



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

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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)  
 8:15AM  
 9:30AM  
 11:00AM  
 5:00PM (no music)

**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:**  
 7:30AM  
 9:00AM  
 10:30AM

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

Readings & Music for May 29

PRELUDE

DRAWN TO YOU

Sarah Hart

Refrain

Drawn to you, Lord, we are drawn to you, to the  
 beau-ty of your pres-ence in this place. Here for you, God, we are  
 here for you as the gifts we bring be-come a feast of  
 grace. We are drawn to you.

Verses

1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us, we bring these  
 2. Drawn by the faith that you ac - cept our gifts, and sanc - ti -  
 3. Drawn by the ta - ble you have laid for us, the wel - come

1. gifts, works of our hands. You gath - er all we of - fer  
 2. fy what we have shared. To make us ho - ly by this  
 3. feast your heart pre - pares, the words now spo-ken that will

to Refrain

1. to your-self, re-ceive our prayer.  
 2. bread and wine, re-ceive our prayer.  
 3. make us one, re-ceive our prayer.

## GATHERING HYMN

### LORD, WHO AT THY FIRST EUCHARIST

UNDE ET MEMORES



1. Lord, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist did pray That  
 \*1. *At that first Eu - cha - rist be - fore you died, O*  
 2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede; Make  
 3. We pray thee, too, for wan - d'ers from thy fold; O  
 4. So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, May



1. all thy Church might be for - ev - er one, Grant us at  
 1. *Lord, you prayed that all be one in you; At this our*  
 2. thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; Draw us the  
 3. bring them back, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, Back to the  
 4. we be one with all thy Church a - bove, One with thy



1. ev - 'ry Eu - cha - rist to say With long - ing heart and  
 1. *Eu - cha - rist a - gain pre - side, And in our hearts your*  
 2. near - er each, to each we plead, By draw - ing all to  
 3. faith which saints be - lieved of old, Back to the Church which  
 4. saints in one un - bro - ken peace, One with thy saints in



1. soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one bread, one  
 1. *law of love re - new. O may we all one bread, one*  
 2. thee, O Prince of Peace; Thus may we all one bread, one  
 3. still that faith doth keep; Soon may we all one bread, one  
 4. one un - bound - ed love; More bless - ed still in peace and



1. bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.  
 1. *bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.*  
 2. bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.  
 3. bod - y be, Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.  
 4. love to be One with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

Text: 10 10 10 10 10 10; William H. Turton, 1859–1938. Music: William H. Monk, 1823–1889, alt.

# St Brendan the Navigator Parish

## SPRINKLING RITE

### RIVER OF GLORY

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's  
rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark-ness  
and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of  
God! God, bathed in the glo-ry of God!

1-4 to Verses Final

Verses

1. Foun-tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -  
2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the  
3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all  
4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

to Refrain

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!  
2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!  
3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!  
4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

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## READING ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, He enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard Me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked Him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven.”

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9



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## **READING II** EPH 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of Him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of His great might: which He worked in Christ, raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things beneath His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** MT 28:19A, 20B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL** LK 24:46-53

Jesus said to His disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then He led them out as far as Bethany, raised His hands, and blessed them. As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did Him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

## **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.

# St Brendan the Navigator Parish

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



1. I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2. The bread that I will give is my  
 3. Un - less you eat of the  
 4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, that  
 5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that  
 1. Yo soy el pan de vi - da. El que  
 2. El pan que yo da - ré es mi  
 3. Mien - tras no co - mas el  
 4. Yo soy la re - su - rrec - ción.  
 5. Sí, Se - ñor, yo cre - o que



come to me shall not hun - ger; and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you  
 flesh of the Son of the Man and  
 I am the life. If you be -  
 you are the Christ, the  
 vie - ne a mí no ten - drá ham - bre. El que  
 cuer - po vi - da del mun - do, y el que  
 cuer - po del hi - jo del hom - bre, y  
 Yo soy la vi - da. El que  
 tú e - res el Cris - to, El



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat of this bread, you shall live for  
 drink of his blood, and drink of his  
 lieve in me, e - ven though you  
 Son of God, Who has  
 cree en mí no ten - drá sed. Na - die vie - ne a  
 co - ma de mi car - ne ten - drá vi - da e -  
 be - bas de su san - gre y be - bas de su  
 cree en mí, aun - que mu - rie -  
 Hi - jo de Dios, que vi - no al



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.  
 ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.  
 die, you shall live for ev - er.  
 come in - to the world.  
 mí mien - tras el Pa - dre lla - me.  
 ter - na, ten - drá vi - da e - ter - na.  
 san - gre, no ten - drá vi - da en ti.  
 ra, ten - drá vi - da e - ter - na.  
 mun - do pa - ra sal - var - nos.



And I will raise you up, and I will  
 Yo le re - su - ci - ta - ré, Yo le re -



raise you up, and I will raise you  
 su - ci - ta - ré, Yo le re - su - ci - ta -



up on the last day.  
 ré el di - a de El.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### ONLY THIS I WANT

Dan Schutte

**Refrain**

On - ly this I want: but to know the Lord,  
and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

**Verses**

1. All but this is loss, worth-less ref-use to me,  
2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,  
3. Let your heart be glad, al - ways glad in the Lord,

1. for to gain the Lord is to gain \_\_\_ all I need.  
2. so to win the prize of the king-dom of my Lord.  
3. so to shine like stars in the dark-ness of the night.

*to Refrain*

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## SENDING FORTH HYMN

### GOD BLESS AMERICA

*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.

*An Act of "Spiritual Communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer, is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with Him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.*



### 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

8:00AM (MS) **Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother and Saint Rafael** by Massimo & Carol Paris

#### VIGIL

4:00PM (SP) **Dolores Tracey** by Pat & Tori Daly  
**Barbara Froetscher** by Leeward Trustees

5:00PM (MS) **Joseph Breslin, Esq.** by Terri & Joe Breslin  
**Katherine Shanley Carhart** by Betty & Joe Driscoll  
**Charlotte Shanley Yingling** by Betty & Joe Driscoll  
**Josephine Heintzleman** by Sandra & John Buccella  
**Alan R. Cresta** by The Berardelli Family  
**Joseph Tipping** by Mike and Cass Quinn

### SUNDAY, MAY 29

7:00AM (MS) **Rose Dunn** by Marty & Lynda Pagliughi  
7:30AM (STP) **Reverend Monsignor John Frey**  
8:15AM (MS) **Charles M. Horan** by Family  
9:00AM (SP) **Joseph Feeherey** by Joan Piotrowski & Family  
9:30AM (MS) **Erik Burns** by Bill & Kay Leahy  
10:30AM (STP) **Graziella Iacovino** by Mary Miller  
11:00AM (MS) **Anne Conboy** by Carol & John MacFeat  
5:00PM (MS) **Rose Wells** by Marty & Lynda Pagliughi

### MONDAY, MAY 30

8:00AM (STP) **Norine Pastore** by Mary Reilly

### TUESDAY, MAY 31 *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00AM (MS) **Michael Saunders** by Joe & Terri Breslin

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 *Saint Justin, Martyr*

8:00AM (STP) **Marco Antonio Coletta** by The Family

### THURSDAY, JUNE 2 *Sts Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs*

8:00AM (MS) **Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony** by Micki

### FRIDAY, JUNE 3 *Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*

8:00AM (STP) **Special Intentions**

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8:00AM (MS) **Robert Watters, Sr.** by Carl and Dona Mattia

#### VIGIL

4:00PM (SP) **Regina Jordan** by The Gavin Family  
5:00PM (MS) **Anne Brophy** by The Monahan Family  
**Vito Matassino** by Jim McDonald  
**Timothy and Laura Laverty** by The McEneaney Family  
**Kyle McEneaney** by Mom and Dad  
**Mary McKenzie-Coleman** by Her Husband Joe  
**John Primus** by Carol and Richard Barndt  
**Joe Tipping** by Mike and Carol Matt

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

7:00AM (MS) **Jose Almaraz** by Peg and George Kern  
7:30AM (STP) **Bernard and Mary Centrella** by Linda and Dennis DiSabatino  
8:15AM (MS) **Irene Lavalley Petelle** by Friend  
9:00AM (SP) **Tina Salvesen** by Gina and Terry  
9:30AM (MS) **In Loving Memory of Marcy Wolfington** by The Children  
10:30AM (STP) **Graziella Iacovino** by The Piotrowski Family  
11:00AM (MS) **Gloria Gaasche** by The Mattei Family  
5:00PM (MS) **Raymond McGuckin** by Richard Hoy

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

**PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY:** *Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my home and within my family. Amen.*

### 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.





## 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 staff 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:** *Anthony Abbonizio, Rachel Walters Kahly, Roseann Giliberti, Bill Burns (SH), Pat Williams, Theresa Polak, Michelle Vidal, Sis Hilkert*

### Let us pray for our deceased

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.  
Amen.*

**Lord hear our prayers.**

**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). \*

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 \* for a prayer intention (so long as the intention does not contradict Church teaching)

## 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

## OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the Parish Office and one of our Priests or Deacons will call you to make arrangements.

**We are Live Streaming the Mass on Sundays at 9:00AM**



## 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.



**Please join us for a  
60<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary Celebration for  
Msgr. Liam Quinn  
Thursday, June 9, 2022**



**Mass of Thanksgiving  
St. Paul Church --- 3:00 pm  
Dinner Immediately Following  
The Yacht Club of Stone Harbor  
Cocktails 4:30 pm      Dinner 5:30 pm**

**Hors d'oeuvres**

**Salad**

**Choice of Entree**

**6 oz. Filet Mignon \* Grilled Salmon\* Chicken Parmesan**

**Dessert      Coffee/Tea**

**Cash Bar**

**40.00pp**

**RSVP no later than June 2**

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**Please return with payment to:**

**St. Brendan the Navigator Office, 5012 Dune Drive, Avalon, NJ 08202**

**Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ # in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

**Filet Mignon \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Parm \_\_\_\_\_**

*Want to make a table of not more than 10? List names on reverse side.*

**Pentecost is Sunday, June 5th. Celebrate the Birthday of the Church by wearing RED to Mass.**

## **SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

We recently updated our online giving services to better serve our parishioners. We are providing this option in addition to cash or check donations. You can still give through traditional methods, but now you can make recurring or one-time gifts online with a credit/debit card or electronic check, text a donation right from your phone or through our QR codes.

These programs are beneficial to you, in that you do not need to worry about having cash or check on hand at Mass if you are away on vacation and it benefits the Parish by reducing the time needed to process donations and run financial reports.

To give online through our new platform, visit: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbrendanavalon>.

You can give through text message by sending "Give" to 609-928-8020!

You can also make a donation using this QR code. Simply grab your cell phone, open up the camera and highlight the QR code. You can make your donation right from your phone.



## **COMPASSIONATE CARE OUTREACH**

Monies that our parish receives from the 1100 Raffle Proceeds as well as House of Charity are used for our Compassionate Care Outreach.

The following recipients (all from Cape May County, except one \*) have benefitted from YOUR GENEROSITY. Thank you for living a life of staggering generosity and helping so many.

No act of kindness ever goes unnoticed by God :-)

Compassionate Care Recipients: Bishop McHugh Regional School, Wildwood Catholic Academy, Prayers and Squares, C.A.R.A, Covenant House of NJ, Family Promise, Friends in Need, Good Counsel Home, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Redeemer Food Bank, Right to Life, Sacred Heart Parish Camden Food Bank\*, Branches, Hope Pregnancy, Villa Maria By the Sea, Volunteers in Medicine, Saint Casimir Food Pantry, Catholic Radio Station

Thank you again and thank you to our parish Compassionate Care Committee: Sue Keen, Joan Piotrowski, Rosemary Mancinelli, Carol Matt, and Fr. Kelly

*The Feast of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, is June 19th. A special celebration of this day will include a Procession with the Eucharist from Maris Stella Church to Sacred Heart Church after the 11:00AM Mass. Please join us.*

**CATHEDRAL CLOTHING STORE**, located at 128 Broadway Street in Camden, is open on Wednesdays from 10AM to 1PM. They have free clothing for those in need—children thru adults. There are dress pants, suitcoats, and dresses for adults who may want to make a modest offering. Great for job interviews, weddings, and other formal occasions!

## **MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT/CONSOLATION SUPPORT GROUP**

Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Cape May Courthouse conducts a monthly Bereavement/Consolation Group the second Wednesday of every month at 1PM in the Chapel. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are welcome. No need to "sign up;" however, if you would like more information please contact: Deacon Peter: 609-602-3738.

## **HOLY REDEEMER FOOD BANK**

is in need of additional volunteers. Holy Redeemer is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information about how you can help, please call Nancy Wilson 215-370-3805 or 609-463-6000.

## **The book for the 2022 season of Seven Mile Island University is:**

UNDOING THE KNOTS—FIVE GENERATIONS OF AMERICAN CATHOLIC ANTI-BLACKNESS by Maureen H. O'Connell, Beacon Press, 2022, ISBN -13: 978-0-8070-1665-7.

Facilitated by Father Jack Baron, those interested in participating will gather at Maris Stella Church from 7:30-9:00PM on Wednesday July 20, 27, and August 3.

## **50 Year Reunion**

### **BONNER PRENDIE CLASS OF 1972**

Looking for All Alumni - Spread the News

Date: Friday, October 21, 2022 - Cost: \$100.00

Llanerch Country Club, Havertown

Update contact info at [bonnerprendie72@gmail.com](mailto:bonnerprendie72@gmail.com) and

Check out Bonner Prendie Class of 1972 reunion on

Facebook for more.



## 2022 APPEAL: “FROM MANY...ONE BODY”

*In the first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul reminds us “as a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ” and by extension so also his Church.*

Through the House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal, we support those in need throughout the six counties of the Diocese of Camden.

### **YOUR GIFT TO THE HOUSE OF CHARITY PROVIDES:**

#### **SOCIAL, COMMUNITY AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

Your generosity provides services through Catholic Charities offices in each county of South Jersey. VITALity’s Hospital Chaplaincy is able to provide spiritual and emotional support to patients, their families and staff through your donations. Together, we offer support to the weak, vulnerable, and disenfranchised.

#### **EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION**

Lay leadership training, intercultural ministries, ministry with the deaf and persons with disabilities, marriage enrichment, adult faith formation, liturgical catechesis and other evangelization efforts, along with your gifts, kindle the fire of faith into a bright beacon for all to see.

#### **YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

Your donation enables programs like Summer in the City, Catholic Scouting, Theology on Tap, college campus ministries and Newman Centers, and support for a growing number of parish-based Youth Ministry programs and many more activities to build community and prepare our youth and young adults for the mission that God has chosen for them.

#### **VOCATIONS, SEMINARIAN & PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION, CARE OF PRIESTS**

Your support ensures that pastors and clergy continue to bring the light of Jesus into the world. Through prayers and support, we currently have 14 seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Camden.

#### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION – “FORMING MINDS AND HEARTS IN GRACE”**

Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church. Catholic schools build faith, develop leadership ability and provide academic excellence in a safe environment. Your gift will help keep tuition affordable for families to send children to schools that will support Catholic values, develop character and provide academic excellence.

#### **INCENTIVES FOR PARISH INITIATIVES**

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work.

**We invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort.**

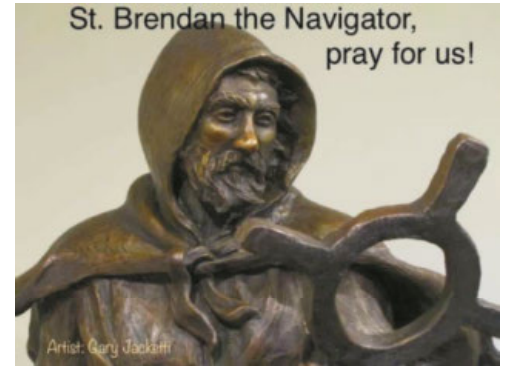
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**In-Pew Weekends—June 4/5—Maris Stella Church**

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## **SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR** - Feast Day May 16th

St. Brendan of Clonfert was known as “the Navigator,” “the Voyager,” “the Bold.” One-hundred years before Brendan was born, Ireland was moving from a pagan to a Christian nation through the inspiration of St. Patrick. However, Christianity had a slow start. Although St. Patrick did much to convert Ireland, Christianity did not flourish until after his death. Brendan, because of his upbringing, carried on the mission to spread the faith. He is known as one of the original Twelve Apostles of Ireland.



In 484 A.D. Brendan was born in Fenit, near the small seaside port of Tralee, in County Kerry in the province of Munster in the southwest of Ireland. His parents were Finlug and Cara. He came under the tutelage of Bishop Erc who was their spiritual leader. It was Bishop Erc who baptized the child and changed his name from Mobhi to Brendan (Broen-finn, meaning “fair-drop”). Brendan was sent to study at school with St. Ita of Killeedy, as his teacher. In the year 510 Brendan was ordained a priest. During the period of 510-530, he was instrumental in establishing monastic communities around the port of Ardfert. Being influenced by the beauty of the land and also seeing daily the mysteries of the ocean, Brendan’s enthusiasm for exploration grew. It is from the port of Ardfert that he initially set out on his travels into uncharted waters.

His journals speak of adventures by boat to Britain, Scotland, Greenland, Iceland, and possibly even America. There are signs of ancient Celtic presence in areas of Newfoundland as well as some of the New England states. Evidence of this means that Brendan’s claims are not necessarily mythological in nature. It is reported that Christopher Columbus even studied the saint’s journals before setting out on his own seafaring expeditions.

St. Brendan’s most famous monastery was built in Clonfert in County Galway in 560. Today, there is a cathedral located there, surrounded by a cemetery. St. Brendan’s grave is simply marked immediately outside the cathedral front doors. He died at the age of 93 in 577 A.D.

St. Brendan the Navigator is known as the patron saint of sailors and the United States Navy. He is the patron of those who are afraid because he himself was fearless in setting out into uncharted water and in uncertain circumstances.

Today and every day, let us not be afraid. We live our lives each day and often our waters are uncharted and we at times live with uncertainty, but like St. Brendan, we need to know that God is with us through it all.

Prayer attributed to Saint Brendan:

Lord, help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You. Christ of the mysteries, I trust You to be stronger than each storm within me. I will trust in the darkness and know that my times, even now, are in Your hand. Tune my spirit to the music of heaven, and somehow, make my obedience count for You. Amen.

*St. Brendan the Navigator, pray for us!*

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