

St. Brendan on the Lake

Roman Catholic Parish

Christmas and Holy Family
December 24, 25 & 26

Parish

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AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US.

- JN 1:14

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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LITURGICAL LIFE

ORDINARY TIME

Christmas Eve

Friday, Dec 24

4:00pm, Wilson - Parishioners of St. Brendan, req. Fr. Andrew

5:30pm, Newfane - Parishioners of St. Brendan, req. Fr. Andrew

Christmas Day

Saturday, Dec 25

12:00midnight, Olcott- Parishioners of St. Brendan, req. Fr. Andrew

8:30am, Newfane - Parishioners of St. Brendan, req. Fr. Andrew

11:00am, Wilson - Parishioners of St. Brendan, req. Fr. Andrew

Sunday, Dec 26 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30am, Newfane - Amanda O' Lay, req. Schuler Family

11:00am, Wilson - Donald Kerwin, req. Family

Monday, Dec 27 St. John, Apostle

8:30am, Wilson - St. Brendan's Mother's Day Intention

No Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, Dec 28 Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30am, Newfane - Jack Tillotson, req. Dan & Kathy

Wednesday, Dec 29

8:30am, Wilson - Anne Green, req. Dan & Kathy

Thursday, Dec 30

8:30am, Newfane - Bette Chalmers-St. Aude, req. Sharon Morello

Friday, Dec 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:30am, Wilson - St. Brendan's Mother's Day Intention

Solemnity of Mary, Vigil

4:00pm, Olcott - Bill Murphy, req. Sharon Morello

Saturday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Vigil

8:30am, Newfane - John Miller, req. Rosemary and Family

11:00am, Wilson - Special Intention, req. Rose Edwards

Sunday, Jan 2 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am, Newfane - Amanda O' Lay, req. Bart Schuler

11:00am, Wilson - Parishioners of St. Brendan, req. Fr. Andrew

- Rosary - 20 minutes before All Weekend Masses
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 10 minutes before daily Mass
Liturgy of Hours - Daily Masses celebrated with Morning Prayers
1st Friday Devotion - Prayers to the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy Adoration following morning Mass in Wilson.
Adoration - every Monday (4-7pm), Newfane
Blessed Mother Mary Novena - Every Thursday evening 6:00pm, in Olcott (May to October)
Sick & Homebound - will continue after covid pandemic on the 1st Friday of the month.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pray for the sick especially Layton Oliphant, Gene Pacia, Heather McCoy, Cecelia Fitzsimmons, Isabel Arrendondo, Margaret Shellberry, Joseph Guido, Louise Doty, Jeffery Antoncich, and those who have died

PARISH NEWS

The Office will be Closed this week starting Monday, December 27th and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022. If you have an emergency and need to speak with Fr. Andrew you may call the church and leave a message on Fr. Andrew's voicemail at extension 11.

No Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, December 27th because of the Christmas Holiday Season.



Wear a mask

MASK MANDATE REINSTATED

As in the past, masks must be worn at all times regardless of vaccination status except for those fulfilling speaking and/or musical roles. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attention 7th-12th Graders!!! Have you been waiting for an opportunity to mingle with peers and share fun and faith? Great News! St. Brendan on the Lake has teamed up with Immaculate Conception in Ransomville to form a joint youth ministry group. If you are interested in participating call Jim Cantella at (716) 534-0696.

Thank you for everyone who helped us with the celebrations of the Christmas season; those who decorated our 3 churches, the Outreach committee who minister to the shut ins, nursing homes resident's and those who lost loved ones, the prayer shawl committee, prayer chain committee, to both Food Pantries and their volunteers for helping families this season, the liturgy committee, lectors, altar servers, choir, faith formation teachers, the Lord's housekeepers and all our volunteers. We especially thank Mike, Dan, Meg & Chris, the office staff, parish council, Finance committee and our parish trustees John Phillips and Sandy Walch.

2022 Envelopes will be coming soon. Calendars and Christmas book can be picked up at the back of the church during Advent.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic faith, or maybe fell behind in their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)? If so, this is a good time of year to begin inquiry and pursuit. All who are interested are encouraged to contact the rectory office. The sacramental journey may be different for everyone, but Fr. Andrew will be available to answer your questions and determine a suitable course for you. Please share this message with anyone who may be interested in beginning or advancing in their sacramental journey of faith.

St. Brendan is now Live Streaming our Mass on the weekend. Check our webpage at stbrendanonthelake.org for information on livestreaming. Remember that the general dispensation is discontinued, join us if you are able. Access depends on availability of broadcasters.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE 2021-2022

Dec. 26, - No Class – Christmas Holiday
Jan. 2, – No Class - Christmas Holiday
Jan. 9, – Class 9:30-10:30am

Jan. 16, – No Class - Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan. 23, – 8 th Grade FF Mass –
 Class 9:30-10:30am

Dec 30 & Jan 1

Scripture Readings
 Numbers 6:22-27
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

****Every family is required to attend Weekend Mass ****

2021 CHRISTMAS LETTER

Regardless of where we live, what we do, or any other condition, it is clear that change is one inalienable aspect of the human experience. At times we hope for change with eager anticipation, or we may in need of a change in order to find relief from danger, grief or some other disadvantage. There are also times when we dread change, especially if we expect it to bring about conflict, anguish, or some kind of challenge that we don't feel prepared to face. There are also changes that are necessary for improvement but are nonetheless daunting and cumbersome.

These days, perhaps all of the world is experiencing change in a way that we never could've predicted—politically, economically, and maybe even with regard to the work of the Church. Much has been brought about by covid, and some by other causes. As a result, we may feel lost, encumbered, or are finding it difficult to cope with having our faith shaken in ways that it never has been. There are many examples on the global and national scenes, but now right in our diocese we are anticipating some major changes in the structure and implementation of the Church's ministry. This project was initiated with the pastoral good of the diocese in mind, but with any change, this will be received by some of us with optimism and enthusiasm, and with frustration and anxiety by others.

As we watch changes happening around us, especially those that we don't feel inclined to accept, we may find ourselves wondering whether there is anyone or anything

does not change. We wonder where constancy can be found, in which we can confidently anchor our hope. Now at Christmas, we celebrate the birth of the one who is perfect in love, unchanging, and the only one who can bear all of our hopes. As we behold the tender Christ child in the manger and welcome into our hearts and homes, we can delight in knowing that we are embracing the one on whom we can truly depend in the midst of the countless changes of our time. We also recall that the Christ child, though small and tender, is the Lord of all things, to whom all other powers and interests will yield. As we cling to him for stable hope among many changing things, we also pray that He directs all changes so that they may be for the good of His kingdom. At the same time, we must also ask what we owe to change about ourselves in order to be fitting heirs of his kingdom.

This Christmas, may we remember that we are celebrating the birth of our hope, and of the one who reigns victorious over all things, even those that cause the most gruesome of despair. May this be our greatest cause for cheer and delight within the many ways that we celebrate Christmas.

Here's wishing you a very blessed Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Fr. Andrew Lauricella

Ministries

4:00pm-Olcott
Lector
 Andy Kaszuba
Eucharistic Minister
 Sharon Morello

8:30am-Newfane
Lector
 Liz Secord-Smith
Eucharistic Minister
 Liz Secord-Smith
 Cindy Robertson

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11:00am-Wilson
Lector
 Linda Moran
Eucharistic Minister
 Clancy Burkwit

Jan 2

Scripture Readings
 Isaiah 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

Ministries

8:30am-Newfane
Lector
 Ann Marie Horning
Eucharistic Minister
 Wayne Brubaker
 Pat Thurston

11:00am-Wilson
Lector
 Kaela Doty
Eucharistic Minister
 Sandy Walch

Gift Bearers
 There are no gift bearers at this time.

VAOCATION

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, all had to make sacrifices to accomplish the Will of God. Let's all be open to the idea that our children or grandchildren may be called to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. For help in discerning God's will, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

COLLECTION

DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2021

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| Weekly | \$2,194.00 |
| Monthly | 560.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | 463.00 |
| Giving Tree | 150.00 |
| Religious Retirement | 675.00 |
| other | 170.00 |
| Total | \$4,212.42 |

Online Giving for October was \$2,401.00

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, Please visit stbrendanonthelake.weshareonline.org
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