



## 10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"  
And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here  
are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of  
God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

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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 Fragile Flame of Faith*

Do you remember the day you made your First Communion? I do, but only because I came across a placard from the day with the date (May 11, 1958) printed across the bottom.

I remember that the scene was huge, since there were over 200 students in second grade (four classrooms) at the Catholic school I attended. It must have taken two hours to complete the Mass in that huge church. I recall wearing blue pants, black shoes, a white shirt and a blue tie. Mom had Vitalised down my unruly cowlick. But that's all I remember.

What brought this to mind was attending granddaughter Kaylee's First Communion in Gesu Church near John Carroll University. She was excited, while we in her pew were proud and delighted. But something else about that service made it even more memorable.

Masses at Gesu are traditionally packed, but we were awestruck by the number of youngsters present, toddlers to teens. Even more unusual these days: The number of young mothers carrying infants in their arms while simultaneously visibly pregnant again. It was as if the parishioners there had collectively decided to defy the widespread perception in America that having babies and raising children is fatal to one's career and happiness.

Gesu is, of course, an outlier, being located where so many families can easily attend one of the many weekend Masses. Numerous other parishes with declining attendance in the Cleveland Diocese have been merged or closed; the blessed sounds of babies crying and toddlers climbing over kneelers have long since been forgotten there. But what a joy it was to be immersed in that experience for one afternoon.

As we watched each First Communicant leave their pew to come forward for the first time to receive the Lord of the Universe, I couldn't help but think of how fragile their joy truly was. Keeping that sweet childhood faith alive through these turbulent times will require dedicated parents, grandparents, extended family, teachers, friends and the grace of the Holy Spirit against all odds into adulthood.

Still, every year, Catholic parents step forward to, first of all, have children, and beyond that, to raise them in this remarkable Faith that has survived for 20 centuries. May Kaylee and her classmates keep that fragile flame of faith alive, well beyond when their own memories of this special day have long been forgotten.

— Lou Jacquet

## *Fish Fry Workers Picnic*

A "Fish Fry Workers Picnic" to thank those who volunteered on the St. Brendan's Lenten fish fry dinners in 2024 will be held on Sunday, June 30, at 4 p.m. in the St. Christine rectory. The menu is to be determined.

Note that the event is BY INVITATION and REQUIRES AN RSVP. Reservations must be made by June 25. Call Jackie Niznik at the St. Brendan rectory, 330-792-3875, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Or call Patty Infante at 330-799-3339.

If you do not make reservations, please do not plan on attending.

## *Farewell Reception for Fr. England*

There will be a farewell reception for Father Bob England on Saturday, June 15, at 5 p.m. at St. Christine Parish.

Please come to thank Fr. England for his year of service to St. Brendan, Our Lady of Sorrows (the former St. Matthias) and St. Christine parishes following his May 2023 ordination to priesthood. He will be assuming his new assignment in Canton as of July 1, 2024.



### **Sunday, June 9**

**9:00 a.m.** George and Mary Alyce Kinnick  
by Family

### **Wednesday, June 12**

**9:00 a.m.** Henry and Therese Ferland  
by Lorraine Alarcon

### **Sunday, June 16**

**9:00 a.m.** All Fathers

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

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

## *Altar/Rosary To Meet*

The St. Brendan's Altar/Rosary group will meet Sunday, June 23, in Room 102 after the 9 a.m. Mass.

## *Rhoda Wise Mass Scheduled*

Bishop David J. Bonnar will celebrate a Mass for the Cause of Beatification of Rhoda Wise on Friday June 28, 6 p.m., in St. Peter Church, downtown Canton.

Participants will begin the Novena for Rhoda's beatification together that evening; a reception follows in the church hall after Mass. The Postulator for Rhoda's cause may be in attendance.

## *Shrines of Italy Tour Offered*

A 14-day "Shrines of Italy and the Holy Stairs" trip with Deacon Michael Balchus will be held Oct. 2-15 with Catholic Cruises and Tours.

Visit the most-visited shrines in Italy, attend Mass, experience the Holy Shroud Museum, visit the papal summer residence, attend the candlelight procession at St. Padre Pio's San Giovanni Rotondo in Pietrelcina, attend a papal audience, and travel to Turin, Pavia, Pompos, Ravenna, Rome, Mont Sant' Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Cascia and Rome. Land starts at \$3,399 based on double occupancy. Call 1-860-399-1785.

## *Parish Welcomes Father Zeigler*

At the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday June 2, St. Brendan's welcomed our new Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor), Father Stephen Zeigler.

In his new assignment, Father Zeigler will also serve as Parochial Vicar at St. Christine and Our Lady of Sorrows (the former St. Matthias) parishes.

Permanent Deacons Ron Layko and Mark Kiraly remain assigned to all three parishes under our pastor, Father John Jerek.

Father Zeigler, who was ordained to priesthood by the late Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., on June 25, 2011, was welcomed with a social in the hallway and side rooms organized by parishioner Andrea Neff with assistance from Rosie March.



## *Sunday's Scriptures: God Never Gives Up On Us*

Today's readings for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time are from Genesis 3: 9-15; Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1; Mark 3: 20-25.

Our first reading from the Book of Genesis is a startling glimpse of the immediate aftermath of Adam's sin. Adam disobeys God and eats of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The conversation between God and Adam helps us see how God interacts with Adam after his fall.

"God called to the man and asked him, 'Where are you?' He answered, 'I heard you in the garden. But I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.' Then God asked, 'who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat.'"

Adam eats of the fruit, expecting a marvelous result. The serpent tempted him and led him to believe he would be like God (knowing right and wrong). Instead, Adam sins and experiences shame and guilt. He is not like God but rather a fallen man who is self-conscious and exposed. Previous to his sin and break from God, Adam walked with God in the garden each even-

ing, not experiencing bodily shame. Sin has distanced him from God and darkened his view of himself.

God asks, "where are you?" God is all-knowing. He knows where Adam is and what he has done. God knows that Adam is lost. Adam in shame is hiding from God and has lost his usual comfort in God's presence. He can't find his way back to God, so Adam's Creator must seek out and help his sinful creature. And like a good shepherd, He seeks and finds his lost sheep.

In the end of our story, God describes a part of His plan of redemption for Adam and his offspring. There will come a woman (Mary) whose offspring (Jesus) will strike at the head of Satan and redeem Adam and his children forever.

Today we learn many lessons. The tempter always lies, sin is real and damages us and our relationship with God, and God will always seek us out and call us to Himself. What a great comfort, to know that God never gives up on us.

— Geri Jacquet

## *IHM Rummage Sale Set*

The annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Rummage Sale will be held July 19-20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and July 21, noon-4 p.m., 4490 Norquest Blvd.

A large variety of home goods, jewelry, toys, sporting goods, furniture, clothing for all ages and more available. Foods, desserts and beverages available as well. Special cash bonus drawing: \$1000, \$500, \$250. Drawings begin 4 p.m. July 21. Large unique basket raffle and 50/50 drawing too.

## *Theater Bus Trip Offered*

St. Patrick's Church in Hubbard is sponsoring an overnight bus trip on Sept 20-21, 2024 to Lancaster, Pa., for a performance of "Daniel" at Sight and Sound Theater and Dutch Apple Dinner Theater featuring "Jersey Boys." Bus, lodging, one breakfast, one dinner, admissions, \$399 each/2 room. Deposit required. Information and reservations: 330-398-8265.

## *Ursuline Nuns : Help Wanted*

The Ursuline Sisters Motherhouse on Canfield Road seeks a teen to help with summer odd jobs. Five days a week, 4 hours a day; some weekends may be possible. Indoor and outdoor needs, such as picking up trash and weeding. Call Linda, 330-792-7636.

## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

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

### **Week of May 26, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$2,265.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$190.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
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**Mass 9 a.m.**

**5/26- 97**

**6/2- 105**



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### *PARISH STAFF*

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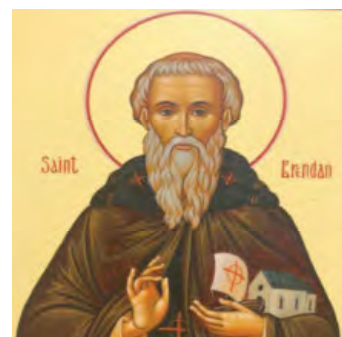
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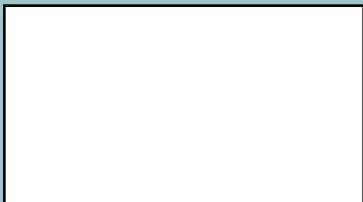
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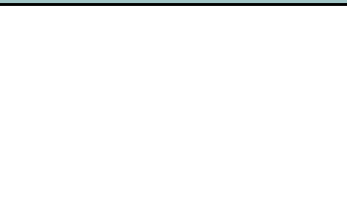
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