



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Memories On A Calendar

It's interesting how a habit developed years ago can keep bringing to mind past slices of one's life.

I'm thinking of my annual practice of filling a datebook for the new year with the names and dates of death for those relatives who have gone to God. I include the birthdays of these loved ones as well, but it's the name, a cross, and the year of their passing that most forcefully brings them to mind.

It was such an encounter this week when I came across the name of Bob Mills, who died 20 years ago. He was born in Cleveland in 1911, but became something of a celebrity across the Southwest in the 1950s to 1990s as a ringmaster at horse shows. Bob was every inch the tall "Marlboro Man" in appearance, completely at ease on a horse, a gentle soul who lived to the age of 94. In between horse shows, he painted barns and houses in the fierce Arizona heat well into his eighties.

Bob was a relative by marriage. He was married to my cousin Jeannette, a feisty, well read, delightful old woman born in 1904, the only child of my grandmother's sister. Thinking of Bob and Jeannette reminded me that, in the early 1970s, I visited their home in Phoenix several times and enjoyed their boundless hospitality. Bob drove me around in the spectacular Arizona scenery, while Jeannette shared precious memories of my father, whom she had known as a child, teen, and in his 20s. For years I kept her warm, insightful letters, often sent in envelopes decorated with Bob's drawings of horses he had encountered.

Coming across their names again reminded me of how much I had yearned, in those college days, to move to Arizona and escape Ohio winters. But my folks were elderly, and for a variety of reasons I never took up an offer of a reporter's job there. At the time, Phoenix seemed like paradise, long before the traffic became unbearable and the area's problems insurmountable.

Remaining in the Midwest led my life in entirely different directions which proved, in God's wisdom, to be far better for me. But I'll always cherish those visits with Bob and Jeannette. May their good souls rest in the arms of God.

— Lou Jacquet

Universal Prayers for Jubilee Year

All month: "For this Jubilee Year, that we will be inspired to be Pilgrims of Hope to each other, we pray to the Lord."

Jan. 25-26: "For those tasked with spreading the Good News through communications, may this Year of Jubilee inspire them to share God's news with all people....we pray to the Lord."

Altar/Rosary Meets Today

Members of the St. Brendan's Altar/Rosary Society will meet today in Room 102 following the 9 a.m. Mass. New members are welcome.

Pro-Life Masses Scheduled

Bishop David J. Bonnar will celebrate the annual Mass for Life at 4 p.m. today, Jan. 19, at St. Columba Cathedral. Expectant mothers, fathers, and their families will be invited to receive a blessing for their preborn babies. A reception follows. Donations accepted and appreciated.

On Wednesday Jan. 22, Bishop Bonnar will celebrate the 12:10 Mass at St. Columba in observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The National March for Life will take place Jan. 24 in Washington, D.C.

'Church Overseas' Collection Set

Catholics around the country have always responded to the needs of people everywhere. Next weekend, Sunday January 26, the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the Church Overseas Combined Collection to assist the Church in its ministries throughout the world. This combined collection supports four major overseas services: Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Church in Latin America. An envelope can be found in your parish packets.

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m. G. James by Gerald Kernan

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Dominic C. Lucarell by Family

Sunday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Barbara Perry by Barb Dunlap

Please Pray For Our Sick

Mike Mraz, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Thirteen Things to Pray For Daily



"Lord, we entreat you to help us. Come to the aid of the afflicted, pity the lowly, raise up the fallen, show your face to the needy, heal the sick, convert the wayward, feed the hungry, deliver the captives, support the weak; encourage the fainthearted. Let all nations know that you alone are God; Jesus Christ is your son, and we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.'

— From the letter to the Corinthians by St. Clement I, pope

Sunday's Scriptures: Intimacy and Feasts

Today's readings are from Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11; Gospel of John 2: 1-11.

Our readings today can lead us to meditate on two themes: feast and intimacy. Our God takes great delight in both.

"There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, they have no wine."

Jesus tells his mother that his hour has not yet come, and yet Mary is not rebuffed by this. She tells them, "do whatever He tells you." Mary is confident that Jesus, in his goodness, mercy, and love, will help this bride and groom in their need.

Jesus takes six strong water jars, each filled with 20 to 30 gallons of water, and transforms this water into fine wine. Jesus loves such feasts and signs of love and intimacy. He is extravagant in this miracle, making 120-180 gallons of wine. The wedding feast will be a joyous one.

Diocese Safe Environment Policy

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Correction On Column Typo

A typographical error in Lou Jacquet's column "A Warm Blanket of Love" in the Jan. 12 bulletin misprinted the speed of the iconic vinyl long-playing albums he was recalling from his childhood. The correct speed is 33-1/3 revolutions per minute, not 33-1/2.

Some three years later, He will gather with his disciples on the night before he dies. At this Passover feast he will perform a greater transformation when he turns bread into his very Body and wine into his Blood. At this feast the disciples will not eat fine bread and fine wine but Jesus himself. They feast on Jesus and he intimately becomes one with them.

We gather this Sunday and remember the wedding feast at Cana in our Gospel reading, and then come to the altar where we feast on Jesus in the Eucharist. We eat his Body given up for us, and his Blood poured out for us and the whole world. We eat and are filled with Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is as intimate with us as he was 2,000 years ago with his disciples. We become completely one with him.

Let us come often to become one with him, and when we die may we feast in the Everlasting Supper of the Lamb.

— Geri Jacquet

2025 Mass Book Open

St. Brendan's 2025 Mass Book is now open and Masses are available as soon as February. All parishioners requesting Masses for a deceased loved one are limited to ONE SUNDAY MASS and ONE WEEKDAY MASS. There are 104 Masses to be celebrated, but several are for all parishioners.

To request a Mass, call Jackie Niznik, parish office manager, 330-792-3875 (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) at the rectory, or drop your written request with your name and daytime phone number into the collection basket.

Event at St. Rose, Girard

"The Chicken Runs at Midnight," a free event in memory of Patrick Sipusic, will feature an evening with Rich Donnelly, Major League Baseball coach, on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

Prayer to St. Agnes



"Almighty ever-living God, who choose what is weak in the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant, that we, who celebrate the heavenly birthday of your martyr St. Agnes, may follow her constancy in the faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever."

Feast Day: January 21; died c. 304

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Sunday Collection	\$3,090.00
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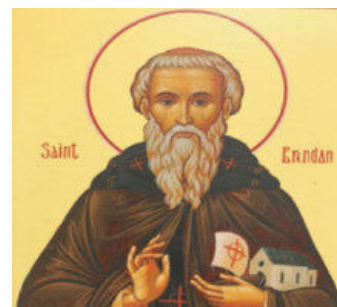
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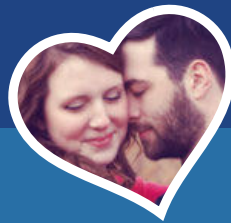
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