



EASTER SUNDAY



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn

The Biggest 'Ta-Da' Ever

There's a sweet anecdote in the latest issue of The Joyful Noiseletter, the ecumenical publication of the Fellowship of Merry Christians, a group which has been uplifting hearts and minds with humor since the mid-1980s.

I don't have it in front of me, but the gist of the anecdote is that the question arises of what Jesus' first words were after His resurrection. Told that we really don't know, a little girl jumps up and down to tell her pastor, "I know! I know!" The pastor reiterates that Scripture does not record what Jesus first said after His resurrection. But the little girl persists. "I know! I know!" she insists. "It was, 'Ta-Da!'"

It's a cute story, bringing a laugh and a smile. But when one thinks about it, Easter is not in any way about "cute." In fact, it is about the single most astonishing, all-encompassing moment in human history. Because if Jesus had not arisen from that tomb 2000 years ago, the salvation of millions upon millions of people since would never have taken place. Untold numbers of martyrs would never have given up their lives in defense of the Lord's resurrection and defeat of death.

Furthermore, without the resurrection the news of the Passion, death and resurrection would never have been recorded and passed down. If so, there would be no Church with its sacraments and liturgy, no Christian schools, hospitals, orphanages, or countless charitable institutions around the globe. It all hinges on the moment He came out of the tomb.

In fact, Jesus himself would have remained, in the minds of the people of his time, a good man, a thoughtful rabbi and perhaps a prophet, but nothing more. His resurrection indelibly changed all of that.

So you could say that the little girl had it right. With all due reverence, it was indeed the biggest "Ta-Da!" of all time.

— Lou Jacquet

New Website Reminder

The new St. Brendan website has been launched. Visit it at stbrendanyoungstown.com

Charities Holds Socks Drive

Catholic Charities has a new project, "Shamrocks For Socks." Socks are currently one of the most requested items among the homeless population and those living in poverty. Many people walk several miles each day and spend considerable time on their feet, so socks wear out quickly. But socks are rarely donated; more are needed.

You can make a cash donation; or shop on Amazon Wish list, and have donations delivered to Catholic Charities, 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown; or shops for socks and drop them off at a Catholic Charities location. Information, Jennifer, 330-744-8451, ext. 316.



April Masses Still Available

The Mass Intentions Book for 2024 still has three openings for Masses in April.

Sunday, April 21 and two Wednesdays, April 17 and 24, have not yet had Mass intentions set up for your deceased relatives or friends. Call Jackie Niznik, parish secretary, 330-792-3875, Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) to schedule a Mass on these dates.

Many 2024 Sunday and Wednesday 9 a.m. Masses are still available. The traditional stipend for a Catholic Mass is \$10.

Sunday, March 31 (Easter)

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased of

St. Brendan Parish

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Michael and Mike by Slawek Gawlik

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Father Bill Loveless by Sue Desko

Please Pray For Our Sick

Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, Judy Lazar, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Sherri Creech, Nancy D'Amico, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas, Christine Kalhoun, Blanche Ruggiero

St. B's Participates in Lenten Sessions



St. Brendan's was well represented at each of the Lenten Evenings on Wednesdays at St. Christine Church. Here, seated clockwise from front are Shirley Merlo, Fred Merlo, Bill Neff, John Coudriet, Andrea Neff and her parents. Other participants for the Evening Prayer/Lenten Soup Suppers/presentations by Father John Jerek on "The Catholic Meaning of Things" included (not pictured here) Fran Mihalik, Patty Infante, Deborah Zalovcik, Dot Kos, Sharon Pasquale, Barb Fechtel, Carol Martin, Tony Winterburn, Mary Lou Casey, Geri Jacquet, Lou Jacquet and David McLain. Photo by Lou Jacquet

Sunday's Scriptures: Melito of Sardis Shares Some Thoughts

Today's readings for Easter Sunday are from the Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; Gospel of John 20: 1-9.

In speaking of the event of the resurrection, St. Paul gives us these words: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" Jesus, in His great triumph, takes away the sting of death by conquering death. Because of His death and resurrection, we are destined to live with God in eternity.

To give us a glimpse of the glory of the resurrected Christ, we turn to the words of Melito of Sardis, the bishop of Sardis in Asia Minor at the end of the Second Century.

"Who is my opponent? I, he says, am the Christ. I am the one who destroyed death, and triumphed over the enemy. I trampled Hades underfoot, and bound the strong one, and carried off man to the heights of heaven. I am the Christ. Therefore, come to me, you who are sinners, and receive forgiveness for your sins. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover of your salvation, I am the lamb which was sacrificed for you, I am your ransom, I am your light, I am

your Savior, I am your resurrection, I am your king, I am leading you up to the heights of heaven, I will show you the eternal Father, I will raise you up by my right hand.

"I am the One who made the heavens and earth, who was proclaimed through the law and the prophets. I became human through the Virgin. I am He who was hanged upon a tree, who was buried in the earth, resurrected from the dead, ascended to the heights of heaven, and sits at the right hand of my Father. I am the Alpha and Omega, the indescribable beginning and the incomprehensible end.

"This is the Lord. This is the Christ. This is the King. This is the General. This is the One who rose from the dead. This is Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power forever. Amen."

He is our Easter. We do not celebrate a bunny and colored eggs. We celebrate the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the Resurrection and the Life. Blessed be Jesus Christ, now and forever."

— Geri Jacquet

Dishing Out the Soup



Chef Chris Bonacci of St. Brendan's ladles out his Broccoli Cheddar soup during the March 20 Lenten gathering for St. Brendan, Our Lady of Sorrows (the former St. Matthias) and St. Christine parishioners held at the latter's hall. He also made the Stuffed Pepper Soup that evening. St. Brendan parishioners furnished the desserts. The well-attended series will resume in the Fall. Photo by Lou Jacquet

Your Sacrificial Offering

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For March 2024 **\$29,440.00**

Week of March 17, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$3,088.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$60.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,308.00

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Mass 9 a.m.

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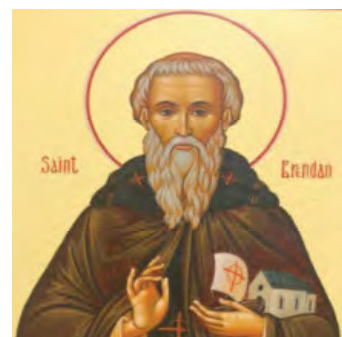
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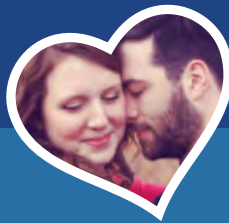
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