PARISH OF ST. BRENDAN & ST. ANN

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2020

CLERGY PERSONNEL

Fr. Raul G. Miguez, ~ Pastor
Fr. Sancho Garrote, ~ In Residence
Fr. Roberto Perez, O. Carm. ~ Weekend Associate
Deacon Paul Hveem

COVID RECTORY HOURS

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

ST. BRENDAN REGIONAL SCHOOL

Pre-K thru Grade 8
PRINCIPAL: Ms. Michele Pasquale
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Phone: (718) 654-6424
Ms. Judith Cordero

COVID MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY:	CHURCH IS CLOSED. (***NO MASS ON SATURDAY)***
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY MASS:	9:00AM
SUNDAY MASS:	8:30AM, 10:00AM, ***11:30AM (ESPAÑOL)***, 1:00PM

CONFESSIONS:

EVERY SATURDAY 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF ST. BRENDAN & ST. ANN:

MEETS ON THE *2ND SUNDAY* OF THE MONTH AT THE 8:30 AM MASS

Due to the present health crisis with COVID-19

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

As Jesus said at Gethsemane,

"Will You Not Spend An Hour With Me?"

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: TO BE CONSIDERED ACTIVE MEMBERS, EACH FAMILY AND SINGLE ADULT MUST BE PROPERLY REGISTERED AND REGULARLY USE THE WEEKLY SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ATTEST TO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND PRACTICE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON THIS BASIS WE ARE ABLE TO ISSUE SPONSOR LETTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF GOOD STANDING. *NEWLY REGISTERED* PARISHIONERS MUST BE REGISTERED AND ATTENDING MASS FOR AT LEAST **ONE (1) YEAR** BEFORE ANY DOCUMENT CAN BE ISSUED.

MARRIAGES: PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST **6 MONTHS** PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED DATE OF MARRIAGE. COUPLES MUST SPEAK TO A PARISH PRIEST TO ENROLL IN ***MARRIAGE PREPARATORY COURSES*** AND TO SCHEDULE USE OF THE CHURCH.

BAPTISMS: INSTRUCTION IS REQUIRED FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY **4 MONTHS** IN ADVANCE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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LITURGICAL LIFE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

8:30 AM
10:00 AM — *Intentions of All Parishioners*
11:30 AM

1:00 PM — Jose Montañez +

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

9:00 AM — Patrick & Ann Maher +

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

ST. LOUIS

ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020

9:00 AM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

ST. MONICA

9:00 AM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020

ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM — Agustin Cuevas-Grande +

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00 AM
5:00 PM — Myles Joseph +
6:30 PM

NOTE FROM FR. MIGUEZ

Please note that Father privately celebrates Mass daily and prays for all requested intentions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Carmen Gonzalez
Mitch Gerrity
Amelia Class
Inez Tello
Maritza Rodriguez

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Andrea Marrero
Maximina Perez
Olga Santiago
Miguel Francisco Talledo

HOST & WINE

THE HOST & WINE IS OFFERED THIS WEEK *IN LOVING MEMORY OF*:

ST. BRENDAN & ST. ANN PARISHIONERS

SANCTUARY CANDLE

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS OFFERED THIS WEEK *FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:*

PARISHIONERS OF ST. BRENDAN & ST. ANN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

** PARISH OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY **

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
LUNES, MIERCOLES Y VIERNES
10:00 AM–1:00 PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY
MARTES Y JUEVES
1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Please call or book your appointment on our Website:

www. saintbrendanchurch.org

718-547-6655

NOTE: All requests for sacramental certificates should be requested on-line thru the website. (i.e. REQUEST A CERTIFICATE)

ST. BRENDAN & ST. ANN DOROTHY DAY FOOD PANTRY

260 E. 207th Street , Bronx, NY 10467

THE NEXT DISTRIBUTION DATE:

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

GENERALLY , DISTRIBUTION OCCURS THE 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

SCHEDULE ALSO POSTED ON WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTBRENDANCHURCH.COM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It seems like we have covered the same territory of information many times over but it is important to be clear about what will be happening with the re-opening.

- Only 125 people can come into the Church for any Mass. That means that entry will be controlled by entering ONLY through the Main door on 207th Street. Once the maximum is reached no more people will be allowed into the Church for any one Mass.

- We will also have to see if it is necessary to move the 8:30AM Sunday Mass to 8:00AM to have enough time to wipe down the pews between Masses. We will also need the cooperation of everyone in the parish. Social gathering with others and the physical greeting of one another after Mass will not be possible. Holy Water will not be available. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain suspended until further notice.

You **must** come to Church with a mask! If you are sick or are vulnerable because of your age or illness you should continue to watch the Mass on TV rather than causing a health risk to yourself or others. Those who are older than 65 years of age or who have underlying health conditions are urged not to come to Church for Mass. The option for watching livestream or televised Mass is encouraged.

You **must** sit where the usher asks you to sit. We cannot have people climbing over others to get to their preferred seat. You **must** leave the Church immediately after Mass so the cleaning crew can do its work without being obstructed. Families who live together may sit together but all other people must sit at a 6-foot distance from all others. Adults or children **cannot wander** around the Church during Mass.

You must ***use the bathroom at home before*** coming to Church because we cannot clean after each person in a long line. Our bathroom will not be open. There will be other norms that we MUST observe.

I do not enjoy being an 'enforcer' but I have a moral obligation to keep you as safe as possible. I am relying on your cooperation during this time of transition, as we work through the reopening process.

God bless and keep you all!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

MONDAY
AUGUST 24, 2020
THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
REVELATIONS 21:9B-14
JOHN 1:45-51

TUESDAY
AUGUST 25, 2020
ST. LOUIS
ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST
2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-3A, 14-17
MATTHEW 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26, 20202
2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-10, 16-18
MATTHEW 23:27-32

THURSDAY
AUGUST 27, 2020
ST. MONICA
1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9
MATTHEW 24:42-51

FRIDAY
AUGUST 28 , 2020
ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
1 CORINTHIANS 1:17-25
MATTHEW 25:1-13

SATURDAY
AUGUST 29, 2020
THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31 (430)
MARK 6:17-29

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

Paul closes his discussion in Romans about salvation and the Jews by alluding to Isaiah 40:13 and Job 35:7, which tell of God's surprises and generosity. Psalm 138 praises God's steadfast love, but Paul has shown that God works in unpredictable ways. This unpredictability , however, is related to God's faithful commitment to humanity. Because human beings are unreliable and God's love does not coerce, God often improvises to achieve the purpose to save all. (We see this in Isaiah 22 with Shebna's replacement by Eliakim.) God will not give up on the first-chosen Jews, so God will likewise not give up on Gentiles if they fail again somehow.

We cannot presume to know God's ways, or assume that God works by our expectation or calculation. Doing so reduces the Christian life to one of predictable repetitions, when life with God is a mystery of astonishing discoveries. We cannot dictate how God works, but we can trust God's love and the ultimate achievement of God's purposes. The question is whether we can follow and accept God's new work and revelations as they happen.

Peter, unlike some religious leaders, is able to accept Jesus as God's new revelation. In response, Jesus gives him special authority and responsibility. Of course, Peter also fails later by denying Jesus but is fully restored, because God will and can always improvise to bring mercy and redemption.

Matthew plays with the Greek words for "Peter" and "rock," as they sound very similar. Paul, in discussing the rejection of Jesus by some Jews, conflates several verses from Isaiah (8:14-15; 28:16) to talk about a rock on which some will stumble and fall (Romans 9:33). That is what happens when someone misses God's new acts because of presumptions about God.

- That new things is God doing today?
- In what ways may we stumble over God's surprises?
- Do you see tension between God's steadfast love and unpredictable ways?