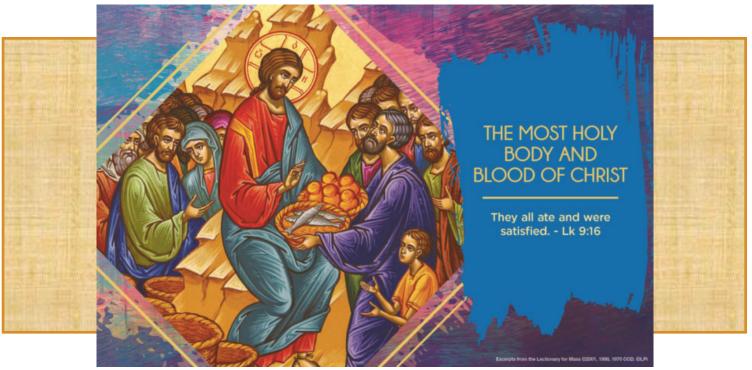


# THE MOST HOLY BODYAND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 19, 2022



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Maris Stella ChurchSt. Paul Church5012 Dune Drive9910 Third AvenueAvalon, NJStone Harbor, NJ

Saturday: 5:00PM Saturday: 4:00PM (Confession: 4-4:30PM) (Confession: 3-3:30PM)

 Sunday:
 Sunday:

 7:00AM (no music)
 7:30AM

 8:15AM
 9:00AM

 9:30AM
 10:30AM

5:00PM (no music)

11:00AM

Weekdays:Weekdays:8:00AM on8:00AM onTues., Thurs., Sat.Mon., Wed., Fri.

(Confession after Sat. am Mass)

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# Readings & Music for June 19

# **GATHERING HYMN**

### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



## **READING J** GN 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4



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## **READING II** 1 COR 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night He was handed over, took bread, and, after He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** JN 6:51

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL** LK 9:11B-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached Him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then He said to His disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

# **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.

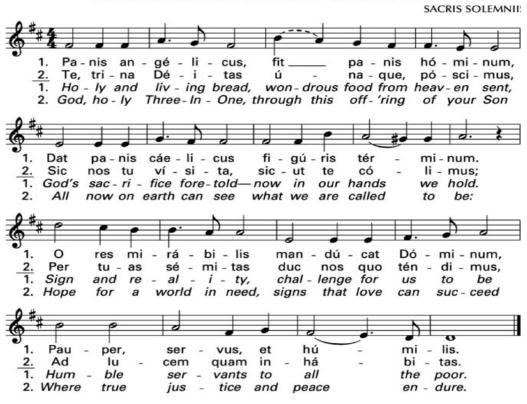
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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.

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## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

### PANIS ANGELICUS / HOLY AND LIVING BREAD



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# **COMMUNION HYMN**

### THE SUPPER OF THE LORD



## **SENDING FORTH HYMN**

# Lord, You Give the Great Commission



Go in Feace 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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 18						
8:00AM (MS)	<b>Reverend Monsignor John T. Frey</b> by Carl & Dona Mattia					
<u>VIGIL</u>						
4:00рм (SP)	Deceased Members of the Castagna Families by Children					
5:00рм (MS)	Margaret (Peg) Lenahen by Lisa & Tom Alderman					
	Helen Quinn by The McLaughlin Family					
	<b>Josephine Heintzelman</b> by Sandra & John Buccella					
	Julie Allen by The Fuchs Family					
	<b>Joanne Kurteson</b> by Ed & Rosemary Mancinelli					
	<b>Gerard Malanga</b> by Michael & Karen Fitzpatrick					
	Ellen Wishchuk by James Wishchuk					
	Carol Sheetz by The Get-away Girls					
SUNDAY, JUNE 19						
7:00AM (MS)	Joe Galbally by Tom & Gerry Galbally					
7:30AM (STP)	Frank D'Elia by Mary Reilly					
8:15AM (MS)	<b>Robert Daniel White</b> by Patrick & Bridget Madden					
9:00AM (SP)	Peg and Stu Atwood by The Atwood Family					
9:30am (MS)	<b>Horace William Donaghay</b> by The Galle Family					
10:30ам (STP)	Graziella lacovino by The Phillips Family					
11:00AM (MS)	Ronald Bishof by His Family					
5:00рм (MS)	Marilla Watters by Casey & Marty Smith					
MONDAY, JUNE 20						
8:00AM (STP)	Charles Miller by The Jones Family					
TUESDAY, JUNI	E 21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious					
8:00AM (MS)	Edward McAssey by Joe & Terri Breslin					

Mass Intentions are accepted in the Parish Office.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and
Thomas More, Martyrs

8:00AM (STP) Robert L. Taylor by Joe Colla

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:00AM (MS) Horace Macconi by Gina Maccon

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8:00AM (STP) Deceased Members of the Powell Family by Children

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00AM (MS) Bruno and Nanda Paris by Massimo & Carol

**Paris** 

VIGIL

4:00PM (SP) Susan Goldner by Family

Mary Eggly by Angela Carnevale

For the Intentions of Phil Graham by Sis &

John Kirk

5:00PM (MS) Thelma Amses by Her Family

**Noell Gioffre** by Her Family

Henry and Rose Rossi by Paul & Susan Rossi Joanne Kurteson by Carol & Joe Szabo Rundle Hallowell by Pat & Ken Williams Joe Tipping by Jack and Laurie Vizzard

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

**7:00AM (MS)** John & Evelyn Sexton by Hannah Sexton

Young

**7:30AM (STP)** Pat Guntle by Her Husband & Children

8:15AM (MS) Erik Burns by The Family

9:00AM (SP) Graziella lacovino by The Barbuti Family

9:30AM (MS) Marion & George Hoy by The Hoy Family

10:30AM (STP) Graziella lacovino by Mary Miller

11:00AM (MS) Robert A Costa by Stephen & Laura Hudak

5:00PM (MS) In Memory of Grace & Joseph Frank 76th

Anniversary by Their Children

Please Note: There will be a special DAILY Mass celebrated on Friday, June 24th at 9AM at Sacred Heart Church on 25th Street and First Ave in Avalon, on the Feast Day for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT FOR THE HOLY 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.

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

<u>Let us pray for</u>: 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.

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

<u>Let us pray for</u>: all first responders, and medical staff as they selflessly put others before themselves.

<u>Let us pray for</u>: those serving in the military, their families, and our country.

Please pray for our sick: Meg Lampazzi, Toni Davis, Elizabeth Keen, Stephanie McMannis Sinix, Anthony Abbonizio, Rachel Walters Kahly, 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. \*

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)



# 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.

## **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

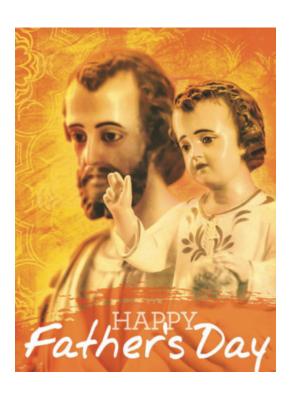
### **OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

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



### A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father, we give You thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocations; May they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers who have supported and challenged us; May they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We remember our fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and greatgrandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



# Life and Dignity for All

### Religious freedom allows us to live out our faith in public and to serve the good of all.

Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22, the Memorial of Saints Thomas More & John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul. Our discipleship and service should promote life and dignity for all. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

Every human person is made in God's image and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

O God our Creator, from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and Your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAY-REFLECT-ACT



### **MAY COLLECTIONS**

April 30/May 1:

In Pew: \$12,137.50 Online: \$827

May 7/8:

In Pew: \$12,403.50 Online: \$727

May 14/15:

In Pew: \$11,592.00 Online: \$991

May 21/22:

In Pew: \$16,649.35 Online: \$991

May 29/30: (Memorial Day Weekend)

In Pew: \$24,856.50 Online: \$622

**Total in Pew**: \$77,638.85 **Total Online**: \$4,158

Grand Total: \$81,796.85

Thank you for your stewardship. We are truly grateful.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who was able to join me and my brother concelebrants on Thursday, June 9th for the Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of my Diamond Jubilee of Ordination. In addition to all those who were able to attend the party afterwards at The Yacht Club of Stone Harbor.

I especially want to thank our Pastor, Father Bill Kelly, for his generosity. A special thanks to Deacon Charlie Devlin and his diligent committee who worked tirelessly coordinating and preparing for both events.

Lastly, thank you to the music Director, Kathi Getka, organist, choir and Ministers of the Altar including Altar Servers.

This is an Anniversary I will treasure with all my heart and fondly remember for the rest of my life!

GOD BLESS ALL, Monsignor Liam



## 2022 APPEAL: "FROM MANY...ONE BODY"

## Our House of Charity goal is \$137,300

Checks should be endorsed to House of Charity/ Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Please prayerfully consider a donation.

Ask the Parish Council a question or address any issue you have. Email: parishcouncil@stbrendanavalon.org.

## **BECOMING FULLY CATHOLIC**

If you or someone you know is not fully initiated in the Catholic Church (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), or a family member or friend has questions about becoming a Catholic, please contact Deacon Bob at 609-287-9205 or email deacon@stbrendanavalon.org or call Fr. Kelly at the office.

Branches, Holy Redeemer Food Bank and the Mobile
Pantry are in need of the following items: Canned
Soup, Crackers, large containers of Juice, Chef
Boyardee, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac & Cheese,
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Bread, Powdered & Boxed Milk,
Cereal, Mayo, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Pork & Beans, Hot
Dogs, Pudding, Canned Beef Stew, healthy snacks, fruit
cups There are containers in all churches. Churches
are open daily.

<u>Branches accepts monetary donations online at:</u> www.thebranchesoutreach.org

Holy Redeemer Food Bank accepts monetary donations: checks can be mailed to 1801 Rte 9 N, CMCH, NJ 08210

## **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

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)

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# 2022 SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR 50/50 PARISH RAFFLE

# 1100 CLUB

\$35,000 1<sup>st</sup> Place Cash Prize

PLUS

Four (4) additional \$5,000 Cash Prizes

date:

TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
COST IS \$100 PER TICKET

Reserve your tickets **NOW** by completing the Application below!!

Prize amounts are based on the number of tickets sold.

Drawing is Monday, September 12, 2022 in Parish Office. You Do NOT need to be present to win!

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## 2022 Parish 50/50 Raffle Ticket Application Form

Cash, Check, Credit Card or Venmo Accepted!
(Please make checks payable to St. Brendan the Navigator Parish)

#### OR

- > Call the Parish Office to ask about weekday hours to purchase your tickets in person.
- If you are from out of town, please mail this APPLICATION to the Parish Office, after which we will process your information accordingly.

Parish Office Address: 5012 Dune Drive, Avalon, NJ 08202 Parish Office Phone: 609-967-3746

PLEASE PRINT	( <u>MUST</u> include	phone numbers)
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Parish Rep Name:

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## Interested in Religious Education for your child(ren) for the 2022- 2023 school year?

Please e-mail dre@stbrendanavalon.org or call the Religious Education office at: 609-967-3017.



On the weekend of July 30-31 Generation Life will share the importance of their work in tristate area schools as well as the success of their annual Beach Outreach mission at the Jersey Shore, while distributing educational material and resources for parents, grandparents, and young people. GenLife will also ask parishioners to consider inviting them to speak to their students, youth groups, and PREP programs, to offer financial support in one-time or monthly donations, and to continue to pray for them as they further their mission to end abortion at its root cause by chastity education."

### 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 of 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.







# Eucharistic Procession Sunday, June 19

Starting after the 11:00 Mass at Maris Stella Church Dune Drive at 50th Steet, Avalon

Proceeding to
Sacred Heart Church
First Avenue at 25th St., Avalon

Come Join Us!



### **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.

### Book for 2022 season of Seven Mile Island University:

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.

On August 3, Maureen O'Connell will be with us and she will answer questions and do a book signing.

## 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.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### **HOW DO YOU PRAY THE MASS?**

#### **Before Mass starts:**

- \* Make an examination of conscience every day or at least once a week. This way, when the priest asks us to examine our hearts during the Mass, we can easily bring our sins to mind and ask for the Lord's forgiveness.
- \* **Prepare your mind** before walking into the church by reviewing the Sunday readings so they are familiar to you when they are read at Mass. This is especially useful for parents with kids who might not be able to juggle the missal and their toddler(s), or if a parent needs to take a kid aside for a bit, they still know what readings were read.
- \* **Prepare your body** by wearing clothes set aside for Sunday or special occasions. We are body and soul, and our hearts can become lax in prayer if our attire doesn't reflect the occasion.
- \* At some point (either before arriving or when you are first praying in the pew), take time to put aside anything on your mind that could become a distraction. Offer them to the Lord, and ask Him to remind you of anything pressing later or write it down if you need to. Either way, clear your mind of anything not related to the Mass so you can better enter into the liturgy.
- \* Find resources, such as books and videos, that help explain what is happening during the Mass. We often forget the depth of what is happening or simply have never been taught.

### **During the Mass:**

- \* **Participate**. Sing the songs, even if they are not your favorite. Say the responses. Keep your focus forward on what is happening in the sanctuary.
- \* **Bring an intention to Mass** that you can offer to the Lord. If you have someone you are praying for within the course of the Mass, it offers personal meaning.
- \* Say mental prayers of thanksgiving after Communion. Simply search for "prayers after holy Communion" online, and you will find at least a few options that you can print out and bring or memorize.
- \* When the final hymn is over, take a few moments to kneel and once again thank Christ for the gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

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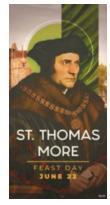
### SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH St. Thomas More | June 22

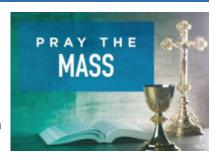
Sir Thomas More was a statesman, prolific writer, and theologian in Tudor England. A true martyr of the Church, he was beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1886, and canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 19, 1935.

More was born in London in 1478, the son of Sir John More, a lawyer and judge. He attended Oxford where he studied Latin and Greek, as well as formal logic. He left Oxford in 1494 to train as a lawyer in London. After attaining the Bar, he spent time discerning a call to the priesthood. Though attracted to the Franciscan order More remained a lay Christian, continuing to fast, pray, and wear a hair shirt. He was married twice, the loving father of three daughters, a stepdaughter by his second marriage, and one son. More wrote many letters to his children when he was away on business and his daughters were known for their academic abilities, as they received the same education as his son, an anomaly at the time.

More rose to the Privy Council in 1514. He became the good friend and advisor to Henry VIII, and in 1521 he was knighted. In 1529 he was made Lord Chancellor of England. However, this appointment was the beginning of the end for the saint. He could not support the break with the Church in Rome when Henry failed to receive from the Pope the annulment of his first marriage to Katherine of Aragon to wed Anne Boleyn. More resigned as Lord Chancellor and continued to refuse to accept Henry as the head of the Church in England. Eventually he was imprisoned, tried, and sentenced to a traitor's death, to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. Henry commuted the sentence of his former friend to the more humane beheading. More was executed at Tower Hill, on July 6, 1535, before his death he famously proclaimed that he was "the king's good servant, but God's first."

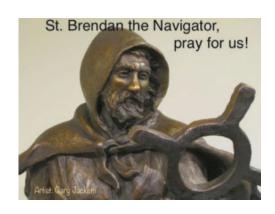






## SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR - Feast Day May 16th

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 unchartered and we at times live with uncertainly, 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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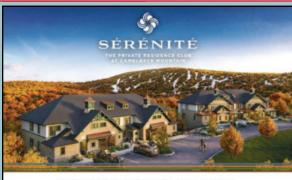
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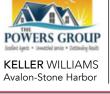
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