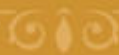


## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

***MASS:***

***Sunday 10:00 am***

## *A Lesson In Humility*

It was while vacuuming the living room floor recently that I had a thought which made me switch off the vacuum and head for the kitchen that very minute.

Not, you understand, because the thought had any particular brilliance attached to it. Quite the contrary. The thought was mundane in the extreme. I shut the machine off because, at my age, when I have a thought I have to act on it immediately or it will be lost forever.

This is an absolute truism about my life these days. It has become my *modus operandi*, my way of doing things. I headed right for the kitchen because I just remembered that I had not taken a multi-vitamin and a required pill with my first cup of Earl Grey at breakfast. If I don't complete a task the minute I think of it, I'll forget to do it until something else reminds me of the omission.

There is another way to live, of course, a way that I am still quite addicted to: Living surrounded by Post-It Notes filled with reminders of Things That Have To Be Done Today. This requires some spousal diplomacy.

Back when I was a newspaper editor, our house was filled with cryptic notes pasted to door jambs, mantels, bedside tables, you name it. My wife was patient beyond belief with my reliance on these little yellow squares. On the few occasions when she did get vocal about cutting down on the Post-It inundation, I reminded her about a journalism colleague of mine whose father, an editor in pre-Post It days, used to put his reminders on 3x5 cards that littered the floor of their living room.

I wish my brain today were more like my brain at 40. But while hope springs eternal, I'm a realist. I need help via Post-Its or whatever to remember to do the things I once did automatically. I'd love to go back to college to pick up some theology and Scripture courses, for example, but I know I'd never retain or understand what I read for more than a few days at best. That ship has sailed.

So this is my new reality: putting aside my pride about the steel-trap memory I used to have a few decades ago, but grateful I'm still able to remember the need for vitamins and medication in the middle of vacuuming the living room. Aging must be God's way of teaching all of us a little humility, don't you think?

— Lou Jacquet

## *Fish Dinners Break Record!*



St. Brendan's continued to offer its "Best Fish Dinner in Town" Lenten take-out only meals on Friday, Feb. 25, with its most successful event of this kind ever.

Parish volunteers cooked and served a record 730 meals, aided by members of the parish "Journey" youth ministry (see Page 3). Meals will continue to be offered every Friday in Lent except Good Friday.

Lunches are served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and dinners 1-6:30 p.m. Lunch is a sandwich and a choice of side for \$7; dinners are \$11/adults and \$6/children \$12 and under. Call 330-799-3683 to order ahead 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays and beginning at 8 a.m. Fridays. Follow signs for entrance and exit; food is brought to your car. To volunteer, call Patty Infante, 330-799-3339. Thank you for your support.

## *Pastoral Council Meets*

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on **Monday, March 8th at 6:00 in Room 102**. Please make every effort to attend as we finalize preparations for Holy Week. Please call or submit agenda items to Rosie Marich, 330-792-5694.

### **Sunday, March 7**

**10:00 a.m.** Patrick and James Luther

By Judy Lazar

### **Wednesday, March 10**

**9:00 a.m.** Marion Allison

By Family

### **Sunday, March 14**

**10:00 a.m.** Joe Phillipone

By Angie Phillipone

## **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Ralph Ruggiero, Randy Bennett, Joe Gorman, Dorothy LoSasso, Leonard Cercone, Sandy Mihalik, Pat Siembieda, Don Siembieda

## **Pray for the Faithful Departed, May They Rest from Their Labors**

Carmel Perrico

# Third Sunday Of Lent

## 'Journey' Youth Ministry Works Fish Fry

St. Brendan youth have been enjoying assisting at the fish fry, as seen here, alongside seminarian Scott Brand, Fr. Simon Mino and other committed volunteers. These photos by Natalie Wardle are from the February 25th fish fry.



John Coudriet and Father Simon prepare part of the take-out meal. More than 730 meals were sold, the best week ever for the popular St. Brendan Fish Fry sales, held this year in the drive-through-only format.



Vincent Dominic and Christopher Flora help fill the take-out bags.

Emily Barninger prepares the slices of dessert cake, while her mother, Greta, takes phone orders in the background.



## Sunday's Scriptures: The Cleansing of the Temple

In our Gospel today, we look at an incident in the life of Jesus. It is Passover time, and Jesus goes up to Jerusalem. He finds in the temple a scene of noisy big business. He finds merchants who are selling oxen, sheep and pigeons. He finds moneychangers as well.

This scene, while chaotic and not respectful, was not unusual at the time of the sacred feast. Passover was a time when sacrifices had to be offered for the sins of the people. It was difficult to travel from distant places with an animal for the sacrifice. Instead, the people would wait and buy an animal in Jerusalem. All of this business was for the convenience of the worshippers. The Jewish people did not have to come prepared. They could noisily argue for a good price in the outer courts of the temple of the God of Israel.

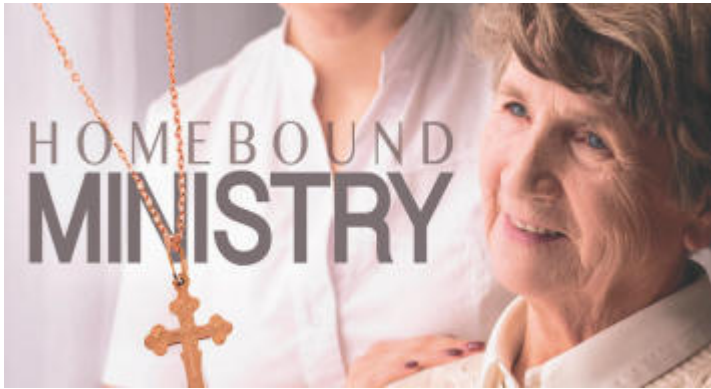
The place of prayer had become a confusing, squabbling mass of people, animals and business. No one could pray there. Jesus, consumed with zeal for His Father's house, made a whip of cords, turned over the tables, and drove the sellers out of the temple. "Take these things

away. My Father's house is a house of prayer. You have made it a den of thieves."

This is Jesus chastising the people over disrespectful behavior. The next part of the scene has Jewish leaders questioning the authority of Jesus. "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus does not back down: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Jesus was speaking of the temple of His body, the actual temple where God is residing. Jesus shows us that He is the authority of God. The Jewish leaders will shortly destroy "this temple"; they will nail it to a cross, and Jesus will raise it up in three days. He will usher in the New Covenant of His Blood. From this point on, His followers will worship in spirit and in truth.

In a very mysterious and miraculous way, two thousand years later we receive in the temple of our bodies and our hearts the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Holy One of Israel. Can we offer ourselves up to Him and proclaim in faith, "My Lord and My God"?

— Geri Jacquet



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### *Need Prayer Ministry Volunteers*

Lately, our parish has received an increased number of requests for prayer for health issues, family issues, employment problems and more.

We would like to recommend to you the possibility of volunteering to join the St. Brendan Prayer Chain. This much-needed and faith-enriching ministry can be done within the comfort of your own home.

If interested in learning more, call 330-792-3875 for further details.

### *Ursuline H.S. Holds Raffle*

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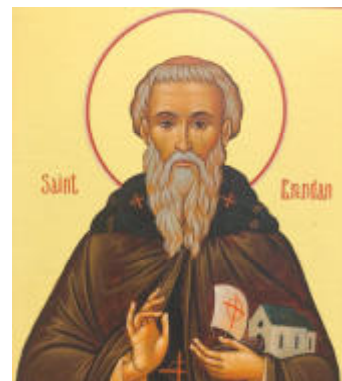
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