

Rejoice

# Merry Christmas!

## Christmas Eve

**WED, DEC 24 VIGIL MASS:**

**4 PM** Church\* + Gym

**6:30 PM** Church

**10 PM** Church\*

No Adoration, Holy Hour  
or Confession.

## Christmas Day

**THURS, DEC 25 MASS:**

**8:45 AM** Church\*

**10:45 AM** Church\*

(\*Livestreamed Masses)

The Parish Office is closed  
12 PM, Dec 24 through Dec 26.

No Adoration Dec 24-26.

No Mass on Dec 26.

12  
21  
25

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Behold, the virgin  
shall conceive and bear  
a son, and they shall  
name him Emmanuel,  
which means  
"God is with us."*

~ Matthew 1:18-24

## Our Christmas Gift to You...

Find *The Seven Pillars of  
Catholic Spirituality* book by  
Matthew Kelly in the gathering  
area as our parish gift to you!  
Take one per family (while they  
last) and then sign up for our  
book club to read it together!  
(Details/registration on page 3.)

## It's Coffee & Donuts Sunday!

Join the St Brendan Scouts as  
they host Coffee & Donuts  
after 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses  
in the Davidson Rooms.



Scan this QR  
code to make  
a donation to  
Coffee & Donuts

### Holy Mass\*

**SAT VIGIL**

5:30 PM

**SUNDAY**

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

### Daily Mass\*

**MON & WED**

5:30 PM

**TUE, THU, FRI**

6:30 AM, 8 AM

**SAT 8 AM**

### Reconciliation\*

**WED 6-7 PM**

(during Adoration)

**SAT 9 AM**

To schedule a Confession  
with one of our priests,  
call the parish office.

\*Regular Mass or  
Confession times  
may change due  
to events, funerals  
or Holy Days. This  
week's calendar is  
in the bulletin or  
on our website.

## Mass Intentions/Feast Days

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:30 PM Quentin & Sally Heimerman †

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Memorial of St John of Kanty (opt)

6:30 AM Rick Reiser †

8:00 AM John & Viola Juhai †

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM Church: Ed Erdy †

4:00 PM School Gym: Rose Spezia †

6:30 PM Roger & Mary Ann VerSteeg †

10:00 PM Rick Reiser †

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:45 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish

10:45 AM Regina Tharp †

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Memorial of St Stephen, the First Martyr

NO MASS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Memorial of St John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 AM Marguerite Dutko †

5:30 PM Monica Meyer †

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:15 AM Monica Meyer †

8:45 AM For the People of St Brendan Parish

10:45 AM Norbert & Coletta Lause †

5:30 PM Dolores D'Amico †

† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.

Remember a loved one or make your special prayer intentions known at Mass by filling out a Mass Intention Envelope (found in the church gathering area). There are open dates on our Mass Intention calendar beginning in March of 2026.

## Eucharistic Adoration

<https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/>

**MON** 6 PM–10 PM

**TUE** 8:30 AM–10 PM

**WED** 7 AM–5 PM Holy Hour: 6-7 PM w/Confession

**THU** 8:30 AM–10 PM

**FRI** 8:30 AM–10 PM First Friday each month at 8:30 AM through Saturday at 1 PM

**SAT** 8:30 AM–1 PM

**SUN** 6:30 PM–10 PM



## 1st Friday Adoration, Jan 2/3

Our next First Friday Adoration will take place on Friday, January 2 at 8:30 AM through Saturday, January 3 at 1 PM. Sign up now to adore at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com>

# Information Center

### Parish Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM

### Church Hours

M-F & Sunday, 6 AM-10 PM

Saturday, 6 AM-6:40 PM

### St Brendan School

614-876-6132, fax 614-529-8929

### New Members All are Welcome!

New Member Registration Form

found at [stbrendans.net/welcome](http://stbrendans.net/welcome)

Questions? Call 614-876-1272, or

email [parish@stbrendans.net](mailto:parish@stbrendans.net)

### Marriage

Fill out a Marriage Request Form

at [stbrendans.net/marriage](http://stbrendans.net/marriage) at

least six months prior to your

wedding. Marriage prep is required.

Questions? Contact Valerie Scheel,

[weddingplanner@stbrendans.net](mailto:weddingplanner@stbrendans.net)

### Baptisms

12 PM most Sundays. Two

baptismal prep classes required.

Visit [stbrendans.net/baptism](http://stbrendans.net/baptism)

### Baptism Preparation Classes

1st Sunday most months, 12 PM

(2 classes required). Questions?

Email [baptism@stbrendans.net](mailto:baptism@stbrendans.net)

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office.

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Please contact Wendy Ferkany

at [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)

or call 614-876-1272, ext 291

### Ministry of Evangelization

& Catechesis – Contact Jacob

Doran at 614-876-1272, ext 231

### Marketing/Bulletin Request

Fill out our marketing request

form: [stbrendans.net/marketing](http://stbrendans.net/marketing)

Email [marketing@stbrendans.net](mailto:marketing@stbrendans.net)

for questions or to send artwork.

### Mass Intentions

Fill out a Mass Intention Envelope

with \$10 cash/check & drop in the

baskets at Mass or Parish Office.

### Protecting God's Children

Register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

### Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention. Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Cost is \$75 (true cost for flowers has risen to \$109 each week, so larger donations are welcome!)

### Candle Donations

Suggested donations are \$2 for larger candles and 25 cents for the smaller votives.

### Ministry of Care for Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, please email

[frseverance@stbrendans.net](mailto:frseverance@stbrendans.net)

### POD Nursery

Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM

Mass. For ages 6 months-4 years.

Email: [nursery@stbrendans.net](mailto:nursery@stbrendans.net)

### Navigator News / ParishStaq

To automatically begin receiving

our parish e-newsletter, visit

[stbrendan.ccbchurch.com](http://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com) and

create your ParishStaq account.

### Liturgical Ministry Portal

Ministry Scheduler Pro at:

[www.rotundasoftware.com/](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stbrendans)

[ministry/stbrendans](http://ministry/stbrendans)

For scheduling questions, email

[ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net](mailto:ministryscheduler@stbrendans.net)

### Facebook

(Parish) [StBrendanofHilliard](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanofHilliard)

### Instagram

(Parish) [@stbrendanhilliard](https://www.instagram.com/stbrendanhilliard)

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(The Vine) [@stbvine](https://www.instagram.com/stbvine)

(The Roots) [@stb\\_theroots](https://www.instagram.com/stb_theroots)

(Young Adults) [@stbya](https://www.instagram.com/stbya)

### Livestreamed Mass

YouTube –

[SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard](https://www.youtube.com/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard)

Facebook – [facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/StBrendanHilliardyoutube.com/c/)

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Sunday: 10:45 AM

Mon & Wed: 5:30 PM

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 8 AM



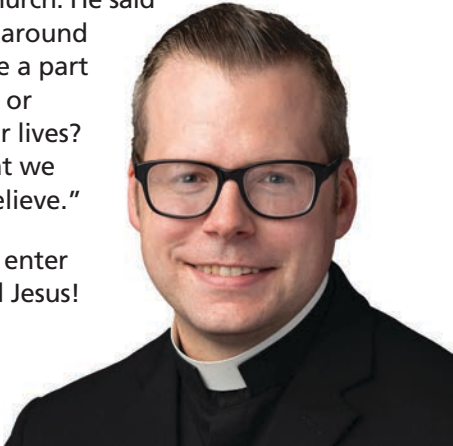
# A Christmas Message from Fr Dooley

**Merry Christmas!** I pray that this Christmas Season will be one of hope and joy for you and your families — a time to pause and reflect on how the Lord is working right now in our lives. I additionally pray that all will come to grasp the true importance of the feast of the Nativity.

Perhaps you have been away for a while from the Church. I warmly welcome you to St Brendan the Navigator! Recently, I was talking to a high school friend of mine and he had mentioned to me that he started going back to church. He said something that stuck with me: "I'm so tired of being around miserable people in my daily life. It's comforting to be a part of a joy-filled community." We all worship someone or something in this world. Who or what will it be in our lives? As St John Henry Newman said: "We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe."

Let us cast aside the distractions of this past year and enter 2026 with simple faith as we worship the Infant Child Jesus!

*Fr. Dooley*  
Fr Dooley



**JANUARY 1,  
THE SOLEMNITY  
OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**  
*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
WEDNESDAY, DEC 31**  
**5:30 PM Vigil Mass**  
*No Holy Hour or  
Confession*

**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
THURSDAY, JAN 1**  
**9 AM Mass**

*Parish Office is closed  
December 31 at 12 PM  
through January 2.*

*No Adoration from  
December 29-January 1.*

## WELCOME NEW CATHOLICS!



COREY HARTLEY



SILVI HARTLEY



BLAIR LOZIER



ANGEL HALLIGAN



SCOTT GAYFIELD



DENISE BROWN



STEVEN BROWN



SHARON GONZALES



OCCIA 2025



#### TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Patrick Joseph Finneran  
Alan Clarke Pauley  
JoAnn Barnett

## Christmas Eve Mass in the School Gym –

Please note that the restrooms outside the school gymnasium are closed for construction, so follow the posted signage directing you to alternative restrooms.

## Diocesan Disciple Maker Index Survey

Every member of each parish family is asked to participate in this survey which runs through January 4, 2026. Access the survey at [www.tinyurl.com/brendandmi](http://www.tinyurl.com/brendandmi) or via the QR code. Paper copies are available on the Welcome Desk that you can fill out and return to the Parish Office.



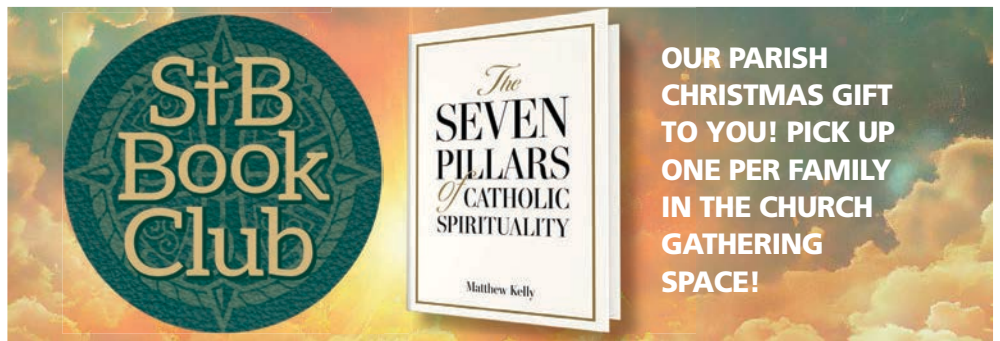
## Giving Statements

Watch for your annual Giving Statement to come in mid-January. To ensure your donations appear on this year's statements, please make sure your contributions are received in the parish office before the end of the 2025 calendar year. Email [accounting@stbrendans.net](mailto:accounting@stbrendans.net) with any questions you have. The Parish Office Staff would like to thank you for your continued financial support. *We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!*

## Incense Schedule



Wednesday, Dec 24 10:00 PM  
Sunday, Dec 28 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Dec 31 5:30 PM



## Sign Up for StB Book Club, Sessions Begin Jan 8

In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, Matthew Kelly highlights the genius of Catholicism through these ancient practices: Confession, Daily Prayer, Mass, the Bible, the Rosary, Spiritual Reading and Fasting – all which aim to help us grow in our faith. Pick up a book (our gift to you this Christmas!) available now in the gathering area while they last! Then, join us Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29 as we host our book club on Thursdays in the Davidson Rooms – morning sessions: 9-10:30 AM (childcare available) or evening sessions: 7-8:30 PM. RSVP on our Adult Faith Formation web page: [www.bit.ly/stbaff](http://www.bit.ly/stbaff)

# Community Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK		
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK		
6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES at 12 PM, NO Adoration/Confession		
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve	Church / School Gym
6:30 PM	Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve	Church
10:00 PM	Vigil Mass: Christmas Eve	Church 
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 DIOCESAN COLLECTION – DIOCESAN CHARITIES		
8:45 AM	Mass: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	Church
10:45 AM	Mass: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	Church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 THE CHURCH, SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE ARE CLOSED		
NO 6:30 AM or 8:00 AM Mass & NO Adoration		
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28		
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
	NO POD Nursery	
	NO Children's Liturgy of the Word	
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	The VINE 10 Year Celebration	School Gym





## Prayer List

Fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* available at [www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List](http://www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List) (see QR code below) or call the parish office if you would like our parish to pray for friends or family **who are hospitalized, ill at home** or for **active duty military** loved ones. The list is updated every 3-6 months, so if someone you added was deleted, but is still ill, fill out a new prayer request.



***If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.***

### Please Pray for...

#### THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Pamela Theado	Ira Katz
Doris Cobbs	Ora Johnson
Richard Jones	Francis Drlik
Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch
Dickson Tumawu	Robert Zapp
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder
Lisa Lynch	Glenna Brickey
Bertha Torok	Cindy Tumawu
Sue Devore	Chris Carrino
Zac B.	Yvonne Schlenker
Sara Conway	David Thornton
Sally Rielly	Shirley Tornik
Gilberto Valderrama	Paula Jordan
Sean Grier	Richard Walls
Alma Harding	Marian Woolum
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Dochia Finsterbusch
Eileen Wilson	Dick Snyder
Dionisia Virtudazo	Alisha Lause

#### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Cody Longstreth
Aaron Huesman	Jackson Maassel
Sam Imwalle	Rick Shonkwiler
Christopher Keck	Rob Shonkwiler
Bradly Mead	Luke Stumphauzer
Kate Walde-Mead	Thomas Noel
Robert Carollo	Addison A.
Kyle Mullins	Connor Olson
Joe Alverson	Dan Severance
Kale Grunenwald	Robbie Hite
Zackery Reed	

...we pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

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Schnurr Family (x2)  
Ann Edel  
Ann Edel  
Ann Edel  
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Rich & Sue Jones  
Rich & Sue Jones  
Rich & Sue Jones  
Jon & Katie Lopez  
Betty Burnett  
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Mary Ann Thissen  
Jordan & Erin Bertke  
Jordan & Erin Bertke  
Jordan & Erin Bertke  
Jordan & Erin Bertke  
Melroy & Wilma D'Souza  
Bernie & Catherine D'Ambrosi (x3)  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Nancy Schroeder  
Nancy Schroeder  
Michelle, Emily & Rachael Anderson  
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The Baggs Family  
The Baggs Family  
Judith Volpe  
Mary Kaminski (x2)  
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Joyce & Archie Suttles  
Harry & Lee Salcone

## IN MEMORY OF

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Byron Ruble  
Durland Workman  
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Connie Schnurr  
George Edel  
Hannah Malade  
Richard Malade  
Bob Jones  
Mary Lou Jones  
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Maxine Edel  
Missy O'Brien  
Ted Burnett  
Giovanna & Pietro Giuliani  
Mark Petty  
Louis & Evelyn Bertke  
Clete Lange  
Ernest & Nora Krupa  
Stanley & Nona Brown  
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Special Intention for the Soriano & Sese Families  
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Robert Pooley  
Special Intention for Irene Suttles  
Kevin Winning  
Deceased Members of the Salcone & Randolph Families



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Darren, Dina & Laney Harder  
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Lisa Roberts  
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Jim & Maryjane Riley  
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Jason & Melanie Martin  
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Wilmer, Ela & Jacob  
Luz & Manet  
Wilmer, Ela & Jacob  
Margaret Seipel  
Margaret Seipel  
Sal & Edith Eugenio  
The Valencia Family  
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Cathy Richardson  
Cathy Richardson  
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Jackie Bensman  
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Joan Kraft  
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### Family Faith Formation

**1ST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next First Holy Communion Family Session is Sunday, January 11 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

**CONFIRMATION:** The next Confirmation Family Session is Sunday, January 11 from 6:45-8 PM.

**SEEK & ROOT:** The next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, January 12 from 6-7:30 PM.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS:** The next Middle School Small Group is Sunday, February 1, 6:45-8 PM (Note: The January 4 small group date was cancelled.) See your email for details and small group locations.

**CONTINUED GROWTH:** The next Continued Growth Family Session is Sunday, February 8 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

### POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

The POD Nursery needs volunteers during: 8:45 & 10:45 AM **Sunday Mass, Family Faith Formation** and **Date Nights for Young Couples** (once monthly on Fridays from 6-8:15 PM). (Volunteers ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.) To be added to our roster, email [nursery@stbrendans.net](mailto:nursery@stbrendans.net)

### Safe Environment Compliance

As we continue our commitment to providing a safe environment for all children and vulnerable persons, all volunteers are asked to be fully compliant with Protecting God's Children training and complete the required background checks. Requirements include:

- **BCI (Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation) background check (FBI background check** for those who have lived outside Ohio in past 5 years.)
- **Current volunteers: Check that your VIRTUS account is active/up to date** with background check completed within 5-year timeframe. The diocese requires all current volunteers with background checks older than 5 years to be updated by January 2, 2026. If you are unsure whether you need to have your fingerprinting updated, contact Teresa Boyne at [tboyne@stbrendans.net](mailto:tboyne@stbrendans.net)

### Roots for Middlechoolers

**ROOTS LARGE GROUP IS 6:30-8:30 PM:** Held last Sundays monthly in the school gym.


**ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS:** Weekly on Sundays, 6:45-8:30 PM in the school library.



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## Men's & Women's Catholic Conferences

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**MEN** – The 2026 **Columbus Catholic Men's Conference** is on Saturday, February 28. For details and tickets, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com](http://www.catholicmensministry.com)

## Next Melchizedek Project Session, Dec 29

The *Melchizedek Project* sessions for young men discerning priesthood are held 6-7:30 PM in the Carter Center on the last Monday of each month (dinner provided.) The next session is **December 29**. If interested in attending, email Fr Severance at [frseverance@stbrendans.net](mailto:frseverance@stbrendans.net)



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**Skills/qualifications:** Bachelors or Master's degree in social work, theology, religious studies or related field preferred with minimum 5 years experience in the development and administration of ministry to the sick and bereaved. Must be an active/fully participating Catholic with knowledge of, and ability to convey effectively, the official teachings of the Catholic Church. Excellent written/verbal communication skills, computer competency and self-motivation. Must successfully pass BCI&I and FBI background checks and attend a Protecting God's Children class.

View the full job description by visiting <https://stbrendans.net/about/employment/> If interested, please contact Fr Sean Dooley at [frdooley@stbrendans.net](mailto:frdooley@stbrendans.net)

## Snow on Campus Reminder

Parish activities remain open if we are at a **Level 1** Snow Emergency, but please consider whether you can safely reach the campus and attend events. If a **Level 2** Snow Emergency is declared, the entire campus closes, including Mass and all events. If this occurs, we will alert you via social media and ParishStaq Communications (please keep your contact information up to date!). School parents will be alerted of school closures or delays by FACTS communications. The Parish Office will also close if we reach a Level 2 Snow Emergency.

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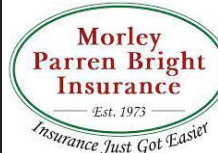


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