

# St. Brendan Catholic Parish



A Journey Into Christ

## *FIND A HOME HERE, WITH ST. BRENDAN PARISH...*

*It is our hope that the parish community of St. Brendan will not only feel like home, but will be a home for you to pray, to grow, to find life. It is here that we celebrate Christ's birth, life, ministry, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, and the outpouring of the Spirit. We call this the Paschal Mystery. So that we may find in the mystery of our own lives, in our day to day living and dying, great value and deep meaning - generous blessings and abundant worth.*

*Come Home... Pray with us, Grow with us, Find life in Christ with us.*



# Growing in Faith Together

*And when He was twelve years old...  
They found Him in the temple...  
Sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them, and  
asking them questions...  
Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor  
Before God and all.*

*Luke 2:41-52  
Feast of the Holy Family, Christmas Season*

## **PARISH SCHOOL with AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Though rooted in the Catholic Tradition our enrollment is open to all who seek Pre-School-eighth grade education. The faculty and staff are dedicated to meeting the academic, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of our children as well as their families. PTU and the School Advancement Team (SAT) are active ways for parents to be informed and involved.

## **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)**

First through eighth grade students enrolled in the public school system meet weekly during the school year to develop a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith, teachings, and traditions.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

These sessions are offered periodically throughout the year for those parents who seek to have their child baptized in the Catholic faith.

## **HOLY FAMILY PROGRAM**

The Holy Family Program is the family-based Sacramental program for those children preparing for the reception of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time.

## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

This process of preparation is offered to any young person who would like to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation. After meeting with the Director of Religious Education, a program is designed that is mutually agreeable.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

VBS is a week-long summer program for children in 4 year-old preschool - 6th grade. Throughout the week children learn Scripture stories, make crafts, sing and dance, share fun snacks, and pray together.

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*The shepherds...made known the message  
That had been told them about the Child.  
All who heard it were amazed.  
And Mary kept all these things,  
Reflecting on them in her heart.*

*Luke 2:16-21*

*Feast of Mary the Mother of God, Christmas Season*

## **ST. BRENDAN PARISH YOUTH GROUP (SPY)**

We gather the youth of our parish in a healthy, appropriate venue to meet new people, deepen friendships and come closer to God. We encourage active participation in the life and work of the parish community.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Couples who seek marriage in the Church should contact a parish priest so that information can be given to help prepare and organize for the marriage six months in advance.

## **PRE-CANA MARRIAGE DAY**

Part of marriage preparation is to spend a day focusing on the meaning of a life-long, loving, faith commitment to each other. This day is led by married couples and is a great opportunity to listen from their wisdom and experience and to reflect on your own outlook and vision for the future with each other.



## **ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Continues the discussion and development of adult, faith-based education of our community.

## **ART CLASS**

Develop the creative side. This class is offered periodically throughout the year to bring color and inspiration to life.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Classes are offered by educated instructors periodically throughout the year on different books of Scripture.



*Jesus did this miracle 'as the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him.*

*John 2:1-11, Ordinary Time*

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# Serving in Faith Together

## SERVICE AT THE EUCHARISTIC TABLE IN CHURCH

- Lector... Junior High and older
- Eucharistic Minister... over the age of 16, and certified by the Diocese
- Altar Server... Girls and Boys, 5th Grade through Senior Year of High School
- Funeral Altar Server... Men and Women, Adult Members of the Community
- Ushers... Junior High and older
- Liturgy Committee... meets on a monthly basis to advance our life of worship
- Ministry of Music... Cantors, Choir, Instrumentalists
- String and a Prayer... our Contemporary Choir
- Holy Dusters... Care for the cleanliness of our worship space, meet Friday mornings

## SERVICE AT THE EUCHARISTIC TABLE OF OUR COMMUNITY

- North Olmsted Food Pantry
- Give-A-Christmas
- Serving Community Meals
- Homeless Stand-Down
- Interfaith Hospitality Network



*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind,  
To let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord...  
Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

*Luke 4:14-21, Ordinary Time*

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

This group meets to discuss, pray, and build awareness of the social teachings of the Church and to actively respond to the current social issues of our modern day society.

### **WELLNESS MINISTRY**

This ministry provides opportunity for area hospitals to network with our parish community in facilitating timely information and awareness on health care issues. They also provide blood pressure and cholesterol screening at designated times during the year. Active/retired medical care professionals in our parish facilitate this group.

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

They promote the Holy Name of Jesus and the presence of Christ in the parish. They support and encourage Catholic education and our parish programs.

### **ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY**

They provide for the needs of the church sanctuary, encourages devotion to Mary through the praying of the rosary, supports a spirit of Christian friendship and service within the parish community.

### **GOLDEN NAVIGATORS**

This is a social group of parishioners who are 50 years or older. They support friendship among each other and organize times to come together for faith sharing, bus trips, education, and fun.



*Jesus said, " Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."*

*When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him.*

*Luke 5:1-11, Ordinary Time*

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# Witnessing in Faith Together

*Then Jesus told them, "Go into the world and proclaim the Good News to all creation."*

*Mark 16:15, Ordinary Time*

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

This is a body of elected parishioners who consult with the pastor on the pastoral needs of the parish community.

## **FINANCE COUNCIL**

This is a body of parishioners chosen by the pastor for their financial and managerial expertise. They consult with the pastor on matters of being a good steward of the parish resources.

## **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

This is our weekly parish bulletin that is designed and organized by an editor from the parish community. The deadline for bulletin articles is Mondays at Noon. They should be submitted to the parish office. The News From The Pews may be viewed online from our website as well.

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Our parish website is yet another face of our parish community that reaches out to those who are looking to stay current, or find out more about our life of faith.

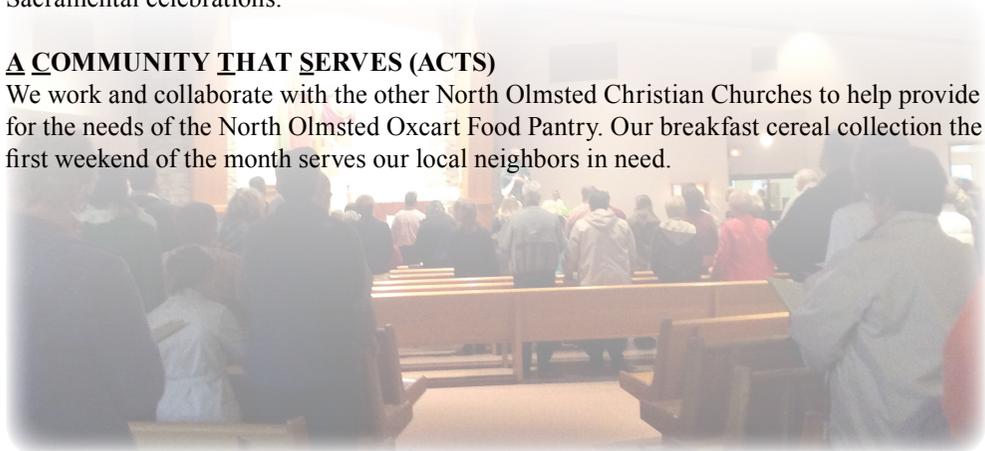
Our web address is **[www.StBrendanNorthOlmsted.org](http://www.StBrendanNorthOlmsted.org)**

## **VIBRANT PARISH LIFE/CLUSTERING**

We work and collaborate with the other North Olmsted Catholic Churches, St. Clarence and St. Richard. Throughout the year we help each other with various programs and Sacramental celebrations.

## **A COMMUNITY THAT SERVES (ACTS)**

We work and collaborate with the other North Olmsted Christian Churches to help provide for the needs of the North Olmsted Oxcart Food Pantry. Our breakfast cereal collection the first weekend of the month serves our local neighbors in need.



### **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)**

This is a process in which adults who would like to join our Catholic Faith are able to walk and talk with other members of the parish community in order to gradually inquire and deepen a commitment to Christ as lived through the Catholic Tradition.

### **OUTREACH TO THE HOSPITALIZED**

When you or a family member are hospitalized for an extended stay, contact the parish office for prayer support. Because of confidentiality codes, hospitals do not contact parishes when a parishioner is admitted. Every hospital has a full-time Catholic priest who is on call and ministers to the needs of those admitted.

### **OUTREACH TO AREA NURSING HOMES**

We have a ministry to Manor Care Nursing Home and O'Neill Healthcare facility in North Olmsted. Eucharistic Ministers take communion to residents on a weekly basis. We have mass at Manor Care on the third Wednesday of each month and at O'Neill Healthcare facility on the second Friday of each month. If you know of any parishioners located at other nursing homes, please inform the office so that periodic visits can be scheduled.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK & RECONCILIATION**

To request the anointing of the sick or reconciliation, see a priest or call the parish office to arrange a time. Confession is also available every Saturday from 3:30 PM - 4:30PM.

*Jesus said, " Do you realize what I have done for you?  
You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for  
indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have  
washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.  
I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have  
done for you, you should also do."*

*John 13:1-15, Holy Thursday of Holy Week*

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## **FUNERAL ASSISTANCE**

In time of death, the parish priests and staff will work with the family to help make arrangements for the Rite of Christian Burial (the Funeral Mass). We also provide a parish-coordinated luncheon or space for a catered luncheon in the Kenny Center after the committal at the cemetery. Family or the funeral home should contact the parish office.

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Periodically those who have lost a loved one are invited to come together for prayer to help ease those times of the year that can be most difficult. The parish can provide resources with regard to bereavement groups that meet on a regular basis.

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

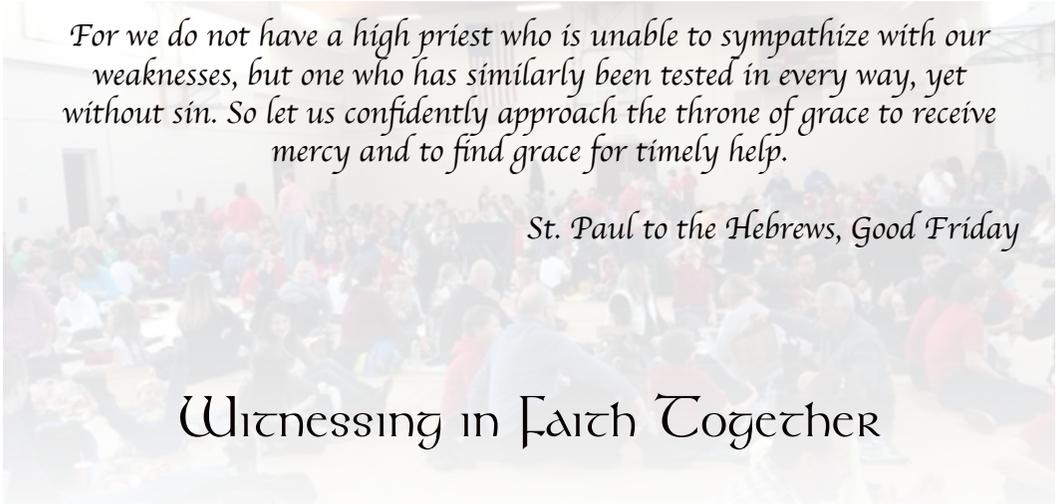
This is a group of parishioners who are alerted to pray for the special needs of the parish and individual concerns of parishioners. Contact the parish office so that members of the chain can be notified about prayer intentions. A book of Prayer Intentions is also located in the vestibule of the church.

## **ANNULMENT MINISTRY**

For those who wish to know more about the Church's teaching on divorce and annulments should contact a parish priest. He will also help facilitate the reconciliation and healing process that the annulment fosters.

## **WESTSHORE SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP**

This group is open to anyone who has been married at one time but is now living a single life because of divorce, separation, or death of a spouse. This is a ministry of peers who come together to help each other adjust emotionally, socially, and psychologically. Meetings happen on the first, third, and fifth Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM.



*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.*

*St. Paul to the Hebrews, Good Friday*

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# Enjoying Each Other's Faith Together

*Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be His people  
And God Himself will always be with them as their God.*

*Revelation 21:1-5, Easter Season*



## **RED & WHITE GALA**

This is the major fundraiser for our parish school. The evening includes raffles, sideboards, a silent auction, dinner, and dancing. Volunteers are essential to the evenings' success.

## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

We honor St. Patrick who provided great example to St. Brendan. On March 17 we celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM followed by a continental breakfast and a bus trip to downtown Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day parade.

## **ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST**

The first Saturday in December families enjoy a visit from St. Nicholas with photo opportunities and enjoy good food and fellowship.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST**

This family event is held near the end of the Lenten season. After a delicious breakfast the children search for Easter eggs with surprises inside and have their picture taken with the Easter bunny.

## **PARISH SUPPORT FOR GIRL AND BOY SCOUT TROOPS**

### **CYO SPORTS**

Football  
Basketball  
Baseball/Softball  
Track & Field  
Volleyball  
Cheerleading

### **BINGO**

This parish fundraiser takes place every Friday beginning at 7:00 PM, doors open at 5:00 PM. Instant tickets are sold prior to the first game. The Kenny Center is air-conditioned and a smoke free facility. Parents of our day school help to facilitate the success of this program and other parishioner assistance is always welcomed. Proceeds are used for capital improvements in the parish and school.

# OUR MISSION and OUR PRAYER

*On the evening of the first of the week, when the doors were locked,  
where the disciples were ... Jesus came and stood in their midst  
And said to them, "Peace be with you."*

*John 20: 19-31, Pentecost*

## ***Saint Brendan Parish Mission Statement:***

*The members of the Catholic community of St. Brendan seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by continuing his mission of building God's kingdom of love, peace, and justice in our world. We commit ourselves to being the body of Christ for others through our participation in the sacramental life of the church, especially the Eucharist, openness to God's word, and service to God's people. In the imitation of our patron, St. Brendan, there will be no barrier to our loving outreach in Christ's name.*



*Follow Me*  
*John 21:19*  
*Easter Season*



***St. Brendan Prayer:***

*O God, hear the voices of the people from a parish named in the honor of St. Brendan. We come together as a parish family to honor You and continue the work of Your missionary priest. Help us to draw on all who worship here and others in our community into a closer relationship with You. Let all in our parish be aware of and appreciate the many gifts You have given us through the years. Strengthen us as we venture forth on the sea of life, so we may be fearless in facing the storms of adversity. Dear St. Brendan, our parish patron, we ask you to intercede on our behalf for the continued blessing from our God on our priests, staff, teachers, volunteers, and all who call St. Brendan church their home. Amen.*



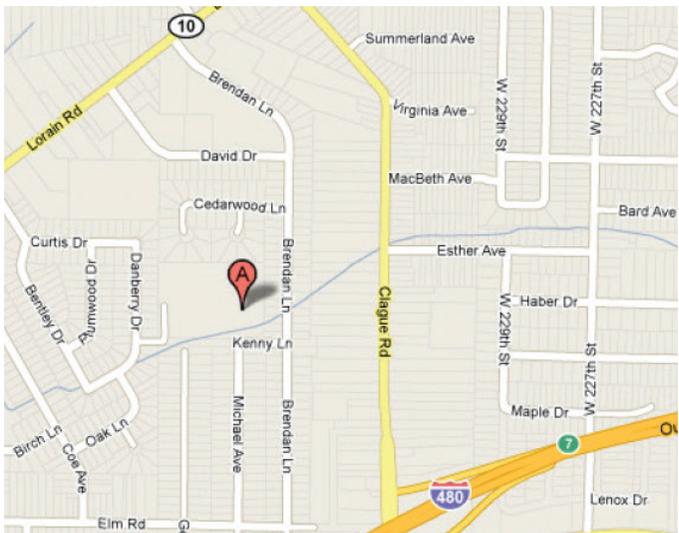
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**TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH**

Please contact the church office so that we may meet you and welcome you to the parish community. No records or certificates are needed but general information will be taken at the time of your appointment.

**TO INQUIRE ABOUT A MINISTRY OR JOINING A GROUP**

Contact the parish office by phone or through the enclosed card and we will be able to connect you to the parish representative of that particular ministry or group. Also the parish bulletin, The News From The Pews, is an excellent resource to keep you informed on the year activities of our parish life. The Parish Website also has up to date information including a link to the weekly parish bulletin.



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## Praying in Faith Together

**Liturgical Schedule:**

- Saturday 5:00 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM
- Weekdays: M-F: 8:30 AM in the chapel
- Holy Days: 7:30 PM Vigil / 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration: M-F from 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the chapel
- Eucharistic Devotions, November on the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe
- Evening Prayer during Advent & Lent; Sunday at 7:00 PM



**St. Brendan Parish**  
**4242 Brendan Lane**  
**North Olmsted, Ohio 44070**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday:** 9:00 AM-8:00 PM

**Friday:** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Closed Daily:** Noon – 1:00 PM

**Contact Information**

**Parish Office:** 440-777-7222

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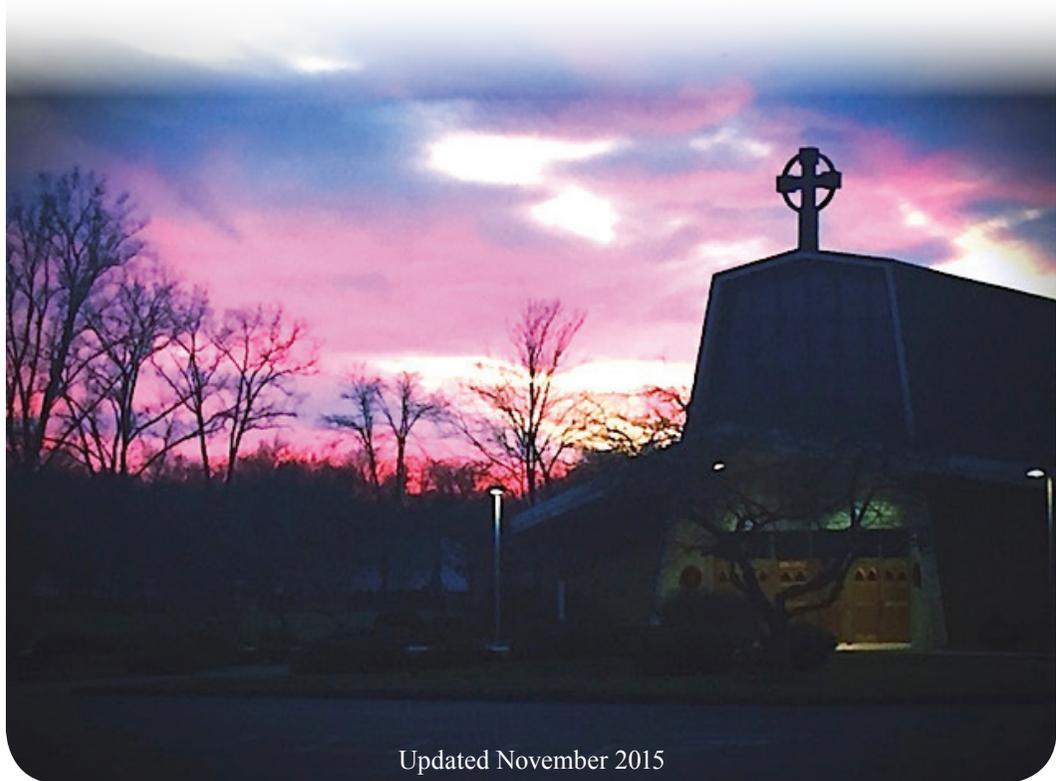
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