

# ST. BRENDAN CHURCH

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January 3, 2021  
Epiphany of the Lord



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## Mass intentions for the week:

**Monday, January 4—**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
8:15 am Peter Schwab & the Deceased  
Members of the Schwab Family

**Tuesday, January 5—**St. John Neumann  
8:15 am Maria de Jesus Acosta (D)

**Wednesday, January 6—**St. Andre Bessette  
8:15 am Dorothy Busalacchi (D)

**Thursday, January 7—**St. Raymond of  
Penafort  
8:15 am Maureen Mona (D)

**Friday, January 8—**  
8:15 am Julie Jalbuena (D)

**Saturday, January 9—**  
8:15 am Gloria Blote (D)  
5:00 pm Thomas Quinn (D)

**Sunday, January 10—**Baptism of the Lord  
All Masses People of St. Brendan  
9:30 am Maureen Laval (D)

## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

## Staff

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**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Paul Warren—ext. 208

## 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

### Welcome back!

2021 classes resume virtually on 1/10/21. Please download the updated schedule on our website: [https://www.stbrendanparish.org/uploads/1/0/2/9/102924278/cff\\_2020-2021\\_calendar\\_website.png](https://www.stbrendanparish.org/uploads/1/0/2/9/102924278/cff_2020-2021_calendar_website.png)

### 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.

  
**Pray for** ...  
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### **Sick:**

Betty Hui, Clare Thompson, Corona  
...Virus Victims,  
Homebound

Parishioners

### **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>*

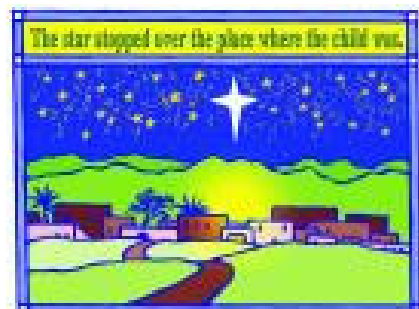
### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

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

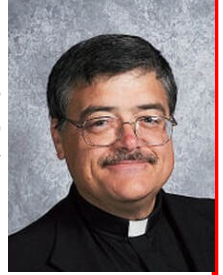
We can't wait to see you at St. Brendan!



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Feast of Epiphany

Epiphany on its surface relates to the visitation of the Magi, from the East, who instantly knew of the dual role of the divine and human Jesus. Their visit also points to the family-centered nature of the feast day and of its original celebration with the Holy Family. The Magi encountered the holy Family and were edified that what up to then was only a belief and hope by a sense of being privileged to encounter the Divine.



The traditions also point to what is known – and what is still mysterious – about the Magi, who were the first gentiles to encounter Christ. While the scripture tells us little more about them, we do know that they were clever, wealthy, and most importantly, brave. Their greatest wealth was their faith and their inclination to act on their beliefs.

They were willing to undertake risk in order to go searching for the truth, in what they discerned and hoped for was well placed faith. They were rewarded by a monumental experience, and that is the powerful example of the Magi for us.

Let us now focus on the gifts of the ‘Three Wise Men’ - frankincense, myrrh and gold. Gold and frankincense were valuable by earthly standards and were considered the most precious of gifts. By these two gifts, the Magi gifted to the Child Jesus, they demonstrated that all of their gifts were at the service of Jesus. In giving herbs of myrrh, traditionally used for burial, (hardly a normal “baby shower” gift in our time), there is a pointing to the purpose of the Child Jesus’s life. These gifts point not only to Christ’s divinity and his revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings, but also to his crucifixion. Christ became incarnate so that He might pay for our sins. Importantly, Jesus does not exclude anyone from His divine purpose.

May we pray to have the faith and perseverance of the Three Wise Men as we journey through life!

*Fr. Mike*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Sunday Collection for week of: December 14-20, 2020

Sunday Collection Goal:	<b>\$9,500</b>
Sunday Collection Received:	<b>\$7,670</b>
Under by:	<b>\$1,830</b>

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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29 Rockaway Ave  
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### Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2020

AAA Goal	<b>\$126,320</b>
AAA amount received/pledged	<b>\$96,645</b>
AAA still needed	<b>\$29,675</b>



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# NEWS AND UPDATES

## School News

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### St. Brendan School Update:



Dear St. Brendan Parish Families,

School is still closed for the Christmas holidays, reopening on January 5, 2021. Until then our entire school community wishes all our parishioners a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and better times ahead in the New Year!

Thank you!

God Bless you all,  
**Ms. Dianne Lakatta**, proud principal

## THE SHEPHERD FIND JESUS

<sup>8</sup> In the countryside close by there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night.<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified,<sup>10</sup> but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you **news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.**

<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.<sup>12</sup> And here is a sign for you: **you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger**'

The Baby lying in a manger is: "EMMANUEL" = GOD-WITH-US

### Encountering God ...

In the Temple...

In the Desert...

In the Crowds,

...and on ZOOM

### We encounter God and God's love in many different places and in many different ways.

In usual times, however, we might find ourselves often too busy to notice the presence of God. We can be consumed with the distractions of managing a family, running a household, working a job to support a family, tending to the care of the young or the elderly. At best, some may make time to encounter God at Sunday mass.

Jesus encountered God in the Temple. In COVID times we encounter God in our homes as we go to the Temple by attending Mass virtually on the computer or TV.

We are told that Jesus withdrew at times into the Desert where he encountered God in silence and isolation. For the last several months we have withdrawn from the routine of life into a time of silence and isolation. For those who are open to God's presence there may be a sense of peace and calm.

Jesus encountered God in the Desert. In COVID times we withdraw into the Desert of our homes to encounter God in silence and isolation.

Jesus gathered Crowds wherever he went – they were gathered on the hillside, gathered at the seashore and at the well. People yearned to be inspired by Jesus, by his stories, and by his messages of love. Jesus took the time to connect with people in their circumstances, in their pain and in their struggles to show his love for them, to heal them, and to lift them up.

In the Desert of this current time, we yearn to find inspiration when we gather and share stories with one another. The love of God urges us to connect with our brothers and sisters, sharing our experiences and lifting one another up.

Jesus brought the Crowds closer to God. In COVID times we gather by ZOOM to share our stories, to share our faith and to encounter God's love.

*By Mario Balestrieri (to be continued)*