PASTOR'S NOTE

Happy Easter, Everyone! The Lord is risen!! Alleluia!!

Our Lenten journey doesn't end with death, it ends with new life. Jesus rose from the dead after laying down His life for you and for me, for the forgiveness of our sins. He took on the sins of the world, so that each of us might have the opportunity for newness of life with Him, to share in the Resurrection. The choice of whether we share in the opportunity given to us by God rests on whether we choose to follow Him with our way of life. The key is to remain focused on the prize, eternal life in heaven is beautiful beyond our imagination.

Lent has reminded us again of our need for Penance, not only in the season of Lent, but to be dying to ourselves each and every day. As human beings we sometimes have a difficult time believing that in dying to our selfish desires we can actually find newness of life, but it is true. "Consequently, brothers, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Romans 8:12-13). Eyes on the prize!

St. Paul makes it abundantly clear to us that we are called to put to death the deeds of the body. "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin" (Romans 6:4-6). Heaven is worth it!

We grow into union with Jesus the more we die to ourselves, which is a message that is very counter-cultural indeed. We were freed at our baptism from slavery to sin, we must not submit again to the yoke of slavery if we desire to share eternal life with God. It was the issue the Israelites fell in time and again in the Old Testament. Sadly, we often do the same when we give priority to other things over God in our lives.

What we need to keep constantly in our minds is the life which awaits us if we choose to die to the self. Often we live in fear that if we let some attachment go, then somehow we won't be as happy. The reality is the opposite! "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). No matter the sufferings of this present age, glory awaits you in heaven!

Our journey in this life and dying to the self, doesn't end with death. It ends with newness of life and freedom in this life. But the best part is that eternal life in heaven with God awaits us, if we choose to follow Him and to die to ourselves with Him.

This can help us put into perspective what we are going through in the Archdiocese of Seattle also, with Partners in the Gospel. Joining with a Parish family and entering into the unknown can be a fearful thing. And for each of us it will cause a little bit of dying to ourselves along the journey. However, it is our trust in the Lord Jesus that will bring us through. His presence with us in the Blessed Sacrament is a constant reminder that He never abandons us in this journey of dying to ourselves. As long as we are able to receive Him in Holy Communion, where we receive His Flesh and Blood, we receive all we need to have life within us. The Lord never abandons us. He promised He would not leave us orphans, and He hasn't for the 2000 years since he spoke those words. We still have the Mass, where Jesus becomes present in the Eucharist and we still have the Holy Spirit guiding us into all truth through the official teachings of the Church in faith and morals.

So we cling to Christ and His promises to us in the Church. We cling to the hope we have in Christ Jesus as we grow in our discipleship of Him. We give thanks to God that He humbled Himself to come among us and die for us so that we might share in His resurrection. We give thanks He continues to humble Himself each and every day to come among us on altars of Catholic Churches throughout the world so that we might receive His Body and Blood and be given the strength we need to persevere in our life of faith until we share in His glory, the Resurrection!

In the peace of Christ,

Fr. Nich Wahr

Fr. Wichert

WEEKLY READINGS

MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

COL 3:1-4 OR I COR 5:6B-8

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

JN 20:1 - 9

Monday, April 1

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2

Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3

Acts 3:1-10

Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4

Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab. 5-9 Lk 24: 35-48

Friday, April 5

Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6

Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY, APRIL 7-SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

ACTS 4:32-35

PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 JN 5:1-6

JN 20:19-31

Sunday, March 31

7:45am (Community of St. Brendan) 10:00am (Julienne Tsafack) 12:00pm (+Magdalena Perez)

Monday, April 1 NO MASS

Tuesday, April 2 NO MASS

Wednesday, April 3

NO MASS

Thursday, April 4 NO MASS

Friday, April 5 NO MASS

Saturday, April 6

8:30am

5:00pm (+Marie Meda)

Key: + = deceased

HIGHLIGHTS

Allelvia HE IS RISEN!

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. -Col 3:1-4



- The parish office is CLOSED Monday, April 1, in observance of Easter.
- NO morning Mass or Confessions: April 1 to 5. Daily/Vigil Mass and Confession will resume Saturday, April 6.
- FIRST FRIDAY 24-HOUR ADORATION-April 5
- FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION—April 6 at 7:30AM.
- ARISE & SHINE Praise & Prayer—April 6—Join us after the Vigil Mass.
- DIVINE MERCY NOVENA—Join us as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena every day at 3PM in the Nave, starting on Good Friday (March 29) until Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7)
- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 7 | 3PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:15PM—Benediction.

THE SICK

Ernestina Barrera • Brigette Blair • Amalia Blanco • Mary Lee Gardner • Ana Perez • Arnulfo Armando Roias Castillo • Kyle Sahagun • Sarah Watson

THE DECEASED

Norman Balagtas • Martha Corthedano • Barbara Folkestad • Rosalia Garcia Maldonado • Eleanor Kruger • Nena Plantilla • Xavier Reyes • Helen Roark • Aurelio Santos . Michael Santos

OVERNIGHT **ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

Second Saturday of the Month:

 Women's Overnight Adoration o 7PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Third Saturday of the Month:

- Children/Teen's Evening Adoration o 6:30PM to 8:30PM
- Men's Overnight Adoration o 8:30PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Segundo sábado del mes:

• Adoración nocturna de las mujeres o 7PM a 6AM (domingo)

Tercer sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de los niños/ adolescentes
 - o 6:30PM a 8:30PM
- Adoración nocturna de los hombres o 8:30PM a 6:00AM (domingo)

EL GRUPO DE ORACION VEN A MI

El Grupo de Oracion Ven a Mi en español los invita todos los viernes de 7pm a 9pm a reflexionar la palabra de Dios, a Orar y Alabar a Dios, hay Evangelizacion de Jovenes y Niños. Nos reunimos dentro de la Parroquia.

Vengan a mi y yo los aliviare.

-Mateo 11:28

ARISE & SHINE

Join us for PRAISE & PRAYER every first Saturday of the month right after the 5PM Vigil Mass.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Priscilla Finch | 425-483-9400 ext. 2648 | childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org

Please pray for our children going through faith formation for their first communion in May. "Dear Father, bless this Lent for our children, guide them and draw them always closer to You in love and truth."

Por favor oren por nuestros niños que están pasando por la formación en la fe para su primera comunión en mayo. "Querido Padre, bendice esta Cuaresma para nuestros hijos, guíalos y atráelos siempre más cerca de Ti en el amor y la verdad".

EVANGELIZATION

Brigette Blair | 425-483-9400 ext. 2645 | brigetteb@saintbrendan.org

Jon Leonetti's one-minute weekly video reflection (YouTube): This IS My Body... • Saints and the Eucharist • The Source of Our Happiness

Chris Stefanick has several new video outlets on YouTube:

- Heal Your Wounds, Heal Your Marriage (And Grab Some Tissues)
- Understanding Woke Culture & Responding With Grace | Noelle Mering
- Everything You Need to Know About Sex and Marriage | MY Story

The 3-Minute Reset (YouTube) with Pat Lencioni and Chris Stefanick:

Other Items from FORMED:

- Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT
- Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion
- Jesus and the Eucharist: A Small Group Series for Eucharistic Revival
- Jesús y la Eucaristía Estudio en pequeño grupo

The Daily Bread

Episode 29—Not Just Believing, but Eating • Episode 30—A Scandalous Saying • Episode 31—John 6: Just a Metaphor? • Episode 32—This Is Key to Understanding the Eucharist • Episode 33—How to Have Faith in the Eucharist • Episode 34—The Last Supper Was a Passover Meal Episode 35—Jesus's Secret Meal • Episode 36—This Is No Ordinary Passover • Episode 37—Do This in Memory of Me • Episode 38—A Meal at Emmaus

The Catholic Parent

Our Sunday Obligation - Episode 1 • Confession - Episode 2 • Family Prayer - Episode 3 • Sacrifice - Episode 4 • Generosity - Episode 5 • Handing on the Faith - Episode 6.

For Kids-FORMED

<u>Christine in Action</u> • <u>Drawing Closer to God</u>

HALLOW APP

Here is the corrected information for Hallow App. All parishioners have the App for free through Pentecost.

Holy Day Package - Hallow

- 1. Type in St. Brendan—our parish will pop up.
- 2. Then click Redeem Offer.
- 3. It will then give you the QR code >>> to use or if you are on your phone it will take you to the site. Just follow the instructions.
- 4. A couple of issues that people have had:

I am required to do a 7 day trial—Typically, there are two reasons that people see the 7 day trial instead of getting full access. The first reason is if they do not register through the Holy Day page in advance. Sometimes, people think that the holy day page is just one way to get access. Unfortunately, that is not the case. They will not be able to utilize their premium access except through first registering on the webpage.

The second reason this happens is if someone registers on the holy day page through one option (phone, email, google registration, or apple registration), and then they try to access their account a different way.

If you have any questions please contact the parish office. There has been quite a bit of bad information out there about our subscription and it has caused some confusion. Please call 425-483-9400. THANKS!



ADULT & FAMILY FAITH



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) CORNER (join at www.kofc.org/join)

- EASTER EGG HUNT THIS EASTER SUNDAY!! On the church lawn after both 7:45 and 10 AM masses. Gather just outside the main church entrance (NW). We'll supply bags and send the kids off in waves—4 and under, 6 and under, 8 & under, 10 and under, and 12 and under. Parents, please accompany the little ones.
- Calling all Knights! Our next Corporate Communion Mass and Breakfast is Sunday, April 7. Wear your vest, come to the 8AM Mass and sit in the pews by Our Lady of Guadalupe. Afterward we'll enjoy breakfast together at Fairwinds Brittany Park (address: 17143 133rd Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072). This will be a full-course restaurant-quality breakfast, at a very reasonable cost of \$14.00 (no tips) per person.
- BAKE SALE! Our Annual Knights of Columbus Bake Sale Will be Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21. Proceeds go to support *Pregnancy Aid*, *Heartbeat for Wounded Warriors*, Catholic Charities such as *St. Vincent de Paul*, and many other Council Programs. If you would like to bake an item to sell, please bring it by our tables in the narthex before mass on April 20 or 21 or call Dan Heye at 425-286-7749 to arrange for it to be picked up. Please help continue our Knights of Columbus tradition of supporting our Church and our Community, and enjoy some delicious goodies at the same time!
- Our next pancake breakfast will be April 28, following the 8 and 10 AM masses. Please join us for a delicious meal!
- Our annual Knights of Columbus scholarship program is in full swing. Application envelopes are in the Narthex and south entrance kiosks. Submissions are due by April 30. Again this year, we're offering two scholarships—with increased (again) award amounts—\$2,000 each. One is for a high-school senior and one is for a high-school senior or beyond.
- SAVE THE DATE- May 4: Our council will host a first-ever "Holy Rollers Spring Dance"! Saturday, May 4, bring your honey to the Bothell Rental Hall (24323 Bothell-Everett Highway, Bothell, WA 98021). Come enjoy and dance 6:45-10PM to hits of the 60's, 70's and 80's, performed by an all-KofC band, the "KC Holy Rollers." Suggested donation \$10 per person.
- Men of the parish: Knights of Columbus SAVE LIVES and CHANGE LIVES. Does that interest you? Look for a knight in a blue vest, or call our Grand Knight, Bill Nash, at 206-999-7767. We have many tangible benefits available for Knights and their families.

SCHOOL NEWS

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53RD ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

Countdown to the 53rd Annual Auction, *Off to the Races-Galloping Towards Excellence* is on! Want to purchase your tickets online? Scan the QR code. Want to volunteer at the auction? Send an email to Kerry at auction@school.saintbrendan.org or call (425) 483-8300.





RAISERIGHT SCRIP PROGRAM ENDING

St. Brendan Catholic School is announcing the closure of the RaiseRight (Scrip) program at the end of April. The school is currently challenging the community to buy out the inventory in a final effort to fundraise through RaiseRight. Stop by the school office during business hours (8AM-4PM, Monday through Friday) to make your purchase (accepting checks only).

Inventory on hand includes Kroger grocery, Arco gas, See's Candies, Ross Dress for Less, Applebee's, Landry's, Kohl's, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Subway, Pizza Hut, Panera Bread, IHOP,



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Looking for spiritual growth? Meet Saturday mornings from 7:00am—8:30am. Contact: Sam or Melinda Affronte: (425) 481-5296 • Ron Fernades: (425) 821-3599 • seattlecursillo.org

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our Parish Outreach Ministries request the following items:

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Canned fruit • Spaghetti • Mac & Cheese • Toilet Paper Toothpaste • Shampoo

SOS—Pasta • Rice • Canned Tuna

PREPARES FOR LIFE

Supports families in need by providing diapers, baby wipes, and clothing for children from birth to school age. We are located in the lower Brendan House and are open on Tuesdays from 9AM to 11AM.

NEED: Clothes for kids SIZE 4T and 5T.

For further information, please contact the Parish office at 425-483-9400.

If you are in a housing or food crisis or in need of other immediate assistance, please call the State of Washington Services at 2-1-1 for help—it's FREE; they are open 24/7 and multilingual.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

We usually meet the 4th Thursday of the month in the SOS Room at 7PM.

We respect life from conception to natural death, as we are called to do as Catholics. If you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you and your new ideas! If interested, please contact Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll @aol.com

ST. BRENDAN YOUNG-AT-HEART SENIOR GROUP

In December 2022, Fr Wichert and a group of parishioners made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. After their return, we were able to see beautiful pictures and interesting artifacts from their trip. Wouldn't it be really interesting to hear some "behind the scenes" stories? What was it like to make that trip with children? What was the medical care like? Did Fr Wichert really ride a camel?

Join us at **10AM** on **Wednesday**, **April 3**, in the church narthex to hear answers to these questions. A few of the individuals who went on the trip will be present to share stories and answer questions that you might have. Afterwards, we will have a **lunch catered by GyroBoss Mediterranean Grill**, so that you'll have the opportunity to enjoy some of the same types of foods our parishioners did on their trip. Cost will be \$15. **Please contact Donna (206-335-4469) by Easter Sunday** if you are interested in the lunch.

GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HOME FOR PREGNANT MOMS

Do you want to do something practical in your Lenten journey to help the poor? Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a charitable garage sale to help pregnant moms keep their babies. The garage sale will be held at the Bothell Rental Hall on April 5th to7th. Please bring your donated items ahead of time on Thursday, April 4th from Noon to 6:00 PM. You can make a difference by giving to the poor in this simple way to help bring joy during the Easter season! The Respect Life ministry at St. Brendan's appreciates your support in this pro-life event.

WHAT IS FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY?

The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself, who flows from Mary's Immaculate Heart. The Father's gift to all humanity, not just Christians. How do you spread the Flame of Love? All are encouraged to pray the Flame of Love Rosary, adding the petition: "Spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all of humanity" on their own and with their families. On **April 5, First Saturday devotion at 7:30AM** we are going to recite the Flame of Rosary. Be a prayer warriors and help stop the work of the enemy.

ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

The weekend of April 13/14 is when we'll have our annual fundraising Bake & Plant Sale. It's not too early to start thinking of what type of goodies you'd like to prepare for it or which plants you'd like to bring. Please call Anneliese (425-770-2103) if you'd like to donate an item or two.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Claire Cook • Lisette Franklin • Bridget Frauenholtz Megan Fryhover • Clarissa Gardinas • Hannah • Taylor Haug • Natakue Johnson • Lauren Manni • Maria Musgave • Bethany Nicasio • Patty • Lauren Seerdan • Alison Spudich

Spiritual Adoption Update - One Month - "I'm tiny" My heart started beating today! During this first amazing month of life the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. He is totally dependent upon his mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine allowing food and oxygen to pass through to the baby. By the third week the baby's tiny heart begins to beat.

"As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all." Ecclesiastes 11:5

If you are expecting. a baby and would like your church family to pray for you, please contact Martha Becker at (206) 557-2316 or marthab@school.saintbrendan.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Have you experience the loss of a loved one? Have you longed to tell someone your story about your relationship with the person you loved? A bereavement support group is offered for St. Teresa and St. Brendan parishioners. The program provides information about the grieving process and gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings with others who are also experiencing a loss. This seven-week series will be held Thursdays April 11th through May 23rd, from 12:30-2:00 in the St. Teresa Commons Room. The group will be facilitated by Chris Gaines and Arlene Sullivan. For more information or to register please contact Arlene at 425-225-6966 or Chris at 425-481-3431 or chrisg 63@msn.com.

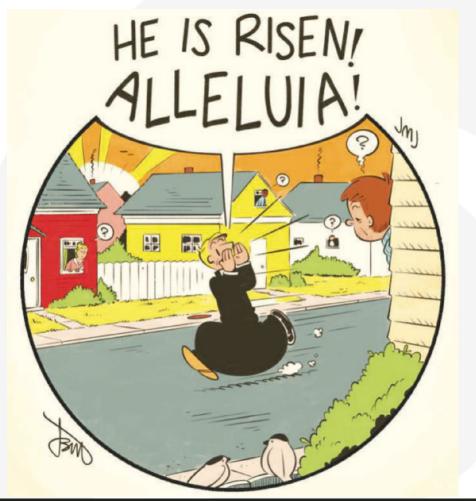
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & OUTREACH

EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

CATHOLIC CARTOON

by Joshua Masterson



PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

PRAYER

Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the Catholic Church in Western Washington. We praise and thank you for the women and men who have shared the joy of the Gospel here for more than 170 years. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might encounter your Son anew and become more effective partners in sharing the Good News of his saving love.

May our partnership in the Gospel empower us to be your missionary disciples, bringing the Good News to all, especially to those who are marginalized or hurting in any way. Give us the courage, the flexibility and the vision to renew parish life, so that the good work, begun long ago, may continue among us, and one day, be brought to completion in your Kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

12 Noon Thursday — A **week prior** to bulletin weekend, bulletin@saintbrendan.org

ONLINE PARISHIONER REGISTRATION AND ONLINE GIVING

Every person's finances and family situation is different. Jesus makes it clear that it matters not how much one gives, but that it is planned, calculated, at least somewhat sacrificial (see Luke 24:1-4), and not simply from what is "leftover" at the end of the month.

We propose the tithe (10%) as the ideal every family can consider working towards. This means taking steps to give 5% to one's parish and 5% to other charities, or causes you have personal passion for.

You can register online at saintbrendan.org and click on the link Online Registration/New Parishioner on the right column.

To give online, click on the Online Giving link at the top of the page. It's quick, secure, convenient, and easy. Your support helps sustain our parish. If you need help with online giving, please call the Parish Office at 425-483-9400.

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