

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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*God is Spirit, and those  
who worship him  
must worship in  
Spirit and truth."*

~John 4:5-42



## Parish Lenten Penance Service - Tuesday, March 10, 7-9 PM

### Holy Mass\*

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 5:30 PM

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

### Daily Mass\*

**MONDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM

**TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY** 6:30 AM, 8 AM

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

**SATURDAY** 8 AM

### Reconciliation\*

**WEDNESDAY** 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

**SATURDAY** 9 AM

Or, schedule a Confession with one of our priests, by calling the parish office.

*\*Regular Mass and Confession times may change. Find this week's calendar in the weekly bulletin or on our website.*



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## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:30 AM Dolores Chichy †  
8:00 AM For the needs of parishioners as we begin the week.  
5:30 PM Joann Paesano †

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:30 AM Intention for the Finn Family  
8:00 AM Bill Sauer †

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:30 AM Dolores Chichy †  
5:30 PM Catherine Anderson †

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 6:30 AM Quentin & Sally Heimerman †  
8:00 AM Alan Pauley †

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 6:30 AM Mary & Donald Frick †  
8:00 AM Mark Smith †

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:00 AM Judith Heimerman †  
5:30 PM Doug Romer †

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:15 AM For the People of St. Brendan Parish  
8:45 AM Valencia/Eugenio Family †  
10:45 AM Fred Buerkle †  
5:30 PM Janet Cecilia Giese †

† *Intentions for deceased.*

*Mass Intention envelopes are found in the Church Gathering Area to fill out & return to the Parish Office. There are open dates on our Mass Intention calendar starting in April.*



## Congratulations

### ON THE BAPTISMS OF:

Rhema Camille Hartley  
Penelope Susan Hoying  
Gabriel Patrick Adelman

## FROM OUR PASTOR

**ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** – In today's Gospel, we witness a life-changing encounter between a woman and Jesus Christ. The woman is going about her daily business – going to the village well for water. People normally did that chore in the early part of the day before the high sun set in along with the heat of the day, but she chose to go to the well at the Noonday hour. Why that time? Because it would be quiet at the well – she would likely not encounter any villagers there. The woman was apparently “known” in the town, having had five husbands, and would risk ridicule and be the subject of gossip going to the well earlier in the day when it would be busy with villagers. Jesus “knows” the woman – not in the same way as the villagers, but as one who wants to encounter her. Jesus notes: “...you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband” (Jn 4:18). But Jesus is not saying this to shame or ridicule her. Jesus is simply pointing out an aspect of her life, and this encounter with Him is an opportunity to change her life moving forward. The woman, seeing that Jesus, a stranger, knows about her, initially reacts: “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet” (Jn 4:19).

As their conversation progresses, she will see that Jesus is more than just a prophet, He is the Messiah. Jesus, knows that the woman thirsted for more than just the water available at Jacob's well – He offers her living water: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (Jn 4:13-14). The woman, joyous about her encounter with Christ, and the desire to have this living water, responds: “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water” (Jn 4:15). The woman, who once avoided the villagers, now goes and spreads the news of her encounter and shares this good news with the villagers who respond with zeal: “Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world’” (Jn 4:42-43).

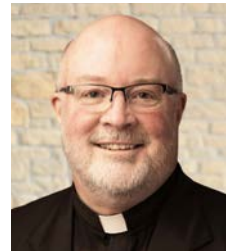
What about each of us? How do we respond to Jesus who reaches out to us, who encounters each of us in the living word of Scripture? Each of us has the choice to draw water only from the well every day or to also accept the living water that Jesus offers us. What is this living water? Put simply, we could describe this living water that Jesus offers us as the love of God revealed to us by the Divine Word of God. If we don't receive this living water from Jesus every day, we will look for satisfaction in ways that will never please. No wonder the woman at the well was now in her sixth marriage.

And so, today we might ask ourselves what is the driving force of our lives at this moment? If we are not drinking the living water of Jesus every day, surely the first step is to admit that we need this living water that Jesus is offering. Nothing will ever change if we continue to deny we need the living water of Jesus. Then we can turn to Jesus for His living water. How can we receive this living water from Jesus? Each of us can begin by praying every day and reading Scripture every day, which is one of the reasons why I include the **LECTIO DIVINA** in the bulletin each week. I personally believe that setting time aside each day, first thing in the morning, to read Scripture and to pray is the best way for everyone to regularly receive this life-giving, nourishing “living water.” Every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist we are being nourished with His “living water.” Every time we turn to Jesus for mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we receive “living water” from Jesus. This time of Lent is a special season of grace in the Church. Let's not go through life spiritually parched, folks – Christ reaches out to encounter us as He did the woman at the well; let's take hold of Him and receive all that He offers us for our salvation.

**THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED ST. JOSEPH** – During this month, find information in the bulletin to help you grow closer to Saint Joseph and to turn to him in prayer and devotion. Find the information in this bulletin on the next page.

**THREE PARISH TROOPS, THREE BISHOP'S AWARDS** – Congratulations to all three of our scouting troops here at Saint Brendan's – Golden Eagles, the Cub Pack, and American Heritage Girls – who received, respectively, the Bishop's Parish Award! (View photos on page 15.) If you have a son or daughter who may be interested in all that these scouting programs offer, visit: <https://stbrendans.net/ministries/youth>

*Fr. Mike*  
Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor



# Month of March: Dedicated to Saint Joseph

**FIVE WAYS ST. JOSEPH CAN HELP YOUR LENT** Article by Father Joseph Martin Hagan, O.P.



**How can St. Joseph help you this Lent? I propose five ways:**

**1. Simplicity:** In John 6, when Jesus boldly declares, “I am the bread of life,” his hearers murmur among themselves and ask, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?” (Jn 6:41). Apparently, they considered Joseph to be just a regular, law-abiding Jew—an average Joe, if you will. By implication, Joseph didn’t go around Nazareth working miracles and polishing his halo; rather, he lived his holiness wrapped in simplicity.

Every year on Ash Wednesday, we hear: “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them” (Mt 6:1). Our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should be kept for God’s eyes only. Yet we should also remember Jesus’ words earlier in the Sermon on the Mount: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Mt 5:16). The key difference is simplicity. When we act simply, we take no heed of our glory, but seek God’s alone. Such simplicity is a modesty of soul, guarding the intimacy we have with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

**2. Work:** On May 1, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He is a saint who knows how to roll up his sleeves and put in a hard day’s work. Joseph reminds us of the dignity of work, beautifully captured in *Gaudium et Spes*: “Through labor offered to God, man is associated with the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, Who conferred an eminent dignity on labor when at Nazareth He worked with His own hands” (GS 67).

Lent is a good time to live out this dignity of work by imitating St. Joseph. God draws us to Himself through the ordinary means of simply fulfilling our tasks. We need not search for extraordinary acts of penance or lengthy prayers, especially if these detract from our normal duties. So, before we add on extra practices, we should redouble our attentiveness to the work already before us.

**3. Rest:** While Joseph shows us the dignity of work, he had some of his best moments as he slept. It was here that God spoke to him repeatedly through dreams. We can distinguish two types of rest: physical sleep and spiritual abandonment to God. Both are critical for holiness. Sleep renews us for another day of work and love. Just ask the mother of a newborn about the importance of sleep. Abandonment increases our hope in God’s loving providence, strengthening our faith in times of trials and creating room for love to grow. By both sleep and abandonment, we recognize our limits: we need sleep and we need God. We can see this pairing in the beginning of Psalm 127: If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor; if the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, your going later to rest, you who toil for the bread you eat, when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber. This Psalm proclaims the futility of all-nighters and the emptiness of self-made saints. Psalm 127 is a good reminder during Lent, as we up the ante with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are not exercises of our sheer willpower. Our practices on their own do not make us holy. God makes us holy. And sometimes, God bids us to rest.

Remember the words of Moses to the Israelites as Pharaoh pursued them: “The LORD will fight for you; you have only to keep still” (Ex 14:14), as well as the words of Isaiah: “By waiting and by calm you shall be saved; in quiet and in trust shall be your strength” (Is 30:15).

**4. Family:** Joseph was a great man, but where would he be without his family, without Jesus and Mary? I doubt he would make many appearances in 21st-century blog posts—most 1st-century Jewish carpenters don’t.

Joseph’s holiness came through Jesus and Mary, by serving them and receiving from them. Similarly, God draws us to Himself through those around us. We do not become saints as isolated individuals, but as members of a family or community. With their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a readier path to human maturity, salvation and holiness” (GS 48).

Lent is a good opportunity to examine our closest relationships. Is there a need to forgive? Is there love that needs rekindling? Is there gratitude missing? These are excellent ways of giving alms.

**5. Jesus and Mary:** Of course, Joseph’s family isn’t your normal family. There’s a special grace about Jesus and Mary (understatement of the year). If we compare our families to the Holy Family, we might be tempted to discouragement. But by God’s goodness, Jesus and Mary are not distant, but rather intimately close to us: Jesus is our savior and brother, and Mary is our tender mother. Joseph, for his part, can help us stay close to Jesus and Mary, just as he did.

In the end, all of our Lenten practices are simply saying “yes” to Jesus, just as Mary first did at the Annunciation. May Mary pray for us, and may Jesus bring us to the Father.

*Article is made available courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.*

**JOIN THE PIOUS UNION OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
*O Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus Christ and true spouse of the Virgin Mary; pray for us, and for the suffering and dying of this day/night. St. Joseph, Pray for us!*

Members of the Pious Union of Saint Joseph honor St. Joseph on March 19, his Feast Day and every Wednesday, to ask his intercession

in aiding us as we pass from this world. We pray daily for his intercession for the dying while sacrificing and offering our good works for their benefit. There is no cost to join. A freewill offering when enrolling and annual stipend is sufficient and not a requirement of membership. The sole commitment of membership

is to **recite the Saint Joseph prayer**, (prayer of the Pious Union) every day for the benefit of the suffering and dying, trusting in his intercession. To become a member, fill out the form (and/or give a donation) at: <https://piousunionofstjoseph.org/membership/>

# THE SURRENDER NOVENA

## LET JESUS TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING

By Maura Roan McKeegan, courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

Jesus abandoned Himself completely to His Father's will. The Surrender Novena gives us a way to follow Jesus in His total abandonment.

*"O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!"*

This simple refrain captured my heart from the first time I heard it. I had never heard of the Surrender Novena—the prayer from which these words were taken—nor of Don Dolindo, its author, but I was so taken with this powerful prayer that I immediately wanted to learn more about both.

As it turns out, Servant of God, Don Dolindo Ruotolo, was a contemporary and friend of someone I have written about many times: Padre Pio. St. Pio said Don Dolindo was a "saint" and that "the whole of Paradise" was in his soul.

Don Dolindo called himself "Mary's little old man." He lived in great poverty, refusing offers of financial assistance because he wanted to remain poor. He opened his arms without fear to embrace contagious sick people, caressing and kissing them. He offered himself as a victim soul for mankind, and was afflicted with many sufferings, including paralysis for the last ten years of his life. But he suffered willingly, because he suffered for love.

He also had the gift of prophecy, writing to Bishop Huilica in 1965 that "a new John will rise out of Poland with heroic steps to break the chains beyond the boundaries imposed by the communist tyranny." This prophecy was realized in Pope John Paul II.

Many miracles have been attributed to Don Dolindo's intercession, both before and after his death.

Don Dolindo received from Jesus the words of the Surrender Novena. It is a prayer that is especially timely now, when world events feel out of control, and we are trying to grow in trust and abandonment to God's providence.

"You see evil growing instead of weakening?" Jesus says in this prayer. "Do not worry. Close your eyes and say to me with faith: 'Thy will be done, You take care of it.' I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed."

It's also timely when our own personal suffering is threatening to overwhelm us and steal our peace. "Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say, 'You take care of it,' I will take care of it," Jesus' words in the prayer assure us.

As I write this, I have been holding back tears, because I just found out that, at least for the remainder of Lent, we will not be able to attend Mass in our diocese because of the pandemic. The idea of not being able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, especially during a crisis, is crushing.

Yet this great suffering, this separation, is a chance to be united with Jesus in the Garden and on Calvary. We can join with Him, in a small way, in the isolation, loneliness, distance from God, and abandonment He felt. In being with Him there, we can console His Sacred Heart.

Jesus abandoned Himself completely to His Father's will. As this Lent unfolds before us in ways we never imagined, Don Dolindo's Surrender Novena gives us a way to follow Jesus in His total abandonment, and to let Him "take care of everything."



Lent 2026

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MARCH 10 PARISH LENTEN  
PENANCE SERVICE  
Tuesday, 7–9 PM

MARCH 13 STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
8:30 AM and 7 PM  
Fridays during Lent, in the Church



## Lenten Fish Fry is March 13

Help fund our 8th grade school trip and enjoy some delicious food! Our student-run Lenten Fish Fry is 4:30-7 PM in the school. Remaining Fish Fry dates are: March 13, 20 & 27. (Shrimp is served March 27.) Find the prices and menu at [www.tinyurl.com/events4stb](http://www.tinyurl.com/events4stb)



## EASTER LILIES FOR THE ALTAR

Contributions of \$10 per lily can be made in memory of a loved one, or for a special intention. Make your request(s) and pay with debit/credit card by filling out the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/2026lilies4altar> or via the QR code. Orders received by March 23 will be published in Easter Sunday's bulletin. Questions? Email [accounting@stbrendans.net](mailto:accounting@stbrendans.net)

## THE SURRENDER NOVENA

### Day 1

Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations.

*"O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!" (10 TIMES)*

### Day 2

Surrender to me does not mean to fret, to be upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to me a worried prayer asking me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything. It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way. Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in my care, so that only I act, saying, "You take care of it."

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### Day 3

How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need, turns to me, looks at me and says to me, "You take care of it," then closes its eyes and rests. In pain you pray for me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to me, instead, you want me to adapt to your ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to. So do not act this way, but pray as I taught you in the Our Father: "Hallowed be thy Name," that is, be glorified in my need. "Thy kingdom come," that is, let all that is in us and in the world be in accord with your kingdom. "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven," that is, in our need, decide as you see fit for our temporal and eternal life. If you say to me truly: "Thy will be done," which is the same as saying: "You take care of it," I will intervene with all my omnipotence, and I will resolve the most difficult situations.

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### Day 4

You see evil growing instead of weakening? Do not worry. Close your eyes and say to me with faith: "Thy will be done, You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say, "You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than my loving intervention. By my love, I promise this to you.

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### Day 5

And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms, on the other bank of the river. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts and worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts you.

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### Day 6

You are sleepless; you want to judge everything, direct everything and see to everything and you surrender to human strength, or worse—to men themselves, trusting in their intervention—this is what hinders my words and my views. Oh, how much I wish from you this surrender, to help you; and how I suffer when I see you so agitated! Satan tries to do exactly this: to agitate you and to remove you from my protection and to throw you into the jaws of human initiative. So, trust only in me, rest in me, surrender to me in everything.

*"O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!" (10 TIMES)*

### Day 7

I perform miracles in proportion to your full surrender to me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever performed miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don't think about it anymore, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs, do this, all of you, and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things, I promise this to you.

*"O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!" (10 TIMES)*

### Day 8

Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say, "You take care of it," I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you.

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### Day 9

Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance, and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, "Jesus, you take care of it." Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this.

*"O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!" (10 TIMES)*

Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you, I always want to belong completely to Jesus. Amen.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Try making Adoration a weekly or even a monthly habit and see how spending this quiet time with our Lord can be life-changing! Sign up to adore at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/> Then, sign in at the Chapel kiosk when you arrive.



**MON. 6 PM–10 PM**

**TUES. 8:30 AM–10 PM**

**WED. 7 AM–5 PM**

*Holy Hour, 6-7 PM w/Confession*

**THUR. 8:30 AM–10 PM**

**FRI. 8:30 AM–10 PM**

*And First Fridays, 8:30 AM–Saturday, 1 PM*

**SAT. 8:30 AM–1 PM**

**SUN. 6:30 PM–10 PM**

## Financial Stewardship

**MARCH 1, 2026 OFFERTORY**

**Weekly Offertory** \$51,919  
(Cash, checks, online giving)

**Weekly Budgeted Offertory** \$48,875



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online giving

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

### Come Pray With Us! - March 25

Every year, the Greater Columbus community unites with hundreds of cities from all 50 states in the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers pray that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. This peaceful prayer vigil takes place at Planned Parenthood (3255 E Main Street) abortion facility in Columbus. Participants are asked to volunteer for one-hour shifts. This year's prayer vigil runs February 18-March 29 and St. Brendan has adopted Saturday, March 25 as our vigil day.

Visit <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public> to accept the "Need" in ParishStaq (or just show up) and join other St. Brendan parishioners from 9 AM–12 PM, March 25. Prayer truly makes a difference, so if you are unable to join us at the vigil location, we encourage you to sign up for an hour to pray at our Adoration Chapel, at your home or wherever you are during that day and time. Questions? Contact Timothy Reno at [tireno04@gmail.com](mailto:tireno04@gmail.com)

## Diocesan 40 Days of Adoration

The Columbus Diocese's annual Lenten **40 Days of Adoration** is currently underway. View the full schedule of Adoration days, times and parish locations taking place around our diocese during Lent this year by visiting [www.columbuscatholic.org/40days](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/40days)



## Vatican News Feed on Our Website...

The Vatican News Feed is now available on our parish website at [stbrendans.net](http://stbrendans.net) (on the bottom of the home page.) Bishop Fernandes has worked with the Dicastery of Communications in Rome and the Catholic Foundation to be able to provide this free news service to the parishes of the Diocese of Columbus.

**The Vatican feed is divided into three parts and contains:**

- 1) Videos constantly and automatically updated featuring Pope Leo.
- 2) News ticker about the Pope, the Holy See, and the universal Church.
- 3) Link to [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va), the website of the Holy See with the Pope's texts.

The feed features articles on the Pope and main events that take place in Rome and in the universal Church, but also a number of materials that can be used for pastoral work, education, and prayer. This service will help strengthen the communion of American and worldwide dioceses and parishes with the Successor of Peter, a pressing need especially in this era of fake, AI generated content. The Vatican considers this initiative important in that the Pontiff's mother tongue is English and, for the first time in history, the Pastor of the universal Church is a citizen of the United States. The feed is already on the Diocese of Columbus and *The Catholic Times* websites and we are happy to provide it on our website as well.

## Pray the Rosary with Us on Saturdays

St. Brendan Knights of Columbus lead us in praying the Rosary after Saturday 8 AM Mass. (Guides available in the Gathering Area.)

**ST BRENDAN MEN**  
**ESTO VIR**  
BE A MAN

# PIZZA, PIES AND GUYS!

**Saturday**  
**March 21**  
**6:30 PM**

Join other men of the parish for some social time!

Take in a game on the big screens in the Davidson Rooms. Pizzas and pies will be served!

## Seniors NOW NAVIGATING OUR WAY (FOR AGES 65+)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 12 PM:** Lunch at BJ's Brewhouse, located at 5141 Tuttle Crossing, Dublin. RSVP to Jerry at [pricej62@gmail.com](mailto:pricej62@gmail.com)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3** – Good Friday: No First Friday Mass or breakfast.

## Green Bin Donations to Support J.O.I.N.

The Green Bin in our Gathering Area is located by the Maroon Center, across from the Lost and Found cabinet and is a beacon of hope! It has two sides: the right side is for donations for the Hilliard Food Pantry and the left is for donations to JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs). JOIN is currently requesting our assistance in their efforts to help our neighbors in need.



Let's come together as a community of faith and action. The Green Bin is waiting for your love, compassion and generosity, so let's fill it to the brim during Lent! JOIN and those they serve thank you for your continued support! **Items currently needed the most are: Toiletries** (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lotion, etc.), **Diapers** (sizes 4, 5 & 6) and **Baby Wipes**. Questions? Contact Heather Carrier (SVdP) at [heathercsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:heathercsvdp@gmail.com)

## Join the 2026 Parish Festival Committee

There are two vacant leadership positions to fill for this summer's Parish Festival: **Silent Auction** and **Sponsorships** co-chairs. All training is provided/no experience needed! If interested, email Nick Astalos at [astalosnick@gmail.com](mailto:astalosnick@gmail.com) or Pat Hamrock at [pat.hamrock@att.net](mailto:pat.hamrock@att.net)

## The Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ." We are looking for a few prayerful women to be trained to coordinate this blessed endeavor in our Parish. If interested, contact Wendy Ferkany at [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)

## OCIA Sponsors & Table Leaders Needed

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) sponsors and table leaders are needed for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. Several of our candidates in the current OCIA cohort need a sponsor to attend sessions alongside them, pray with them and for them, serve as a witness to our faith, and provide guidance and support! Table leaders are needed to help facilitate and guide the conversation. The weekly OCIA sessions are Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Sponsors attend the OCIA sessions and Rites with their candidates, a commitment of up to 6 months. To sign up, complete a Sponsor Form found at <https://tinyurl.com/sponsor4ocia> or on the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Wendy at [wferkany@stbrendans.net](mailto:wferkany@stbrendans.net)

*food for  
thought*

~James 1:12

*"Blessed is the person who keeps on going when times are hard. After they come through hard times, this person will receive a crown. The crown is life itself. The Lord has promised it to those who love him."*

## Help Support Catholic Radio & Deacon Yglesias!



Deacon Doug Yglesias is stepping up to the cornhole boards and giving it his best shot to support local St. Gabriel Catholic radio, AM 820. Give him a head start with your early online gift at [www.StGabrielRadio.com](http://www.StGabrielRadio.com) Every early donation means extra tosses for our deacon for the tournament, March 18–20! Deacon Yglesias will be on the radio Thursday, March 19 from 11:30 AM–12:15 PM.

## Catholic Conference Recap

If you missed the Columbus Catholic Men or Women's Conferences, listen to the speakers now on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio by visiting <https://stgabrielradio.com/category/local-programs-archive/conferences/>

## Remember a Loved One



There is a monument made out of the rock from Mount Sinai located at St. Brendan which is surrounded with memorial bricks to honor and remember parish family members.

St. Brendan KofC Council 11208 invites you to

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# SACRAMENTALLY SPEAKING: BAPTISM

**SELECTING THE RIGHT GODPARENTS** Article by by Fr. William Saunders, courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

The role of the godparent for Baptism is rooted in the role of the sponsor in the catechumenate, which originated in the early Church. Recall that until the year 313, the Church was under the persecution of the Roman Empire and had to be cautious in conducting its affairs so as to prevent pagan infiltration and persecution. Also, until the Middle Ages, the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation — were administered at once. The role of the sponsor then was to attest to the integrity of the person, oftentimes an adult, seeking admission into the Church as well as to assist him or her during the catechumenate in preparing for these sacraments and in living a Christian life. For infants, these sponsors would also make the Profession of Faith in the child's name, and accept the responsibility of instructing the child in the faith, especially if the parents failed in this duty. About the year 800 when infant Baptism was truly the norm, such a sponsor was called "patrinus," or "godfather." Traditionally, we identify the sponsor of a child for Baptism as the godparent — godmother or godfather, but the technical term remains "sponsor."

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, "Insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the Baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it" (No. 872). This statement clearly reflects the historical roots of the role of sponsor.

**To be a sponsor, a person must be chosen by the person to be baptized, or by the parents or guardians of a child, or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister of the sacrament. The sponsor must not only have the intention of being a sponsor but also meet proper qualifications. The sponsor must have completed his or her 16th year unless the Bishop has established another age for sponsorship, or the pastor or minister judges that a just cause warrants an exception to the rule. He or she must be a registered, active, practicing Catholic who has received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." Moreover, the sponsor cannot be impeded by some canonical penalty. Ideally, this sponsor at Baptism should also be the sponsor for Confirmation. Note that the mother and father of the child cannot serve as sponsors. Also note that these are the same requirements for confirmation sponsors. (Cf. *Code of Canon Law*, No. 874.1).**

Strictly speaking, a person only needs one godparent for Baptism — male or female, but should have two godparents, one male and one female. Here the *Code of Canon Law* wants to eliminate the practice of having numerous godparents or even sponsors, as has occurred in some cultures (No. 873).

Also, in the case of an emergency, such as imminent death, no godparent or sponsor is needed.

Here we should pause to clarify who qualifies as a Catholic godparent. A Catholic who does not practice the faith by regularly attending Mass or who is in an invalid marriage disqualifies him or herself from being a godparent. Moreover, if a person is Catholic but antagonistic to the faith, i.e., has the attitude "I am a Catholic but...", and would not be a good example and witness to the faith, this also disqualifies him or herself. If a person is not striving to fulfill his or her own obligations of Baptism and Confirmation, he or she will not fulfill the responsibilities of helping another to do so.

As a pastor, I am truly perturbed each time someone comes by the rectory office and wants me to sign a certificate and attest that he or she is a practicing Catholic when I do not recognize them, they have not registered in the parish and they do not attend Mass faithfully. In justice, I cannot meet such a request.

Parents need to find good practicing Catholics for godparents. Sadly, this task can be very difficult in today's world. The best place is to look for relatives, even grandparents, who have a blood relationship with the godchild and have kept the faith over the years. Good friends are also appropriate, but sometimes friendships wane, leaving the godchild without an active godparent. Godparents should be faithful individuals who are ready to accept the responsibility of being a part of a godchild's life for the rest of his life.

What if someone would like to have a faithful Protestant friend as a sponsor? Only Catholics in good standing can be godparents or sponsors. A Christian of another denomination, whether Orthodox or Protestant, however, may be a "Christian witness" to the Baptism along with the Catholic godparent. The reason for this distinction and restriction is that the godparent not only is taking responsibility for the religious education and spiritual formation of the baptized person, but also is representing the Church, the community of faith, into which the person is being baptized. A Christian who is not Catholic, although perhaps a very holy Christian, cannot fully attest to the beliefs of the Catholic Church. Likewise, a Catholic can only be a Christian witness for someone who is baptized into another Christian denomination (Cf. Vatican II, "Decree on Ecumenism," No. 57).

In all, godparents serve a special role in the life of the baptized person. Therefore, each parent should choose a godparent not just because of a blood relationship or friendship; rather, a godparent should be a trustworthy witness of the Catholic faith who will help the godchild attain salvation.

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph*

***“God sees you in secret. Know that He sees into your very depths, infinitely further than you do yourself. Make a simple, lively act of faith in His presence. Christian soul, place yourself entirely under His gaze. He is very near. ... O Light that enlightens the world! O Life that gives life to all the living! O Truth that feeds us all! O Good that satisfies all! O Love that binds us together! I praise You, my heavenly Father, Who sees me in secret.”***

~EXCERPTED FROM *MEDITATIONS FOR LENT* BY BISHOP JACQUES-BENIGNE BOSSUET

### **Monday, March 9 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**

#### **Optional Memorial: Saint Frances of Rome**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 4:24-30** Jesus said to the people in the synagogue at Nazareth: “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

**Meditation:** When Jesus went to his hometown and spoke in the synagogue, his statement that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people was rather startling to those in attendance. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the “chosen ones” of Israel. They regarded gentiles as “fuel for the fires of hell.” Jesus’ praise for “outsiders” caused them offence because they were blind sighted to God’s mercy and plan of redemption for all nations. The word of warning and judgment spoken by Jesus was met with hostility by his own people. They forcibly threw him out of the city and would have done him harm had he not stopped them. The Lord offers us freedom and pardon and the grace to walk in his way of righteousness. His discipline is for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). Food for thought: “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates reproof is stupid” (Proverbs 12:1).

**Prayer:** May your unfailing compassion, O Lord, cleanse and protect your Church, and since without you she cannot stand secure, may she be always governed by your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What limits God’s grace and power in our lives to undergo change and transformation of mind and heart? Our indifference and lack of faith for starters! The prophets confronted God’s people with their indifference and unbelief. God’s grace and mercy is offered freely to those who seek it with sincerity, repentance, and faith. When Naaman, a non-Jew went to Jerusalem to seek a cure, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe in the river. In faith he obeyed and was healed. Jesus did not hesitate to confront his own people with their indifference and unbelief. Have you looked at where your faith life is? Are you indifferent? Are you lukewarm about your faith, and how you live out your faith? If so, it’s time to set your faith on fire. But you need first to rid yourself of those things which hold you back – whatever they may be. Pray that you will rid yourself of these barriers. Then free from those things which hold us back, may our faith lives flourish and bear much fruit.

### **Tuesday, March 10 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35** Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not

seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

**Meditation:** Who wouldn't be grateful to have someone release them from their debts? But can we really expect mercy and pardon when we owe someone a great deal? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money – millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province – more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one-hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater!

**Prayer:** May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** There is no way we could repay God the debt we owed him because of our sins and offenses. Only his mercy and pardon could free us from such a debt. Despite how we may feel at times toward people in our lives, there is no offense our neighbor can do to us that can compare with our debt to God! If God has forgiven each of us our debt, we, too must forgive others the debt they owe us. Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross – which atoned for our sins – each one of us have been forgiven a debt beyond all reckoning. It cost God his very own Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to ransom us with the price of his blood. Jesus paid the price for us and won for us pardon for our sins and freedom from slavery to our unruly desires and sinful habits. God in his mercy offers us the grace and help of his Holy Spirit so we can love as he loves, pardon as he pardons, and treat others with the same mercy and kindness which he has shown to us. God has made his peace with us. Have you made your peace with God? Have you reconciled yourself with God? Especially during Lent we are called to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another. A healthy trip to the confessional to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a first and important start. Have you been to confession lately? If not, why not?

### **Wednesday, March 11 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19** Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."

**Meditation:** Notice how Jesus consistently taught reverence for God's law – reverence for God himself, for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love – love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to men and women is possible to God and those who put their faith and trust in God. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord transforms us and makes us like himself. We are a new creation in Christ (ref. 2 Cor. 5:17) because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy

Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). God gives us the grace to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think as he thinks, and to act as he acts. The Lord loves justice and goodness and he hates every form of wickedness and sin. He wants to set us free from our unruly desires and sinful habits, so that we can choose to live each day in the peace, joy, and righteousness of his Holy Spirit (ref. Romans 14: 17). To renounce sin is to turn away from what is harmful and destructive for our minds and hearts, and our very lives. As his followers we must love and respect his commandments and hate every form of sin. Do you love and revere the commands of the Lord?

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, schooled through Lenten observance and nourished by your word, through holy restraint we may be devoted to you with all our heart and be ever united in prayer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** How do you look upon the laws of God? Negatively? Positively? Pick-and-choose when it suits you (the old "cafeteria Catholic" approach)? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the Ten Commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law. It placed burdens on people which God had not intended. Jesus, however, made it very clear that the essence of God's law – his commandments and his way of life – must be fulfilled. So, once again, how do you view God's law? How do you put God's law into action and practice in your daily life?

### **Thursday, March 12 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-23** Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute, and when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke and the crowds were amazed. Some of them said, "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

**Meditation:** Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battled with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry. He overcame the evil one through his obedience to the will of his Father. Some of the Jewish leaders reacted vehemently to Jesus' healings and exorcisms and they opposed him with malicious slander. How could he get the power and authority to release individuals from Satan's power? They assumed that he had to be in league with Satan. They attributed his power to Satan rather than to God. Jesus answers their charge with two arguments. There were many exorcists in Palestine in Jesus' time. So Jesus retorted by saying that they also incriminate their own kin who cast out demons. If they condemn Jesus they also condemn themselves. In his second argument he asserts that no kingdom divided against itself cannot survive for long. We have witnessed enough civil wars in our own time to prove the destructive force at work here for the annihilation of whole peoples and their land. If Satan lends his power against his own forces then he is finished. How can a strong person be defeated except by someone who is stronger? Jesus asserted his power and authority to cast out demons as a clear demonstration of the reign of God. Jesus' reference to the finger of God points back to Moses' confrontation with Pharaoh and his magicians who represented Satan and the kingdom of darkness (see Exodus 8:19).

**Prayer:** We implore your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as the feast of our salvation draws ever closer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly towards the worthy celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** We live in a world of compromise – people searching for some type of middle ground in an attempt to satisfy everyone. This approach is fine for ordering a pizza – one wants pepperoni, another wants mushroom, so you split and get half pepperoni and half mushroom. But what about our faith? What

is the price of compromise when it comes to our faith? There are some aspects of our life that we just cannot afford to compromise on – *especially* our faith life: the laws of God, the teachings of Christ, and the teachings of the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Remember, the teachings of the Church have their foundation in the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ and are applied to every day contemporary situations. Jesus makes it clear that there are no neutral parties. We are either for Jesus or we are against him – we are for the kingdom of God or against it. Once we start going down the road of compromise, we turn against God and Jesus, because we begin to place our will above and before the will of God (sound familiar – Adam and Eve?). There are two kingdoms in opposition to one another – the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness under the rule of Satan. If we disobey God’s word – if we compromise God’s word – then we open the door to the power of sin and Satan in our lives. If you want to live in freedom from sin and Satan, then your house – your life and all you possess – must be occupied by Jesus where he is enthroned as Lord and Savior. Is the Lord Jesus the Master of your home, heart, mind, and will?

### **Friday, March 13 ~ Third Week in the Season of Lent**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28-34** One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Jesus replied, “The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! / The Lord our God is Lord alone! / You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, / with all your soul, / with all your mind, / and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these.” The scribe said to him, “Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, *He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, / with all your understanding, / with all your strength. / And to love your neighbor as yourself* is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**Meditation:** The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the six hundred and thirteen precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God’s love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will. What, then, makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves.

**Prayer:** Pour your grace into our hearts, we pray, O Lord, that we may be constantly drawn away from unruly desires and obey by your own gift the heavenly teaching you give us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** In light of today’s gospel, the following prayer of Saint Anselm is worth contemplating today: “We love you, O our God; and we desire to love you more and more. Grant to us that we may love you as much as we desire, and as much as we ought. O dearest friend, who has so loved and saved us, the thought of whom is so sweet and always growing sweeter, come with Christ and dwell in our hearts; that you keep a watch over our lips, our steps, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies. Give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of your love to us, that we may love others as you love us. O most loving Father of Jesus Christ, from whom flows all love, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to you and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire. So help and bless us in your Son.”

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*"Let your yes  
mean yes  
and your no  
mean no..."*

~ Matthew 5:37

## FROM THE RITE OF BAPTISM

**CELEBRANT:** Parents, you have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the Faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

**PARENTS:** We do.

**CELEBRANT:** Godparents, are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

**GODPARENTS:** We are.

**CELEBRANT:** Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present this child for Baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit he/she is to receive the gift of new life from God, Who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of the Faith. See that the divine life which God gives him/her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her heart. If your Faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own Baptism. Reject sin; profess your Faith in Christ Jesus. This is the Faith of the Church. This is the Faith in which this child is about to be baptized.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

**PARENTS & GODPARENTS:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you reject the glamor of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

**PARENTS & GODPARENTS:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

**PARENTS & GODPARENTS:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**PARENTS & GODPARENTS:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**PARENTS & GODPARENTS:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**PARENTS & GODPARENTS:** I do.

**CELEBRANT:** This is our Faith. This is the Faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. All: Amen.

## Weekly/Monthly Groups

### Grief Support Group

**Luncheon:** 2nd Thursdays, 1 PM, meet at La Chatelaine Restaurant in Dublin.

**Workshop,** 4th Sundays, 7 PM, meet in the Carter Center.

### The Melchizedek Project

For young men discerning priesthood.

Join us on fourth Mondays each month in the Carter Center by emailing Father

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

### Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup

Catch up with other moms twice monthly on Wednesdays at 9:45-11:15 AM in the Pod Nursery as your kids play. Questions?

Email Regina: [thelonggears@gmail.com](mailto:thelonggears@gmail.com)

### St. Brendan Young Adults

For those in their 20s & 30s, meet on second Wednesdays monthly, 7-9 PM.

Women meet off-campus. Men meet in the Carter Center. To join, email Jorden at [freydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:freydesigns@gmail.com)

### Esto Vir Men's Ministry

**Saturdays, 6:30 AM, Esto Vir** – Men meet in the Davidson Room for *The Chosen Season 4* and *Sharing Our Story* sessions.

**Tuesdays, 6:30 AM Men's Studies** in the Davidson Room. Series on Scripture, Early Church Fathers and the Saints. Questions? Email Grant Rice at [ricekris8813@att.net](mailto:ricekris8813@att.net)

### Prayer Shawl Workshop

Third Wednesdays monthly, in the Carter Center. Email Kathy at [kendriz@aol.com](mailto:kendriz@aol.com) or Karen at [kkessmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kkessmith@yahoo.com)

## Spiritual/Mental Support

### iTHIRST Spiritual Companions

For details on iThirst Spiritual Companions (we have three of them in our parish!), visit [www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst](http://www.opendoorwomensrecovery.org/ithirst) or for questions, please email [info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com](mailto:info.ithirstcolumbus@gmail.com)

### Lumin Counseling

Lumin is a private practice of therapists with Catholic and Christian backgrounds with their main office in Westerville and a satellite office here on our campus. For details, visit <https://lumin-therapy.com/>

### Mental/Spiritual CareNote Booklets

CareNote booklets to lift your spirits, free of charge, are available on the bookshelf by the Chapel and find grief support CareNotes on the Lost & Found cabinet.

# Community Calendar

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Church Cleaning	Church & Chapel
9:00 AM	Catholic Way Study: Gospel of John	Wellnitz Room 1
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW Luncheon (Off-site)	BJ Brewhouse, Dublin
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	Seek & Root Family Session	Davidson Rooms A & B

## TUESDAY, MARCH 10

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	Parish Penance Service	Church

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Church
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
7:00 PM	Young Adult Men's Group	Carter Center
7:00 PM	Young Adult Women's Group	Off-site

## THURSDAY, MARCH 12

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:00 AM	Women's Lenten AM Scripture Study	Davidson Rooms A & B
1:00 PM	Grief Support Lunch (Off-site)	La Chatelaine, Dublin
7:00 PM	Women's Lenten PM Scripture Study	Davidson Rooms A & B

## FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM	Stations of the Cross	Church
4:30 PM	Fish Fry	School
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
7:00 PM	VINE: Women's Night	Carter Center

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry AM	Davidson Rooms A & B
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Church
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rooms A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
5:00 PM	Teen OCIA	Wellnitz Room 1
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym
6:45 PM	Middle School Small Groups	Multiple Locations

**Incense Schedule**

No incense in March.





# Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **hospitalized, ill at home** or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, [www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List](http://www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List) or call the parish office. List is updated every 3-6 mos., so if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please 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
Connie Carrino	Robert Zapp
Lisa Lynch	Ryan Yoder
Sara Conway	Chris Carrino
Sean Grier	Shirley Tornik
Alma Harding	Paula Jordan
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Richard Walls
Eileen Wilson	Marian Woolum
Dionisia Virtudazo	Dochia Finsterbusch
Ryan Diepenbrock	Dick Snyder
Brenda Bezan	Alisha Lause
Teresa Wells	Robert William
Mary DeStefani	Mary Murphy Smith
Bryan Knapp	Daffine Papaly
Gib Bickel	Sarah Ortlieb
Kathleen McCurdy	Alida Sfalcin
Amelia Black	Alyson Barnheiser
Anna D'Ettorre	Alan LaForrest

### ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

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

### THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

The Inviting Catholics Home Ministry continues to pray daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. Find details at [www.stbrendans.net/ich](http://www.stbrendans.net/ich)

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# St. Brendan Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis

# Family Faith Formation

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## Family Faith Formation

**1ST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next First Holy Communion Family Session is Sunday, March 8 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

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

**SEEK & ROOT:** The next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, March 9 from 6-7:30 PM.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS:** The next Middle School Small Group is Sunday, March 15 from 6:45-8 PM. See your email for details and small group locations.

**CONTINUED GROWTH:** The next Continued Growth Family Session is Sunday, April 12 from 9:45-11:15 AM.

## Sacrament Preparation

To register for sacrament preparation (Confirmation or First Reconciliation and Holy Communion), please visit [www.stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation](http://www.stbrendans.net/growing-in-faith/family-faith-formation)

## Bishop's Scouting Awards

Our parish won all three scout awards as Fr. Michael Haemmerle presided over the Liturgy on Scout Sunday, recently held at St. Joseph Cathedral:

**Boy Scout Troop 859** won the Bishop's Troop Award.

**American Heritage Girls OH0516** won the Bishop's Parish Award.

**Cub Scout Pack 859** won the Bishop's Pack Award.



## CONFIRMATION IS MARCH 28

No 8 AM Mass or 9 AM Confession due to Confirmation.

## The Roots for Middle Schoolers

**ROOTS LARGE GROUP** – Monthly, in the school gym on last Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM.

**ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS** – Sunday, monthly in the library, 6:45-8:30 PM. Questions? [amarino@stbrendans.net](mailto:amarino@stbrendans.net)

## Vine for High Schoolers

Sundays at 6:30 PM. Follow @stbvine on Instagram.

**MARCH 8** No Vine: Power and Love Retreat

**MARCH 15** "How to Share the Gospel"

**MARCH 22** "Overcoming Shame"

**MARCH 29** No Vine: Palm Sunday

Questions? Contact Kara at [kshand@stbrendans.net](mailto:kshand@stbrendans.net)

Join the St Brendan Knights of Columbus to Feed the Hungry!

It's time again to support the Hilliard Food Pantry!

Let us know you can help to assemble Mac & Cheese packets (or just show up) **11:45 AM** in the Davidson Rooms on **March 22!**



## St. Brendan 2026/27 Kindergarten

Registration is now open for the 2026/2027 St. Brendan school year. Request information, schedule a tour or register at [www.stbrendans.net/school](http://www.stbrendans.net/school)

## St. Margaret of Cortona Preschool

St. Margaret of Cortona Preschool has open enrollment for the 2026-27 school year for children ages 3-5 next fall. Email [aboyd@cdeducation.org](mailto:aboyd@cdeducation.org) or visit [www.bit.ly/preschool2026](http://www.bit.ly/preschool2026)

## Auction "Fund-a-Need" Still Open

St. Brendan Home and School Association would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who supported this year's "Casino Royale" School Auction Fundraiser this Saturday. Our Fund-a-Need is still open to help update our school playground for those with special needs: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/Ls7/>



# 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) If 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

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\$75 donation (actual cost is \$109,

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## Candle Donations

\$2 donation for larger candles

and 25 cents for smaller votives.

## Ministry of Care for Homebound

Receive Eucharist at home/facility:

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## POD Nursery

Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM

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

## Navigator News / ParishStaq

To receive our parish e-newsletter,

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

create your ParishStaq account.

## Liturgical Ministry Portal

Access Ministry Scheduler Pro at:

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

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

For scheduling questions, email

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## Livestream via YouTube:

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# Around Our Diocese

## ST. PETER SPECIAL NEEDS MASS, MARCH 22

The Knights of Columbus will host a Mass for those with special needs on March 22, 5 PM at St. Peter Parish. SPICE members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments served in the Blue Room after Mass. Questions? Call 614-761-0965.

## OHIO DOMINICAN SALT & LIGHT 5K

The Salt & Light 5K Run & Walk (1216 Sunbury Rd.) in Columbus is a fundraising race to support the ODU Campus Ministry group, Salt & Light.

This year, they are partnering with Asia's Hope.

5k is April 18, and registration begins at 8 AM.

Register via the QR code and for questions or information about sponsorships, email Cole Sherburne at [sherbura@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:sherbura@ohiodominican.edu)



## BISHOP WATTERSON MEN'S NIGHT 2026

Bishop Watterson's 2026 Men's Night is Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 PM with theme, "Called to Lead, Committed to Excellence." Guest speaker is Chris Garner '88, a veteran, SEC football official and author of *Whistles and Wisdom: Lessons on Life and Leadership from an SEC Football Official*.

Tickets are \$99/person. Proceeds benefit the Msgr.

Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance.

Tickets/sponsorships at [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com)

## PRAY WITH US DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Join Our Lady of Peace Parish in praying for a different priest/seminarian of our diocese daily.

Calendar: <https://olp-parish.org/pray-for-priests>

## JOSEPHINUM "COME AND SEE WEEKEND"

The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has a "Come and See" Live-In weekend for March 20-22 (arrive 4 PM on Friday, ends 12 PM on Sunday) to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-age students) to visit the seminary for a few days to experience: seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff, introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. All meals and recreation are included – no charge to participate. If interested in attending, email [vocations@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:vocations@columbuscatholic.org) or call 614-221-5565 (or contact your parish priest.)

## IN SYMPATHY, TO THE FAMILY OF NORA LEWIS

Nora Lewis, former teacher at St. Brendan School, passed away on February 5, 2026. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday March 14 at St. Aloysius Church (2165 West Broad St., Columbus OH 43223). Service is at 11 AM with reception to follow. May she rest in peace.

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