



In just a few days many of us will be going out to vote for the political leaders who will be called upon to serve us in our state, city and federal governments. All of these positions are important to us for they are the men and women who will be chosen to lead us and to create the laws that will govern us for the next several years. I offer to you now words written by our Catholic bishops about our call, as Catholics, to Faithful Citizenship.

Fr. Unsworth

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. Every believer is called to faithful citizenship, to become an informed, active, and responsible participant in the political process. We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power.

The Catholic community is large and diverse. We are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. We are members of every race, come from every ethnic background, and live in urban, rural, and suburban communities. We are CEO's and migrant farm workers, senators and persons on public assistance, business owners and union members. But we are all called to a common commitment to protect human life and stand with those who are poor and vulnerable. We cannot be indifferent to or cynical about the obligations of citizenship.

As bishops, we do not seek the formation of a religious voting bloc, nor do we wish to instruct persons on how they should vote by endorsing or opposing candidates. We hope that voters will examine the position of candidates on the full range of issues, as well as on their personal integrity, philosophy, and performance. We are convinced that a consistent ethic of life should be the moral framework from which to address all issues on the political arena. We urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principal, not simply by affiliation or mere self-interest.

The call to faithful citizenship raises a fundamental question. What does it mean to be a believer and a citizen in the year 2008 and beyond? As Catholics, we can celebrate the values of the Gospel and church teachings and bring them into the public square. As citizens, we can and must participate in the debates and choices over the values, vision, and leaders that will take our nation into the next decade. This dual calling of faith and citizenship is at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic in the United States as we look with hope to a new future.

- U.S. Catholic Bishops Administrative Board
- Faithful Citizenship; Civic Responsibility for a New Millennium.

This Election Day, be a faithful Citizen and VOTE!



MONDAY, November 3:

6:45 AM –Dorothy Maciel, Anniversary Mass

TUESDAY, November 4:

6:45 AM – Bruno Pedulla, Birthday Remembrance
2:00 PM – *Mass at Evergreen House*

WEDNESDAY, November 5:

6:45 AM – Manuel S. Lima, Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, November 6:

6:45 AM – Kysel/Bridges families

FRIDAY, November 7:

6:45 AM – Mass of Special Intention (Birthday)
9:00 AM – Jane Brosnihan, Month's Mind
St. Brendan School Mass

SATURDAY, November 8

8:00 AM – Mary E. Finn

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 8

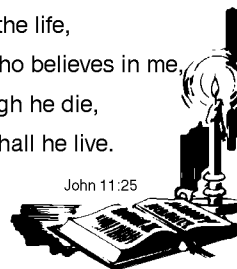
5:00 PM – Silvana Pereira, Anniversary Mass

SUNDAY, November 9:

7:45 AM – Mary Chris Ricci, 1st Anniversary
10:00 AM – Anthony Aragao, Anniversary Mass
11:30 AM – Anna and Thomas Martin

**“Remember those
who have gone before us...”**

"I am the Resurrection
and the life,
he who believes in me,
though he die,
yet shall he live.



*Please remember in
your prayers...*

Russell Drainville

who died last week.

CALENDAR

Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 8, 2008
9 AM to 4 PM

SUNDAY, November 2:

8:45/9:45 AM – CCD (gr 1-5)/school
11/12 noon – CCD (gr 1-5)/school
5/7:00 PM – CCD Middle School (gr 6,7,8)/school

MONDAY, November 3:

7/8:15 PM – Confirmation CCD (gr 9, 10)/ school

TUESDAY, November 4:

No School – Election Day

7:00 PM – RCIA/rectory

WEDNESDAY, November 5

6:30 PM – Handbell Choir/Church
7:30 PM – Choir/Church
7:00 PM – Spiritual Program/rectory

SATURDAY, November 8

9/4 PM – St. Brendan Annual Bazaar/school basement
4/4:40 PM – Joyful Noise Rehearsal/Church

BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS: A reminder to buy your lucky ticket. Prizes are great: \$10,000, \$3,000, \$1,500! Limited number of tickets (500) to be sold – don't delay – support our major fundraiser of the year and just maybe win a great prize! Tickets may also be purchased at the Bazaar.

Thanks to all the parishioners who so generously donated to the Bazaar. We ask that you attend the Bazaar and support your parish!! Remember to bring your address labels with you for your raffle tickets.

JOYFUL NOISE!
3rd and 4th grade
singers needed
Saturdays at 4 PM
Please see Mr. Platt for more information.



Baptism

We welcome into our parish family...

*Jordan Scott Bamford
Alden Michael Bradbury
Zachary David Dandeneau
Jordan Anthony Guarino
Alexander Charles Robinson
baptized here on October 26th*

SHAW'S RECEIPT REWARDS

St. Brendan School will be collecting Shaw's cash register receipts. These receipts will be collected at the school and submitted to Shaw's and we will receive 1% of the total back from Shaw's. What an easy fundraiser! You shop like you normally do and just send in your receipts! If we have 100 households involved spending \$100 a week, St. Brendan School can make \$5,000 year or more! Please send your receipts to the school in a separate envelope marked "Shaw's Rewards". Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

All our registered parishioners have received a copy of our *Annual Financial Report* and an envelope for the *Annual Collection*. This is the single most important collection of the year because it helps us meet the many needs we have which are not funded by the regular Sunday Collections. Please be as generous as your means allow and we ask in a special way that those who do not contribute regularly to the support of the parish might consider using this as an opportunity to make at least one annual gift to your parish. Once again this year our goal is \$50,000 and we are well on our way to meeting that goal

We are most pleased to announce that as of October 27^h we have received a total of \$21,755 -- a true indication of the generosity of so many of our parishioners and we **THANK YOU!**



**St. Brendan's Parish
Turkey Raffle**

**Saturday, November 22
6:30 to 8:30 PM
parish hall**

**Admission free
A great night out for the entire
family!**

NOVEMBER 2, 2008

St. Brendan FOREVER YOUNG CLUB will celebrate its anniversary by attending the 11:30 Mass at St. Brendan Church on November 16. The group will then attend a buffet luncheon at *The Olde Country Buffet* in Seekonk. Tickets (\$10 each) may be obtained by calling *Alice* at 433-0427 or *Norma* at 437-1443. The regular meeting will take place on November 12 – more details to follow.

Riverside Circle #28 DAUGHTERS of ISABELLA will meet on Thursday, November 13, at 7 PM at the *Knights of Columbus Hall, Crescent View Avenue, Riverside*. There will be a grocery bingo following the meeting. Members are asked to bring a canned good for the bingo and a non-perishable item for a food basket to be given to a needy family. Refreshments will be provided by *Melba Edington, Norma Rose, Carol Wood* and *Helen Hubbard*.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you would like to submit someone's name for a gift from this year's **Giving Tree** (senior, nursing home patient, child, etc.) please call *Anne* at 433-2062.

Also we are planning an *Adopt a Family* program this year. If interested, call *Anne*.

ST. BRENDAN SENIORS – LaSalette – Tuesday, December 9, *departs 11:15 AM/returns 6:45 PM - \$50.00 per person – includes lunch at Bittersweet Farm in Westport, MA - concert by Fr. Pat at 3 PM – time for shopping at Gift shop – lights are lit at 5 PM – mass at 5:30 PM – deadline for this trip is November 14th – call Ann at 437-0963.*

PRAYER WARRIOR CORNER

Prayer of the week: November 2 *“The Upcoming Election”* Lord, our great country was founded on the belief that your values would influence our actions. We are turning away from you as many things that are contrary to your will are becoming more and more acceptable. Many of our elected officials are contributing to this downfall. We are in need of leadership that will ensure that this country continues to put their trust in you. We pray that in this coming election the candidates that most represent your views be elected. I, for my part, promise to vote for the candidates that most represent your truths. Amen

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