

St. Brendan Church

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September 19, 2021
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

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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 5:00 pm

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

Holy Days of Obligation

8:15 am (School Mass), 6:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration Chapel: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Baptisms

Contact Sr. Angela

Weddings

Contact Fr. Mike at least six months before the desired wedding date

Anointing of the sick

Please contact the office 415-681-4225.

Ministries

Parish Leadership

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St. Vincent de Paul Society
Small Groups

Flocknote

Do you use a phone book?
How about an address book?
Is there a rolodex you cannot part with?
One might call these **data bases** of the past!

Today at St. Brendan's we are working with UNO from Flocknote to update our database! Please take some time to follow this link: www.stbrendanparish.org/form—parish-registration.html to an online form which we are asking you to complete. Or complete the form in the next column with updated information!

There have been several data base managers over the years and this is our opportunity to update our current information.

In a few weeks the new and improved St. Brendan Parish website will be available. Parish and School news will be featured along with Mass Intentions, News around the Archdiocese and enriching faith filled materials.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Brendan's a thriving and welcoming community.

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:

Sandra Toti, Clare Thompson, Lenny DeBono, Josephine Velasco, Ray Laval, Victor Zele, Edward King, Rocky Valderama, Corona Virus Victims, Homebound Parishioners

Milestone Birthday:

Josephine Velasco celebrated her 103rd birthday

Other Prayers:

Wildfire, Hurricane, & Earthquake victims

Deceased:

Jackie Riordan

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



Interested in being a New Parishioner at St. Brendan? Please fill this out and turn it in by placing it in the collection basket on Sunday, by mail, or in person at the Rectory.

Head of Household: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone _____

Email Address: _____

We can't wait to see you at St. Brendan!
Questions? Call 415-681-4225 or email us at saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com

Pastor's Column

Why Jesus uses the Example of a Child's Trust...

From the gospel of Mark in this weekend's gospel, Jesus uses the example of a child to tell believers that we must have the faith like children place in their parents, if we hope to see God. I have always found this compelling, particularly at Baptisms. At Baptisms, children are in a strange place and can view people and objects foreign to them. Yet, most do not cry out, because they are being held by their mother or father. These children believe that within their parents' embrace, they are completely safe, nothing that is foreign to them can harm them. Imagine how a child feels as the priest/ deacon conducts the rite of baptism.



I had a picture forwarded to me when a new pastor of a child speaking into a toy telephone. The child looked surprised and remarked to the imaginary person on the other end of the line "You can't believe what happened to me today! A guy in a dress tried to drown me and all my family did was to smile and take pictures!" Obviously, the guy in the dress was a minister wearing an alb and the family members were so glad they were passing on the most precious gift of faith that they smiled and took photographs. I sent this image to brother priests and noted that we should always be mindful of what our good intentions appear to those to be baptized. The humor intended had a grain of truth.

Children rightly expect to be protected from bad things by their parents whose chief motivation is love. Children depend on that protective love that will always guide them to a safe place in life. What a wonderful image for us to contemplate as we try to comprehend God's love for us- that we will always be safe in God's embrace if we but trust.

Another aspect of children is that they do not waste their time on being right -outside of learning about life as they progress from their parents. If a person is mean, obnoxious, or otherwise disagreeable, children simply avoid the unhappy person sensing that this person is not good for them. How wonderful our world would be if there was less emphasis on judging others, but more emphasis on doing the right thing always in our life choices. Children are exemplars of this. A closing thought is that children who are loved and have positive environments and teachings become more confident, perhaps even leaders, as they confront issues in their lives. The foundation of their development is experienced and shared love most importantly from their parents.

May we experience renewed trust and faith as we experience God's love daily!

Fr. Mike Quinn

Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection for week of: August 23-29, 2021

Sunday Collection Goal: **\$9,500**
Sunday Collection Received: **\$8,498**
Under by: **\$1,002**

Second Collection next week: **None**

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Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021

AAA Goal **\$120,735**
AAA amount received/pledged **\$101,763**
AAA still needed **\$18,972**



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News from St. Brendan

September - a month dedicated to the Word of God "The Bible"

Man cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Mat 4:4)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, correcting and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2Timothy 3:16 ff). Many things have passed; times, years, many things have changed, empires have risen and fallen, but the Word of God continues the same, lamp and guide for those who believe. The bible is not an historical book; but it is a religious book with aim and capability of announcing the Good News and denouncing sins, injustice, inhuman situations, poverty, exploitation, exclusion, immorality, marginalization etc. That is what was done by the prophets and Jesus. We, too, are called to do the same, in virtue of our Baptism.



Therefore, in this month of September, we should try to read and reread the Bible, because every time we read it, we have new ideas and new understanding of the text. The Bible should not be like an ornament in our houses, but our daily spiritual food.

Small Groups

Beginning in October...A journey of the heart...an interactive book review and self-reflection.

Join a new small group for an exploration and an interactive book review while sharing personal journeys of the loss of a loved one. This will be an eight-week course with a dynamic curriculum.

David Kessler's book - *Finding Meaning; The Sixth Stage of Greif* which address the loss of loved ones serves as the text.

Ms. Marlene Enderlein, BS, MS – is a Grief and Bereavement specialist and will facilitate the group, allowing individuals to explore and learn about the sixth stage of grief that allows for hope, healing and growth following a loss.

Participants in the group must have lost a loved one at least 12 months ago as this is the sixth stage of grief and the grieving process must have commenced.

The group will be restricted to no more than eight participants to give all participants enough time to share during each session. If more than 8 individuals respond, we will form a second group at a later date. For further information, please contact: Marlene Enderlein Maenderleain@gmail.com 415-681-2085 or Sr. Angela, 415-681-4225

School & Faith Formation Updates

**St. Brendan School
Update:**

**It's Back-to-School
Time!**



If you are interested in enrolling your child in kindergarten at St. Brendan School for the next school year (2022-2023), you will find application information on the school website at www.stbrendansf.com/Admissions. Applicants must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022.

At this time we do not know if we will be able to hold in-person tours for prospective parents; we are waiting for guidance from the Department of Public Health. If we are allowed to have tours, we will post the dates on the website, so be sure to keep checking there. Reservations are required to attend and can be made by calling the school office at 415-731-2665 once the tour dates have been published.

Our **Extended Care Program** is looking for a few people to help with our afterschool program. Duties for this position include homework help, assisting with craft projects, and play supervision. Hours would be Monday-Thursday 2:45pm to 6:00pm and 1:15-6:00 on Fridays.

If you are interested any of these positions, please contact Ms. Lakatta at dlakatta@stbrendansf.com.

We are so excited as we begin this school year in-person. We ask for your continued prayers for the good health of our staff and students.

Ms. Dianne Lakatta,
proud principal



**Children's Faith Formation – Registration Open!
Classes Begin September 19!**

Welcome back returning and new families!

Please register as soon as possible so that we may prepare for the start of classes on September 19, 2021. Schedule and registration: <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/faith-formation.html>

Important Dates:

- Sunday, September 12 – Mandatory kickoff meeting for parents and students after the 9:30 a.m. mass in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, September 14 – Mandatory parent-only meeting for 8th grade confirmation parents at 5:30 p.m. in the church
- Sunday, September 19 – Classes begin! 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 29 – Mandatory parent-only meeting for First Communion (2nd year) parents at 5:30 p.m. in the church

About the Children's Faith Formation Program

The St. Brendan Children's Faith Formation program welcomes all parish children in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic school. Our *Family Catechesis* program provides grade-level Faith Formation classes and sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is a two-year program, usually beginning in 1st grade, with children receiving First Communion in the spring of their 2nd grade year. Children may also begin First Year preparation in 2nd grade, receiving First Communion in the spring of their 3rd grade year.

Confirmation preparation for students **not** attending Catholic school is a two-and-a-half-year program, beginning in 6th grade. Students attending another Catholic school (parochial or independent) may begin classes in 7th grade. Confirmation is administered in the fall of the 8th grade year.

RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is a program for older children (usually over age 7) who are in need of the Sacraments of Initiation.

The pandemic has understandably impacted sacramental preparation and scheduling for many families. Please don't hesitate to contact Sr. Angela or Mrs. Stanko if your family is a bit out of the usual timing; we would love to welcome your family and assist your child with any needed preparation.

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Be on the lookout for more information on this year's All Souls Day Tree of Life Leaves. If you have a loved one you wanted remembered throughout the month of November during our All Souls Day Masses let us know on our website by filling out this form for All Souls <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/tree-of-life.html> The form at the bottom is labeled All Souls Remembrance or email us at saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com

If you want your loved one remembered on our Tree of Life forever you may do so by calling the office anytime or filling out the flyer available in the Church and located on our website.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for the week:

Monday, September 20—

8:15 am Irene Weidinger (D)
James (D) & Alyce (L) Pagano

Tuesday, September 21—

8:15 am Jacquelyn Riordan (D)

Wednesday, September 22—

8:15 am Edmund & Josephine Whelan (D)

Thursday, September 23—

8:15 am Florentino Gatpandan (D)

Friday, September 24—

8:15 am Billy Jamison (D)

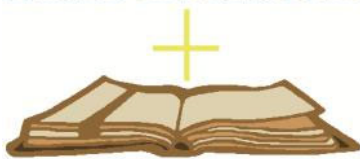
Saturday, September 25—

8:15 am Homebound Parishioners
5:00 pm Helen Fahey (D)
People of St. Brendan

Sunday, September 26 —

7:30 am Betty Christopher (D)
9:30 am Julianne Miel Parayo
Joe Chen
11:30 am Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)
Fr. Vincent Hughes, OFM (D)
Mattie Kennelly (D)

Mass Intentions



Saints & Observances

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Tuesday:	St. Matthew
Wednesday:	Autumn begins
Thursday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).
Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).
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