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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*When the disciples saw
him walking on the sea
they were terrified.
"It is a ghost," they said,
and they cried out in
fear. At once Jesus spoke
to them; "Take courage,
it is I; do not be afraid."
- Mt 14:22-33*



HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:30 PM

SUNDAY
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM
& 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS

MON & WED
6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI
6:30 AM, 8 AM

SATURDAY 8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY
6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY 9 AM

To schedule an appointment
for Confession with one of
the priests, please call the
parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 AM-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

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LITURGICAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

MON	Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe
TUES	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
WED	Optional Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary
THUR	Feria V of the Nineteenth Week
FRI	Feria VI of the Nineteenth Week
SAT	Optional Memorial of St John Eudes
SUN	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

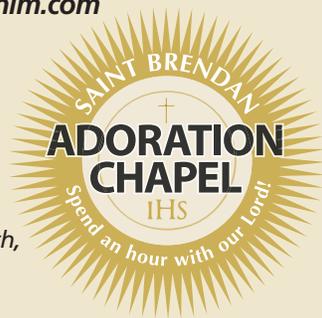
MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 14-20

MON	6:30 AM	Glen Moore
	5:30 PM	Vincent Johnson
TUES	6:30 AM	John Bohn
	8:00 AM	George Fairbairn
	7:00 PM	Frank Csestri
WED	6:30 AM	George Fairbairn
	5:30 PM	Kathy Dye
THUR	6:30 AM	Patricia & John Bohn
	8:00 AM	Judy Tabash
FRI	6:30 AM	Patricia & John Bohn
	8:00 AM	Peggy Bechie
SAT	8:00 AM	Stephen Toth
	5:30 PM	Tommy Hritz III
SUN	7:15 AM	Peggy Bechie
	8:45 AM	Dennis Maag
	10:45 AM	Josephine Jones
	5:30 PM	For the People of St Brendan Parish

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

TUES	9 AM–10 PM
WED	7 AM–5 PM <i>Holy Hour 6–7 PM</i> <i>Confessions available</i>
THUR	9 AM–10 PM
FRI	9 AM–10 PM <i>First Friday of the month,</i> <i>9 AM–Saturday 1 PM</i>
SAT	9 AM–1 PM



**ANCHORED
IN ADORATION**

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6 PM

SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Summer Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-6 PM (also open during Adoration, evening Mass, and during scheduled events/meetings)

Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

New Members – All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272

Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required). See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Jacob Stinnett at frstinnett@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request

Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing

Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for Our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jamie at 614.876.1272, ext 295 or jyoung@stbrendans.net

Protecting God's Children Class

Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaQ account to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

A MESSAGE FROM FR BOB

"Every moment of prayer, especially before our Lord in the tabernacle, is a sure, positive gain. The time we spend in having our daily audience with God is the most precious part of the whole day."

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

Dear Parish Family,

Mother Teresa reminds us that we have much to pray for both individually and as a community. As we move into August, our thoughts start turning to the start of school for all ages. We are busy preparing for the return of our St Brendan students, last year's 8th graders will be starting their first year at high school, college students will be gearing up for the fall semester, SPO missionaries Natalie and Alex will be out on mission in Arizona and Keith Bray will begin his studies for the priesthood in Cincinnati. Please keep all these young people in your prayers along with their teachers and formators as the new year begins.

As one of the Bishop's Vicar Foranes (or Deans), I am also involved in a leadership course over the next six months, but thankfully it doesn't involve me travelling anywhere! We are taking a course that we hope to then introduce to the priests of the diocese to help support them in ministry. Please pray for me during that course, that I may gain the wisdom and understanding that God has for me in it.

Back in the parish, we have had a busy summer, but things are gradually getting put back into place. The new organ will soon be installed along with the font at the back of the church. Before long, the hum of parish life will start getting louder as ministries prepare to go into higher gear and a new RCIA class of enquirers will begin. The rhythms of life often seem to crowd in on us and more than ever it is important to listen carefully to the small voice of God so that we hear HIS rhythm for our life and surrender to it. That rhythm is so much better than what the world encourages us to listen to. It soothes our anxieties while refreshing us and giving us strength and courage to persevere in the service of God's Kingdom. Hearing God's rhythm means leaning into prayer, living a sacramental life and studying Scripture. All of these feed into that river of God and the gentle hum of His voice.

My thanks go out to everyone who worked so hard to prepare us for the Parish Festival that took place this weekend. It is always such a joyful time. In many ways the Festival is what we call "soft evangelization." It is not only a time for fun and friendships but also an opportunity to show our life to a wider audience. The way in which we welcome people to the Festival and to any of our parish events is an important way of encouraging them to join us in our journey of faith!

God bless ~ Fr Bob



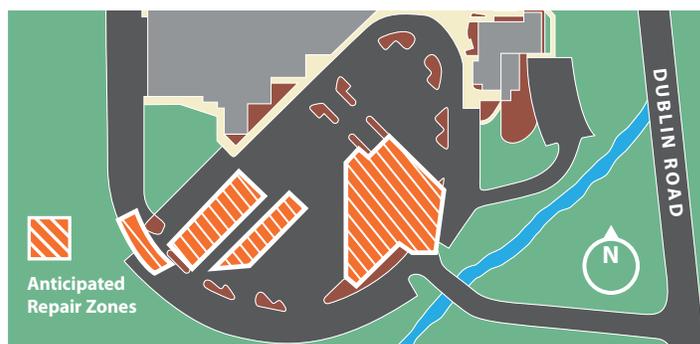
UPDATE FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

Our new electronic organ was delivered this past week! Our new flooring area is also complete. The

organ, however, will not be heard for at least a few weeks, as we experiment with our sound system. Thank you for all your prayers and support during this very exciting time for our music ministry. As always, we are looking for new members to join us, especially singers and instrumentalists! Please contact Ross Williams if you are interested in joining the music ministry by emailing rwilliams@stbrendans.net

PARKING LOT REPAIRS TO BEGIN

Construction on the parking lot will commence on Monday and hopefully be completed by the end of the day on Friday. Areas of the main parking lot will be open at various points for weekday Masses and events. Signage and traffic cones will help guide visitors. For easy, uninterrupted parking, consider utilizing the parking strip along Davidson Road. Thank you for your patience!

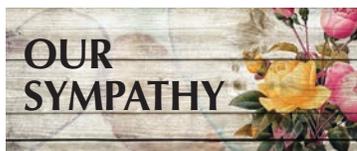


COMMUNITY CALENDAR



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF

Ariela Anahi Salazar



To the families of Bob Suchy and Lucille Baggs

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AUG 15, 7 PM (additional Mass)

NOTE: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Aug 14 and 6:30 AM or 8 AM Mass on Aug 15 also fulfills this Holy Day of Obligation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL Sept 23

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Oct 8

TRUNK OR TREAT Oct 23

CRAFT SHOW Nov 4

Look for further details in upcoming bulletins.



Eleven young men from the United States walk 1,000 kilometers on their Way of St James pilgrimage looking for answers: How do you deal with pain and suffering? St Brendan parishioners can watch their adventure for free on formed.org! Plus, check out what else is new on

FORMED

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW: Luncheon	Norwich Pavilion-Hilliard
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Church
6:30 PM	VINE: Eucharistic Revival Worship Night	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:00 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Mass: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-7:15 PM	Adoration, Confessions Available	Church
7:00 PM	Great Adventure Bible Study	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
7:00 PM	KofC #11208: Members Mtg	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm B

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 ***Eucharistic Adoration closed 10 AM-12 PM for Funeral Mass**

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM*(see note)	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch	OFF SITE: La Chatelaine, Dublin
7:00 PM	SVdP Sandwich Making for the Homeless	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Rd Meeting Rm A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:45 AM	Praying the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
12:00 PM	Faith Formation Volunteer Retreat	Davidson Rd Mtg Rms A & B
12:00 PM	VINE: Core Team Retreat	Wellnitz, Mtg Rm 1 (w/Patio)



ST BRENDAN PRAYER LIST

If you would like us to pray for friends and family who are hospitalized or ill at home or for active duty military loved ones, email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Frank Kreber
Bill Brake	Jim Logue
Chris Carrino	Jane Lumen
Eugene Chervenak	Jill Markey
Linda Clark	Joe Martin
Patricia Crane	Becky Moyer
Tom Crane	Lorraine Nemchik
Ben Diepenbrock	Grant Nuss
Mary Jo Flickinger	Tom Speroni
Mary Frick	Pamela Theado
Don Johnson	Mitzie Toth
Doris Kopac	Marilyn Wiggins

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Jackson Maassel
Aaron Grieshop	Alec Moyer
Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler
Cody Longstreth	

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a loved one who is no longer practicing the faith, please visit the www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and locate the Prayer Wall to make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk.

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Sun Belt Rentals	Silver
Tidd Funeral Home	Silver
Buckeye Nissan	Bronze
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...AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL!

The Festival would not have been possible without all the hardworking volunteers, donors, sponsors and Festival guests!

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REGISTER FOR DINNER CLUB

Enjoy great food and drink while getting to know fellow parishioners when you join the Dinner Club. Dinner Club members are grouped into "clubs" of 8 people who have 4 dinners together in members' homes over the course of 6 months. You set the dates, the menu, and who brings what dish to share.

Register by August 26, then attend the Kickoff Potluck on September 9 at 6:30 PM following the Vigil Mass to find out who is in your Club. For questions, please contact Rhonda Timko at thetimkos@yahoo.com. Register by visiting <https://www.stbrendans.net/the-dinner-club/>

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support from fellow parishioners? All are invited to join us at our next monthly grief luncheon next Thursday, August 17, 1-2:30 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin (65 W Bridge Street). Questions? Contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com

ADOPT A FLOWER BED

Fr Bob invites you to join him in adopting a flower bed on our St Brendan campus. Build your team, select your flower bed, and choose your plants!

Signing up also means you are willing to water and weed all 12 flower beds for 1-2 weeks per year. Think of this as our own parish community garden and dedicate your flower bed to a favorite cause, intention, or in memory of a loved one. Spaces are limited and it's first-come, first-served. Fr Bob will be scheduling a meeting once all the spots are filled to explain more details. Questions? Contact Jamie Young at jyoung@stbrendans.net. If interested in signing up or to learn more, visit <https://tinyurl.com/adopt-a-flower-bed>



AUGUST 20 COFFEE & DONUTS

The St Brendan Inviting Catholics Home and Welcome Ministries are hosting coffee and donuts next Sunday, August 20. A prayer board will be available to write the names of loved ones who are no longer attending Mass or who have left the Church. Kids will enjoy coloring pages and puzzles centered around St Monica, whose Feast Day is August 27.

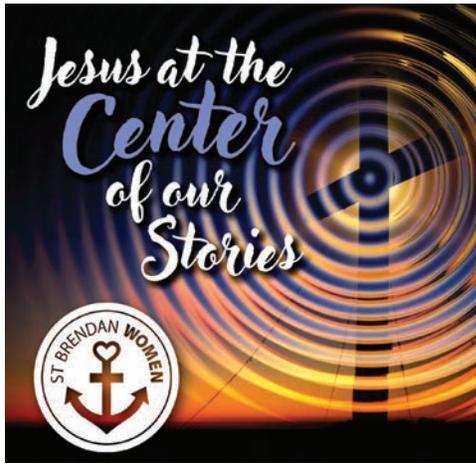
FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Register for St Brendan's 2023 Fall sports (football, cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, soccer) by visiting www.stbrendans.net/athletics

WOMEN'S EVENT

SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30-8:30 PM

Join us as we kick off our St Brendan Women season in our Eucharistic Year: *To Know Him Is to Love Him!* Our first event, *Jesus at the Center of Our Stories*, features a witness talk by Angel Fox, whose story of healing with Jesus at the center is sure to inspire you. Refreshments, reflection, and our prayer teams will be available. RSVP through ParishStaq events or the St Brendan Women's web page at <https://www.stbrendans.net/womens-groups/>



Seniors NOW ANCHORED IN FAITH NAVIGATING OUR WAY

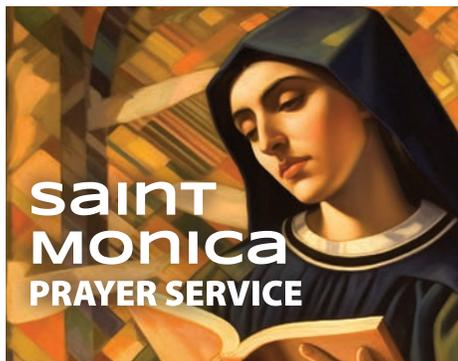
Seniors NOW is a social ministry for adults 65+. If you enjoy meeting other seniors, we invite you (single, married, divorced, widowed) to attend our gatherings. Dues are \$10 per year. Please join us at one of our upcoming events below. No RSVP necessary. Questions? Contact Larry at 614-264-6925 or Larryhanchin@yahoo.com

AUGUST 14, 12 PM – Luncheon at the Norwich Pavilion in Hilliard. Bring a lunch, drink and chair.

SEPTEMBER 1, 8 AM – 1st Friday Mass followed by Breakfast at Scrambler Marie, 3939 Britton Pkwy

RCIA CLASSES BEGIN ON AUGUST 29

Interested in becoming Catholic or finishing your Sacraments of Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, allows adults (14+) to learn what it means to be Catholic and how the graces of the sacraments and the community of the faithful give us direction to put our faith into action. St Brendan's RCIA group will meet weekly on Tuesdays, August 29, 2023 through April 16, 2024, 7-8:30 PM in the McCurdy Learning Center. Questions? Contact the parish office or complete the RCIA Inquiry form at www.stbrendans.net/rcia/



NOVENA STARTS ON AUGUST 18!

Please join us for nine days of prayer beginning on August 18 for those who are away from the Church. The Novena is available to view and print out at www.stbrendans.net/ich. Then, August 27 at 3 PM, join the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry and Deacon Jim at

the St Monica Prayer Service in the Church to pray for all those no longer practicing our Faith. Learn how persisting in prayer can bring loved ones back through St Monica's example!

AUGUST PRAYER FOCUS— THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH



“I had been away from the Catholic Church for 30 years, and several years ago, I began feeling a yearning to return to my faith. I wasn't sure where to begin, and a few churches I had visited didn't seem right for me. I happened to drive past St Brendan the Navigator, and a sign was outside that said “Inviting Catholics Home,” so I decided to go to Mass that Sunday. What struck me the most was being greeted and welcomed when I arrived.

The participation in the Inviting Catholics Home program was the first step in gaining a stronger appreciation for the beauty of the Mass, and the blessings received from the sacraments. It was just what I needed and has led to a desire to learn more and to continue to grow in my faith. St Brendan the Navigator offers many ministries to help bring people closer to Christ and I continue to develop great relationships with the church family.”

~ DAN

“I was away from the Catholic Church for 33 years. Despite attending other Christian churches over those years, I always felt that something was missing. In 2005, the deaths of both my grandmother, who was a devout Catholic, and Pope John Paul II, led me back home to my faith. My involvement in the Inviting Catholics Home Program helped me to make the transition back to full participation in the Church, and back to what was missing...The Eucharist.”

~ LINDA

If you (or someone you know) have been feeling that "tug" to come back fully to the Catholic faith but something's been holding you back, please reach out to the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry. www.stbrendans.net/ich



ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

family faith formation 

St Brendan families,

I hope you will join St Brendan's family faith formation program for another great year of growth. Throughout this summer, I have been visiting with families, and they have given positive feedback about both their children's experiences and their own faith formation. I have repeatedly heard that parents feel supported by other parents as they pass on their faith to their children. I hope that you will consider joining this community where both children and parents are encountering Jesus through others, the teachings of the Church, and the Sacraments. **Registration will remain open until August 15.** You can find more information and registration links on the St Brendan Family Faith Formation web page at <https://www.stbrendans.net/familyfaithformation/>

Jacob Doran,
Director of Youth Evangelization & Catechesis

QR codes to register or volunteer for Family Faith Formation are below:



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Fill out
once.



CHILD
Fill out
once per
child.



VOLUNTEER
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receive a
discount!

VOLUNTEERS The success of our Family Faith Formation program relies on many who can help to communicate the Truth of the Gospel. Sign up and receive a discount!

LEAD CATECHISTS (50% discount) coordinate adults in leading children in songs, games, and teachings prepared by our staff. Lead 8 at-church sessions, once/month.

AIDES (50% discount) support the Lead Catechist in managing and leading activities with small groups of elementary-aged kids. Aides assist with 8 at-church sessions, once/month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS (100% discount) accompany 6th-8th graders using discussion-based small groups. Lead 12 small groups, twice/month.

FAMILY COACHES (50% discount) lead and provide feedback to 6-8 families in a small group and help with questions about faith at home for 8 sessions, once/month.

SEEKING A FULL-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

We are currently seeking a full-time Middle School Youth Minister. This position will run a monthly youth night and coordinate family faith formation small groups for grades 6-8. If interested, please contact jdoran@stbrendans.net with resume and cover letter.



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MEN'S MINI-CONFERENCE

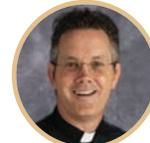
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MARIA STEIN SHRINE TRIP

Our sister parish, St Margaret of Cortona, is hosting a Bus Day Trip to Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics on September 5. Cost is \$68 per person and includes transportation, admission, box lunch and snacks. The bus will leave St Margaret's parking lot at 8 AM and return 5:30 PM. If interested, drop payment off at their parish office (1600 N Hague Ave, Columbus) with checks made payable to St Margaret and "Maria Stein" on the memo line. Reserve your spot by Tuesday, August 15. Questions? Contact Elaine Prochak at 614-378-5504 or eaprochak@gmail.com



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HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE...

MARY'S MEALS

On September 28, join together with those you know to purchase a table or tickets to an event called: An Evening With. This year, the keynote speaker is the founder and CEO of Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. Mary's Meals is a global hunger organization that provides meals in the classroom leading to a bridge out of poverty. This inspirational evening supports two educational opportunities, locally and worldwide, through Mary's Meals. Proceeds support both Mary's Meals and tuition assistance. Contact Julie at jnaporano@scprep.org

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

Join us Friday, September 1 at St Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Attorney Don Brey and Dr Michael Parker about the proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment to expand abortion access in Ohio. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 AM followed by lunch at 12:10 PM and the presentation by Mr Brey and Dr Parker. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, October 6, 2023, and will feature a presentation by John Bradford. If interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com

RED CROSS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to help us deliver our mission, "...to prevent and alleviate human suffering by mobilizing the power of volunteers..." Many people do not realize that the workforce at the Red Cross is 90% volunteers. This makes each volunteer a vital part of the team. If interested in helping, you can start your volunteer journey at www.redcross.org/ volunteer and clicking on the blue "Apply Now" words. If you have questions or want more information, reach out to the Volunteer Recruitment Specialist, Becky Chandle at 614-395-3924 or email her at rebecca.chandler2@redcross.org

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

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Unlike with our other important relationships, God isn't exactly someone we can meet for coffee and look into his eyes while having a conversation. Whether we talk to God in our mind or out loud, we recognize that even with a good prayer life it can sometimes be difficult to cultivate and maintain a relationship with God. Doubters and unbelievers are quick to remind us how impossible it is to believe what we cannot see or hear, but today's readings also remind us that God doesn't speak to us as another human being would. Maybe he doesn't speak with the booming voice of a preacher or a politician, and maybe he doesn't write direct messages for us in the sky or sand, but God does speak. Perhaps, like Elijah, we tend to expect God to communicate with huge gestures, such as strong wind that crushes rocks, or earthquakes or fires; but we hear today that God spoke to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound." It's not unlike a very good teacher who doesn't need to raise her voice to get her students' attention when they lose focus - she has their respect and simply needs to speak normally and calmly and the students quiet down, pay attention, and listen. When we still our hearts and minds and listen, in prayer, let us be confident we will hear God's voice.

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Perhaps in order to hear God's voice in our lives we need to fine-tune our "hearing." First, how can we hear if we do not have faith? Jesus called Peter out of the boat and into stormy waters, and though he was able to walk on water for a time, Peter began to sink because he became afraid. Doubt or fear can hamper our ability to listen to the Lord clearly; don't let it cloud your love for Christ! Second, we must keep in mind the many ways God speaks to us: his Word (the Bible), the writings of the saints and Church Fathers, our Catholic Tradition, other people God has placed in our lives, and the "tiny whispering sound" we might hear only within our heart. Stay attuned to God's voice; the rewards are heavenly.

INVITATION Ignatian spirituality - meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices - may help us recognize and truly hear the still small voice of God in our lives. The Daily Examen is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day which might help us identify the movement of the Holy Spirit in those moments. Give it a try.

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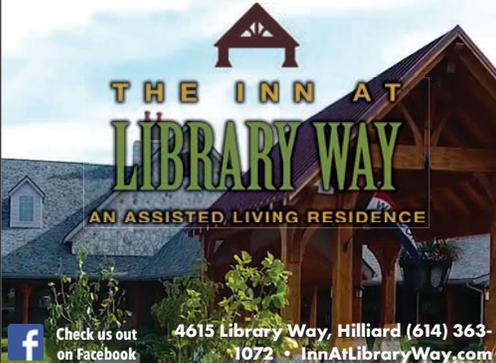
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