kind (store bought, handmade, no-sew, etc.) to distribute to the homeless within our communities will be collected. The need is even more critical as we head into the fall and winter seasons, especially with the continuing global pandemic.

Drop-off before or after each Mass at the following marked sites:

- Maris Stella Church (Avalon) – Tierney Hall
- St. Paul’s Church (Stone Harbor) – Church parking lot
- St. Joseph’s Church (Sea Isle) – Back of church

Please contact [rwatterssr@comcast.net](mailto:rwatterssr@comcast.net) with any questions.

**SAINT PAUL CHURCH STONE HARBOR  
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!**



**MONDAY OCTOBER 11, 2021**

**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**9910 3RD AVENUE**

**STONE HARBOR, NJ 08247**

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**SAINT PAUL**

The work of the **FACILITIES TEAM** is to provide oversight into the upkeep of each building in the parish. The members of the committee have been assigned as such:

**Tom Speakman**—St Paul Rectory— 609-368-2243 or [Speakmant8408@gmail.com](mailto:Speakmant8408@gmail.com)

**Gene Boyd**—St Paul Church –609-602-7613 or [ewboyd@aol.com](mailto:ewboyd@aol.com)

**Terrie Cwik** - Quinn Hall - 609-368-4125

**Ed Grubb** - Tierney Hall - [ejgrubb@verizon.net](mailto:ejgrubb@verizon.net)

**Mike Matt** - Maris Stella Church - 609-368-0512 or [mmatt01@gmail.com](mailto:mmatt01@gmail.com)

**Anita Stenger** - Parish Office - 609-368-0737 or [facilities@stbrendanavalon.org](mailto:facilities@stbrendanavalon.org)

**Joe Stenger** - Sacred Heart Church - 609-368-0737 or [jvs4415@yahoo.com](mailto:jvs4415@yahoo.com)

The team members ask that if you see any concerns in these buildings, or have any suggestions for enhancements, you contact the responsible members only. They will relay the information to the committee for consideration. Any emergency item should be referred immediately to the parish office.

## St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

### PARISH REGIONAL SCHOOL:

**Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School** Pre-K—8  
2221 Rt. 9 North, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210  
Phone (609) 624-1900

### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Avalon Civic Club

#### FALL CARD PARTY & GAME GALA LUNCHEON

**September 23**, Noon – 3PM, Doors open at 11:30AM  
Avalon Community Hall, 30<sup>th</sup> & Avalon Ave  
Tickets: \$25; Call Mary @ 609-368-0497  
Proceeds benefit local Cape May County charities.

#### FALL DUNE GRASS PLANTING

Volunteers are needed to help plant dune grass on Saturday, October 23, beginning at 8:30AM. Lunch will be provided after the planting is completed. Contact Chuck McDonnell (609-967-3066) or Sue Keen (609-967-5924) to sign up. All are welcome to help protect the beaches!

**SAVE THE DATE: Padre Pio Festival ~ September 26**  
on Our Lady of Pompeii Church Grounds, Vineland  
Great food, great entertainment, and great community spirit! To volunteer or for additional information please call 856-691-7526.

#### Do you or someone you love need care at home?

Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish  
Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line  
**1-888-26 VITALITY (1-888-268-4825)**  
*A Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home.*

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADDICTIONS HEALING HELPLINE:

**1-856-342-4057 - 24 hours**

**Leave a message, and receive a callback within 24 hours  
between 9AM – 4PM, Monday-Friday.**

**For more information contact  
JoAnne.Farrell@camdendiocese.org**

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin items should be sent to  
[parishoffice@stbrendanavalon.org](mailto:parishoffice@stbrendanavalon.org)  
*not later than 14 days before requested publication.*  
Holidays may alter the deadline. Please note, submissions  
may be edited to fit available space.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY TOTALS:

#### 4TH WEEKEND OF AUGUST:

**2019 \$25,859.47 2021 \$25,745.50**

#### 5TH WEEKEND OF AUGUST:

**2019 No 5th week 2021 \$21,146**

**(Information for 2020 is not used due to the  
impact of Covid on donations to the parish.)**

**Remember, the drawing for the 1100 Club 50/50  
Raffle is Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7PM,  
at the Parish Office.**



*We are all Faces of Hope.*

**Parish Goal: \$137,300  
Raised to Date: \$164,351**

**We are at 119.7% of our goal!!**

**Thank you to ALL for your AWESOME generosity.**

The parish sends out a weekly email blast every Monday. We have many email addresses of our parishioners (year-round and seasonal) but we are switching over to a new program and are collecting email addresses. So, even if you know we have your email address, please provide us with your best one by opening the camera of your cell phone and placing it over the following QR Code which will take you to the information page we are humbly asking you to fill out. It will not take more than a few minutes. Once we collect these email addresses, please be on the lookout for our "weekly email blast" to keep you updated all year long about all the happenings here at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish. Thank you so very much.



## Stewardship Sharing

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*

- Mark 8:34

Living a Stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not just when it's convenient for me.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

***At different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that? ?***

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity. ©LPi

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**FIRST READING:** Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." ***In what way do you need the Lord's help today?***

**SECOND READING:** James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." ***Could you do the same?***

**GOSPEL:** We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." ***How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?*** ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that **God's ways are not our ways**. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. ©LPi

## DID YOU KNOW? - CATHOLIC QUIZ

- 1) ***How long should someone fast before receiving communion?***
- 1) Canon 919 of the "Code of Canon Law" states, "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion." (There are exceptions for the sick, the elderly, and priests who will celebrate more than one Mass in a day.) The Eucharistic fast assists us in preparing to receive Holy Communion wholly—body and soul. This physical denial should strengthen our spiritual focus on the Lord, so that we may humbly encounter the divine Savior who offers Himself to us. Did you know that prior to 1964 the Eucharistic fast began at midnight?

***But you, when you see the priest offering the Sacrifice, consider not the priest who is ministering, but the hand of God invisibly outstretched.***

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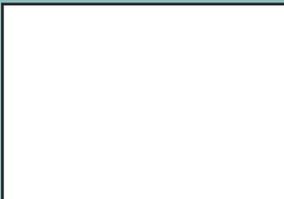
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