

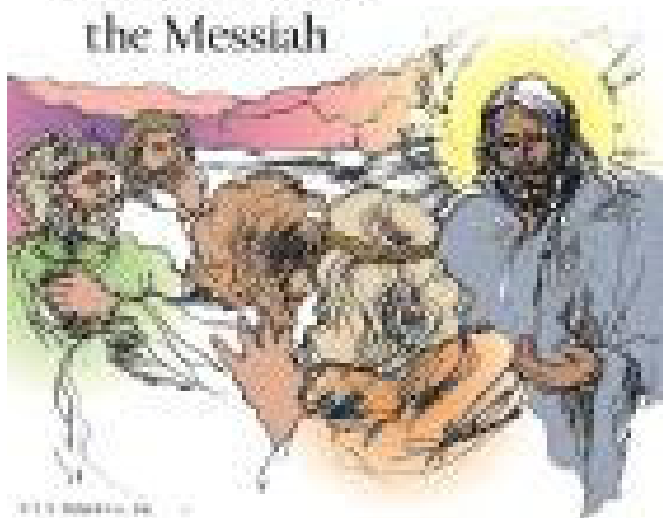
# ST. BRENDAN CHURCH

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January 17, 2021  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Mass intentions for the week:

### Monday, January 18—

8:15 am Julio Bellot (D)  
Candida Pardo (D)  
Veronica Enriquez (Birthday)

### Tuesday, January 19—

8:15 am Pat Razura (D)

### Wednesday, January 20—St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

8:15 am Frank Esmurdoc (D)

### Thursday, January 21—St. Agnes

8:15 am Angeline Durso (Special Intention)

### Friday, January 22—St. Vincent

8:15 am John Underdahl (D)

### Saturday, January 23—St. Marianne Cope

8:15 am Raffy Hizon (D)

5:00 pm Yvonne Sangiacomo (D)

### Sunday, January 24—3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time; Ecumenical Sunday

9:30 am Jim Davis (D)

11:30 am Dora Rivera de Sanchez (90th Birthday)

Anna Thompson

People of St. Brendan

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

## Staff

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## Mass Times During COVID-19

Daily Monday-Saturday: 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil Mass Live Streamed: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30am , 9:30am, 11:30am in the Church

## Regular Mass Times:

Monday-Saturday 8:15 am

First Friday during school year 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 5 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

## Holy Days of Obligation

8:15 am (School Mass), 6 pm

## Confessions

Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

By appointment.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 7-8 pm

Saturday 4-4:45 pm

Adoration Chapel open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

## Baptisms

Contact Sr. Angela: [srangela@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:srangela@stbrendanparish.org)

## Weddings

Call Fr. Mike at least six months before the desired wedding date at [frmike@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:frmike@stbrendanparish.org)

## Anointing of the sick

Please contact the office 415-681-4225.

## MINISTRY INFORMATION

### Parish Leadership

Advisory Board  
Finance Committee

### Liturgical Ministries

Liturgy Committee  
Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Ushers  
Music Ministry  
Church Environmental Committee

### Parish Life

Welcome Committee  
Hospitality Committee  
Under 5's  
Mothers' Club  
Men's Club  
Respect Life  
Knitting Ministry  
Experienced Navigators  
Detention Ministry (San Dimas)  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Small Groups

## FAITH FORMATION

### New Families

The St. Brendan Children's Faith Formation program welcomes all parish children in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic school. Families are welcome to enroll mid-year, especially those considering sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Sacramental preparation is a multi-year program beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade for First Reconciliation/First Communion and 6<sup>th</sup> grade for Confirmation. More details may be found on the website: <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/faith-formation.html>

### Voyagers (ages 3-Kinder)

Sign up to receive a weekly email with fun, age-appropriate and faith-filled activities centered around the Gospel. **Email Mrs. Stanko to add your family's name to the list:** [stephanie@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:stephanie@stbrendanparish.org)

## PRAYER CORNER

We would like to ask prayers for members of our community here at St. Brendan. Please let us know of anyone you want to add to our lists.



### Sick:

Clare Thompson,  
Corona Virus Victims,  
Homebound  
Parishioners

### Deceased:

Yvonne Sangiacomo, Maria Koulakis, Diogo Alphonoso, Lisa Gervasi

### Newly Baptized:

Amelia Grace Buono

### Other Prayers:

Wildfire victims, Hurricane victims

We continue to pray for our parishioners who have lost loved ones this year.

*If you would like to make donations please visit our website [stbrendanparish.org](http://stbrendanparish.org) to find ways to give. Or you can give online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1668>*

### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

Interested in being a New Parishioner at St. Brendan?

Please email us at [saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 415-681-4225

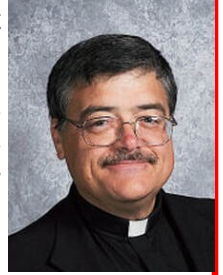
We can't wait to see you at St. Brendan!

## PASTOR'S CORNER

I want to thank all for the extremely generous support of our community in every way, this past Christmas season... and for that matter throughout the year!

In spite of a pandemic and worship restrictions we never failed to have willing volunteers for decorating and undecorating our parish church as a worship space; the extraordinary efforts of adults and our school children and young adults in preparing and presenting a wonderful Christmas liturgy that set a new standard of excellence; well prepared lectors and music and safety people and more!

Miraculously we are within \$6,000 of reaching our annual appeal goal- due by 1/31/2021.



I want to further thank the donor who chooses to remain anonymous who funded necessary repairs within the church accomplished by a responsive, (you guessed it), parishioner whose talent was in the needed areas. We now have a working heating system in the church, and I believe if the building could speak, it would beg parishioners and guests to return to the sacred space of the church interior.

St. Brendan's Mass attendance is growing for in person Masses, currently offered on Sundays at 11:30 AM. The response of the Safety volunteers has been nothing short of heroic. The parish was even featured on the news for our Christmas Day Mass, where it was reported that all safety protocols were being observed. We are now even more famous!

As of this writing, the final steps are being completed for a needed plumbing repair where a pipe was both broken and clogged under the sidewalk. Soon we will be installing a replacement HVAC system for the Parish Center/Gymnasium as the other unit "died" and was only kept functional due to the professional work of a parishioner.

There are signs of life and renewal as we hope to have the children back soon in school if allowed. We have requests for Baptisms and weddings and other sacraments.

I would close with the concern and prayers I pray daily for each of you. As a priest I have been to many funerals and graveside services. The rate of infection and death rate are on the rise! I want to ask you to be vigilant and to take all safety protocols seriously. I pledge that we are doing everything within our parish to both effect improvements and enhance the safety of employees, volunteers and our community. Wearing protective facemasks and face coverings and sometimes garments, frequent washing of hands, and clothing washings and applying sanitizing agents promptly is a constant effort. Please do not let your guard down!

Thank you all for taking such wonderful care of our St. Brendan's family!

**Fr. Mike**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Sunday Collection for week of: December 28, 2020-January 3, 2021

Sunday Collection Goal: **\$9,500**  
Sunday Collection Received: **\$9,746**  
Over by: **\$246**

Second Collection next week: **None**

Give online to St. Brendan Church on our website  
or via the direct link of:

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1668>

Please send or drop off all other donations to:

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### Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2020

AAA Goal **\$126,320**  
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AAA still needed **\$5,575**



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# NEWS AND UPDATES

## School News

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### St. Brendan School Update:



Dear St. Brendan Parish Families,

Thanks to Sister Angela and Stephanie Stanko in the parish office, St. Brendan students were able to create personal Christmas cards for elderly home-bound parishioners and also to parish families who will soon be having their babies baptized.

Several recipients have sent lovely thank-you notes to our eighth graders, saying how much the cards meant to them, this year especially. One family wrote: "Thank you for the warm, wonderful welcome" and one of our seniors said: "I received a Christmas gift worth more than all the money in the world from the children at St. Brendan's".

Thank you, Sister Angela and Mrs. Stanko, for spearheading this wonderful project!

We are so looking forward to having our students back on campus again next week! We look forward to their laughter in the classrooms and on the school yard, and their beautiful smiles – even through their masks, their joy comes shining through.

Best wishes to all of our parishioners for a wonderful 2021,

**Ms. Dianne Lakatta**, proud principal



## Encountering God ...

In this time of isolation brought on by the COVID pandemic, we gather on a regular basis in our Saint Brendan **Small Faith Sharing Groups**—small communities where the shared love of God gives us hope as we journey forward. These groups of 4 to 6 members, or more, share, pray together and spread the Faith; we support one another easing the burdens of life made more challenging in this extraordinary time of COVID.

Saint Brendan parishioners write:

... "As we connect with God's Word we also learn from one another's insights and experiences, comforting each other in this time of uncertainty. Even through Zoom the Holy Spirit must be moving within us because someone would say something insightful and I could feel my soul, surprised and renewed...consoled. Indeed, something special happens."

... "The thirst I have to become closer to my faith is being imparted by the priests and being able to dive deeper with a small group of lovely people with a common love of God eager to share of themselves."

... "If you are looking to dive deeper and get closer to your faith and perhaps answer some of the big questions you have about our (Catholic) faith, I recommend joining a small group. It frankly makes me feel good all over and is time well spent."

### INTERESTED in joining a small faith sharing group?

Feel free to contact Sr. Angela at [srangela@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:srangela@stbrendanparish.org)

Meet some new friends, and open yourself to meeting God and experiencing God's love in a way that may be new for you.

**"Your faith will grow only in the measure that you give it away"** *-Bishop Robert Barron*

