

St. Brendan on the Lake

Roman Catholic Parish

Baptism of the Lord
January 8 & 9, 2022

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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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LITURGICAL LIFE

ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Jan 8 Baptism of the Lord, Vigil

4:00pm, Wilson - Edward Macek, req. Sharon Morello
5:30pm, Newfane - Jerome Bucolo, req. Shirl

Sunday, Jan 9 Baptism of the Lord

8:30am, Newfane - Joan Conti, req. Szratter Family
11:00am, Wilson - Jane Beilein, req. Friend

Monday, Jan 10

8:30am, Wilson - John Tillotson, req. Mr. & Mrs. Perry Azziharo
4:00-7:00pm, Newfane - Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, Jan 11

8:30am, Newfane - Paul Harvey, req. Wreatha

Wednesday, Jan 12

8:30am, Wilson - John Lovetro, req. Joyce & Family

Thursday, Jan 13

8:30am, Newfane - Marlene Currie, req. Sharon Morello

St. Hilary

Friday, Jan 14

8:30am, Wilson - Glenn Bennett & LeAnn Jeanneret, req. Dan & Kathy Rawlings

Saturday, Jan 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil

4:00pm, Wilson - St. Brendan's All Soul's Remembrance
5:30pm, Newfane - Elizabeth Hogan, req. Mickie Kramp

Sunday, Jan 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am, Newfane - Parishioners of St. Brendan, req. Fr. Andrew
11:00am, Wilson - Brett Harvey, req. Clare Oakes

- 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, Jim Hamner, Gene Pacia, Heather McCoy, Cecelia Fitzsimmons, Isabel Arrendondo, Margaret Shellberry, Joseph Guido, Louise Doty, Jeffery Antoncich, and those who have died Daniel Keleher, Robert Mosure, Marianne Schuler, Harry Powell, & Robert Smith

Prayer Chain: The Prayer chain is a ministry dedicated to members who pray for the needs of others. Members pray daily for a week for each request. Office 778-9822, or Melanie 434-7695, Sandy 778-7391, Mickie 778-8694; Carolyn 778-8131, Sue 778-9323; Kathy 433-2499; Eileen 434-5978; Marcia 434-8104.

PARISH NEWS

Baptism of the Lord. On January 9 the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the river Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world. "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

St. Brendan Senior Group: Due to Covid restrictions, the senior group meeting this Monday, January 10th is cancelled.

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.

2022 Envelopes are in the back of the church. If you can not find your envelopes, sign the sheet located on the table where the envelopes are, or contact the office. If you don't have envelopes and would like to have them please call the office to register to become members of our church.

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.

Wintery Snow Storm: When Newfane or Wilson schools are closed because of the weather conditions; the church and church office will also be closed.

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

Jan. 9, – Class 9:30-10:30am

Jan. 23, – 8th Grade FF Mass –
Class 9:30-10:30am

Jan. 16, – No Class - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Jan 15 & 16

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 62:1-5
I Corinthians
12:4-11
John 2:1-11

The Mask Mandate and the Body of Christ

Here we are just having begun the Year of Grace 2022, and to our disappointment, are still dealing with Covid 19 and the inconvenience of safety protocols that come with it. I'm sure that news of the reinstatement of the mask mandate left many of us displeased, especially after we thought it to be over and done with. In response, some parishioners have asked if we can forgo this mandate, and others have refused to wear the mask at worship. Others have refused to attend Mass as long as the mandate is in effect, and still others have expressed their objection in less prudent ways. While it can be admitted that none of us enjoy wearing the masks, it must be noted that this mandate comes from the Diocese of Buffalo and applies to all parishes, and is therefore not negotiable at the parish level. As Catholics, we sometimes have the duty to challenge civil lawmakers in defense of our morals, but we must respect Church governance.

While there are some among us who resent the mandate, there are also some who have greater cause for concern regarding the health of themselves and those with whom they are in frequent contact. Such parishioners have expressed feeling uncomfortable at Mass, and some have been deterred by those refusing to wear masks. Observing this reveals a greater pastoral concern, one not only dealing with protecting our bodies from viruses, but with protecting the Body of Christ from divisiveness and other attitudes that sadden its communion. It goes without saying that we are enduring a time of frustration, fear, mixed information, tension and many other things, but we cannot forget that it is our duty to be Christ to our fellow members of His body, and to sustain our communion with them. This is a higher priority than winning scientific arguments or making

our positions known through impactful gestures. Only through compassion and solidarity can the Body of Christ remain unified, and this unity is crucial at a time when there are many things driving us apart. As we tire of wearing our masks, and some of us feel confident in the face of the pandemic, we must remember that also in our family are those who have more serious vulnerabilities and those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic. It should not be expected that they be on the same level of comfort and confidence, and it is our duty to be mindful of their concerns, and to help them to feel welcome at the Eucharistic table.

Remember that when Jesus was about to undergo His passion He prayed to the Father that the unity among all of His people would be brought about by His sacrifice (John 17:21). We also know that Jesus is our Good Shepherd, always seeking out those who stray from the flock. It is our duty to have the same concern for keeping the flock together. Jesus, being completely without sin, underwent a brutal punishment to heal the divisions that sin has caused. I'm sure we'd agree that wearing a mask is a much smaller imposition than what Jesus endured.

Mindful of our duty to maintain compassion, solidarity, and communion, I ask that you respect the current requirement. Of course, while some of us may have breathing difficulties, or might need little "breathing breaks," this is understandable and permissible, but may our unity remain our greater concern. In solidarity and compassion, let us assist each other in moving beyond this tough episode with Christ as our guide.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Fr. Andrew

Ministries

4:00pm-Wilson
Lector
Dotty Mitalski
Eucharistic Minister
Elzbieta Orlowski

5:30pm-Newfane
Lector
Shannon Justo
Eucharistic Minister
Nenita Crawford
Meg Thompson

8:30am-Newfane
Lector
Jim Cantella
Eucharistic Minister
Jennifer Kovach
Elise Krencik

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

COLLECTION

DECEMBER 18 & 19, 2021

Weekly	\$5,377.00
Monthly	179.00
Giving Tree	355.00
Religious Retirement	991.00
other	<u>438.00</u>
Total	\$7,340.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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If you would like to receive your tax statement for the year 2021, you can fill out this form and drop in the collection baskets, or mark your envelope 'Tax Statement'

Name

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