St. Brendan the Navigator Ministries

Liturgy

Liturgical Planning:

- **ALTAR LINEN CARE** – The linen committee is a group of ladies and/or gentlemen who care for the linens which are used for the celebration of the Eucharist. They are assigned to wash and iron if needed) the linens for one month a year. There is no training needed.
  Contact Pat McLaughlin – pattymac@atmc.net

- **ALTAR SERVERS** – Assist the priest at Mass to prepare the alter. The ministry is open to all parish members in fifth grade or above who have received first Eucharist. Training provided.
  Contact: Ellen Lehrer – lala28468@gmail.com

- **COLLECTION COUNTERS** – Processes weekend offertory collection every Monday. Time Commitment: Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. on a monthly rotating basis.
  Contact: Fran Radley – fxrads@atmc.net – 860-478-8618

- **LITURGY COMMITTEE** – Meets quarterly on Tuesdays in the Library after 9:00am Mass. **Contact: Sandra Nelson – 910-754-7767**

MUSIC – *This ministry includes adult choirs, cantors, organists, and instrumentalists.*

- **Accompanists** – Support and enhance the sung prayer of the assembly. Time Commitment: accompany for masses on organ, piano on a regular basis or for special liturgies; periodic formation sessions.
  Contact: Sandy Payne – slpfnp@yahoo.com

- **Choirs – Director Sandy Gemach – rgemach@ec.rr.com**

- **Sanctuary Choir** – Time commitment: rehearses every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 PM and sings at three masses a month on a rotational basis; summers off.

- **Contemporary Choir** – Time commitment: rehearses every other Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 PM and sings at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays, five times a year.

  Both choirs partake in Community and extra Church-related events.

- **Cantors** – Must possess a good voice, confidence, and poise, and must complete at least one Cantor Training Class. Time commitment: under the direction of the Music Coordinator, lead the musical worship during liturgies when the choir is not present; rehearsals and formation as needed. **Contact: Sandy Payne – slpfnp@yahoo.com**

- **Hispanic Choir** – Practice each Wednesday evening and under the direction of **Sister Rosanne Caiazzo – charitync@atmc.net 910-616-2105**

- **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – Assist with distribution of the Eucharist at daily and weekend masses. Take communion to those who are homebound or in hospitals or nursing homes. Initial training and periodic formation sessions are required.
  Contact: Pat McLaughlin - pattymac@atmc.net (English speakers)

- **READERS** – Proclaim the Word of God at weekend, daily, Holy Days and special liturgies. A strong voice, clear diction, familiarity with scripture, and a willingness to read before the congregation are helpful assets. Time commitment: as often as their schedule permits; arrive 30 minutes before Mass begins.
  Contact for weekend masses: Fr. Mark J. Betti - mjbetti@yahoo.com
  Contact for the Readers at daily mass: Gail Callan - gailcallan4@gmail.com

- **USHERS** – Welcome parishioners and visitors to the Eucharistic celebration; assist and guide the smooth flow of the congregation during communion, presentation of the gifts, and various processions; conduct the collection and bulletin distribution; and attend to special needs. Time commitment: serve at weekend liturgies and other special liturgical celebrations as often as their schedule permits (if possible, one mass each weekend).
  Contact: Jack Dambaugh - jdambaugh@atmc.net

- **SANCTUARY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE** – Assist with planning and preparing the ritual space on an ongoing basis and/or for special liturgies; help design decorations for the main church appropriate to each liturgical season; responsible for maintenance of live plants. Time commitment: varies per the liturgical season, includes Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time.
  Contact: Sandy Nelson - sanlunels@gmail.com

- **AUDIOVISUAL** – Enhances the worship experience of every parishioner by providing a good sound system; assist with the sound equipment for weekend liturgies and special liturgies. Time commitment: as needed, initial training provided.
  Contact: Rob Edwards - robedws@aol.com

  For visual, which includes forwarding projection to TVs in Cry Room and/or to screen in Brendan Hall and Streaming Mass onto You Tube as assigned. Time Commitment: as needed – initial training is provided.
  Contact: Bill Krug - bkrug42@gmail.com or call 301-399-0893

- **FUNERAL MINISTRY COORDINATOR** (Lazarus Group) – Recruit liturgical ministers as needed for funerals; meet with the family to plan the liturgy. Time Commitment: as needed; initial training provided.
  Contact: Pat McLaughlin - pattymac@atmc.net

- **WEDDING COORDINATOR** – Meet with bride and groom on details for wedding liturgy prior to the day of the wedding; facilitate wedding rehearsal; ensure that essential details and setup are handled at the wedding celebration. Time commitment: some time spent with the wedding couple before the wedding; direction of wedding rehearsal (2 hours); help with setup and coordination of processions on the wedding day (3 hours); variable frequency; initial training and formation sessions.
  Contact:
  Gail Callan - gailcallan4@gmail.com
  Sister Mary Teresa – mtnc8@atmc.net for Hispanic weddings

Spiritual Formation / Prayer:

St. Brendan Church invites all people to grow in their Catholic faith; formation is a life-long process. Special Bible studies will be announced in advance in the bulletin and on the parish website.

- **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** – Providing relevant, meaningful educational and spiritual programs for our adult community. By incorporating teaching, community, and prayer in all that we do, we hope to nurture and support a deep, growing, personal relationship with Jesus and His Church in all those we serve.
  Contact:
  Bert McGoff - 704 425-4047
  Paula McGoff - 704 425-1155

- **SACRAMENTAL PREP** – Volunteers prepare children for First Communion and Confirmation.
  Contact:
  Sister Mary Teresa - mtnc8@atmc.net for First Communion.
  Deborah White - confirmation@stbns.org for Confirmation

BIBLE/SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Faith's Journey/Tuesday Bible study** – Studies on various topics in a large faith–sharing community setting in the Parish Hall. Time commitment: every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 in the Aherne Rm#4. Watch the announcements for topics and dates.
  Contact:
  Gail Callan gailcallan4@gmail.com

- **Little Rock Bible Study** – Participants use Liturgical Press's Little Rock Scripture study sets to read and discuss Old and New Testament books of the Bible. Each course runs between eight and 12 weeks. Group meets Tuesday mornings after Mass at 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in classroom 1 in the Parish Hall. The group decides which book of the Bible to explore each time. We sometimes take two to four weeks off between sessions to accommodate holidays and summer vacations. There is a fee for the books of around $20.
  Contact: Ed Beckley - ejbeckleyjr@yahoo.com

- **Searchers of Scripture** – This ongoing group meets to experience and discuss God's word as we hear it in our lives today. All are renewed in an understanding of Scripture and more prepared to listen to God speaking to us especially through the readings at Sunday Mass. Participants have varied religious and educational backgrounds and no prior knowledge of the Bible is required. Time commitment: meets every Thursday morning: 9:30-11:00 am in Lahren Rm #1.
  Contact: Martin McLoughlin - stbrendansearchers@gmail.com

- **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)** – For adults interested in coming into full communion with our Catholic Christian Faith, RCIA takes place over the course of a year and restores the original order of the Sacraments of Initiation. Time commitment: decided in September and is based on consensus of the group.
  Contact: Bert McGoff - bertmcgoff@gmail.com

- **SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES** – Members meet to read and understand God's word and share its application in relation to their everyday lives. Time Commitment: defined by individual residential communities.

  • *Winding River* – **Contact: Pat Fredette – pathaufre@atmc.net 910-754-7454**

  • *Sea Trail Plantation* – **Contact: Charlie Giordano – gioanne@atmc.net 910-579-8601**

  • *Brunswick Plantation* – **Contact: Noreen Gilmartin – nortom@atmc.net 910-287-3333**

- **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION** – Family-Centered Faith Formation sessions for children and their parents. Coordinated breakout sessions for both the children in Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade and their parents/guardians or grandparents. High School students in Grades 9 through 12 are also invited to attend the parents' session or work as volunteers assisting classroom facilitators. The classes meet the first Sunday of each month (October to May) from 11:00-12:15 am.
  Contact:
  Diane Nagle - faith.formation.coordinator@stbns.org
  Tom Nagle - faith.formation.assistant@stbns.org
  Sister Mary Teresa – mtnc8@atmc.net - 910-200-9209

- **CURSILLO (Hispanic)** Cursillo begins with an intense three-day spiritual retreat, the purpose of which is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Upon completing the retreat, the 'fourth day' begins – living the rest of one's life by the power of the Gospel. The ultimate end of Cursillo is to bring Jesus Christ into the world and to be of service to the parish. Time commitment: weekly/monthly prayer meetings.
  Contact: Juan Casillas - 910-616-9218

- **JOHN XXIII (Hispanic)** Purpose: to grow in faith. Meets Mondays, 7-9 PM. Study Catholic Catechism and the Bible. Attend JOHN XXIII retreat once a year.
  Contact:
  Ada Flores - 843-582-2993
  Raul Ruiz - 939-488-5632 - adayraul@yahoo.com

PRAYER:

- **CREATIVE SPIRIT** – A group composed of knitters and crocheters who meet to pray and socialize while making shawls, afghans, wheelchair blankets, baby blankets and clothes, hats, scarves, slipper socks and other things for those in need of these items in Brunswick County. Time Commitment: meets weekly on Friday after daily mass.
  Contact:
  Eileen Brown – summerplace789@yahoo.com
  Gail Callan – gailcallan4@gmail.com

- **GROUP LECTIO DIVINA** – Experience Group Lectio Divina (Divine Reading), a slow, quiet and thoughtful encounter with Scripture to listen for God's messages to you by "praying" scripture. These 45 minute to 1 hr. sessions are offered every Tuesday after Mass in the Maloney room and 6:30 pm in the parish library.
  Contact:
  Bert McGoff - 704 425-4047 bertmcgoff@gmail.com
  Julie Blake - (570) 460-7339 Julieblake86@gmail.com or
  Pam Socha (910) 540-3238 pamsocha@atmc.net

- **LEGION OF MARY** is a worldwide organization of the lay apostolate, in which Catholic men and women sanctify themselves through prayer and spiritual work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of the clergy. For more information please stop by the parish library "most" Monday mornings after 9 AM Mass.
  Contact:
  Kelly Holthaus – 443-630-9910
  Anita Vevasis – 910-368-5763

- **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** – St Patrick Eucharistic Adoration Chapel (located in the McGivney Center) M-Th: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm; Friday 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
  Contact: Anita Vevasis – ajvevasis@gmail.com

- **PRAYER FOR PEACE** – Prayers are conducted by the Franciscan Sister Associates. Time Commitment: every Friday (except 1st Friday) after 9 am Mass in Maloney Room.
  Contact: Pam Socha (910) 540-3238 - pamsocha@atmc.net

- **ROSARY** – The rosary is prayed for the unborn before First Friday 9 am Mass. Time commitment: every First Friday at 8:30 AM.
  Contact: Tom Kuncewitch - thomasjohn33@atmc.net

Social Ministry / Social Justice:

SERVICE:

- **AED TRAINING** – (Automated External Defibrillator) volunteers are trained and certified to administer CPR in emergency situations with the AED.
  Contact: Peggy Dotson - pdots.hrs@gmail.com

- **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** – **Contact Diane Nagle – carolinaerin@aol.com**

- **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP** – Assist with the immigration office completing forms and other clerical work, tutor individuals for the Citizenship test. Time Commitment: 2 hours per week as often as schedule permits.
  Contact: Sister Rosanne Caiazzo - charitync@atmc.net - 910-616-2105

- **HUMAN LIFE & DIGNITY MINISTRY** – Participates in Deanery and community pro-life events and advocacy; focuses on increasing the awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death; encourages adult and child faith formation ministry leaders to incorporate and adapt the life and relationships content when appropriate in their curricula; ensures regular bulletin updates for the parish; decorate the gathering space for Respect Life Month in October; create an annual Human life & Dignity "Fair or Expo' in conjunction with Respect Life Month.
  Contact:
  Kathleen Brandenburg: human.Life.Dignity.Coordinator@stbns.org

- **LINKING LIVES** – Volunteers provide temporary financial and emotional support to a parish family in crisis.
  Contact: Sister Mary Teresa - mtnc8@atmc.net 910-200-9209

- **LOAVES AND FISHES** – Provide food for individuals and families in the county. Tasks include collecting food from local food stores, organizing, and monitoring inventory and assisting in distribution of food on assigned days. Time Commitment: one half days as assigned.
  Contact: Bert McGoff – bertmcgoff@gmail.com

- **PRISON MINISTRY** – Volunteers visit inmates at nearby correctional facilities at designated times, conduct Eucharist service, discuss scripture; provide spiritual comfort and assistance; help inmates grow in their relationship with God, creation & each other thus respecting all life. Time commitment is 6 to 8 hours per month, involves travel to Tabor & Columbus facilities. The Dept. of Correction provides mandatory training.
  Contact: Houston Holder - ghholder@gmail.com

- **RECOGNITION OF SERVICEMEN/WOMEN** – Keeps current with parishioners or family members who are serving their country by maintaining a photo display in the Gathering Space.
  Contact: John McGinley - jemb1@atmc.net

- **THE GIVING GARDEN** – Volunteers work in the garden, (which is located behind the Knock Center – current site of the Loaves & Fishes food pantry) growing fresh produce to provide to the food pantry to give out. Groups meet Wednesdays at 9 AM to harvest produce ready for picking and to have it to the food pantry when it opens at 10AM. Other needed gardening chores (ie: weeding, planting, raking, fertelizing, etc), are then done. Members also work in the garden when convenient for them during the rest of the week**.**
  Contact: Diane Beears – dbeears218@gmail.com - 910-444-9214

Fraternal Groups:

- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - A fellowship and support group for those dealing with addictions; follows the 12 steps to recovery.

  Hispanic AA Meetings - Thursdays at 7:30 pm - Rodstrom Room #2
  Contact: Jose Luis Aguilar at **910-398-4964**

  English AA meetings - Wednesdays at 10:00–11:00 am - McGivney Room #3
  Contact: Robert M - 862-777-4815 - Rmannflint@hotmail.com

- **COLUMBIETTES** – (Our Lady of the Rosary) are a vibrant group of ordinary Catholic women affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, who are willing to make a difference in our Church, community, and the world. The benefits of membership are many, including spiritual, moral, charitable, educational, and social.
  Carol Rowane - 703 307-8655 - presidentolor9039@gmail.com

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/SQUIRES** – Charity is the first principle of these men of faith and action. Every year they raise and donate tens of thousands of dollars for charitable projects and volunteer thousands of hours to organizations. Includes the squires for young men 12-17.
  Contact: Kenneth Conn - 516 860-9640 - gkkenny9039@gmail.com

- **FRANCISCAN SISTER ASSOCIATES** – Meets for the enhancement of Spirituality, service, and fellowship. Time Commitment: meets the 4th Friday of the month at 9:30-11:30 in the Library.
  Contact: Ellen Nash - 910-620-1058 - 2chuckels@gmail.com or
  Janet Shirdon - 910 393-9884 - jshirdon@atmc.net

Parish Community

- **WELCOME MINISTRY** – Works to encourage a friendly and welcoming environment of spirituality, hospitality, and inclusion into the faith community for new parishioners. "Meet & Greet" gatherings held twice a year are designed to welcome new parishioners**.**
  Contact: Bev Methvin - 910-209-4150 - bmethvin7522@gmail.com

- **ST. MICHAEL MINISTRY** – Provides for the safety and security of parishioners.
  Contact:
  Jeanne Miller - jmiller0328@gmail.com
  Rick Skorny - rick@skorny.com

- **PARISH LIBRARIAN** – **Bobbie Beckley - rbmanakin@yahoo.com – 252-256-0351**

Social Gatherings:

- **BINGO** – A social gathering where parishioners come together to enjoy lunch and an afternoon of games and socializing in Brendan Hall.
  2nd and 4th Tuesdays. No meetings in June, July or August.
  Contact: Janet Shirdon 910-393-9884

- **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** – Volunteers assist in planning this Feast Day celebration. Time Commitment: decided as the event planning begins.
  Contact:
  Sister Mary Teresa - mtnc8@atmc.net - 910-200-9209
  Sister Rosanne Caiazzo - 910-616-2105 - charitync@atmc.net

- **FUNERAL FELLOWSHIP** – Volunteers provide hospitality to bereaved family and friends upon request. Time Commitment: varies
  Contact: Barbara Wilson - 910-512-2156 - lilybelle@atmc.net - barbara44.wilson@gmail.com

- **THREE KINGS DAY** – Volunteers help with a day of celebration for parish children.
  Contact: Sister Mary Teresa - mtnc8@atmc.net - 910-910-200-9209

Communication:

- **ARCHIVIST** – Maintains textual and picture history of our parish community. Time Commitment: as needed.
  Contact: Beverly Methvin - bmethvin7522@gmail.com

- **BULLETIN** – Prepares blurbs, articles, announcements, and other pertinent information related to parish and local community activities.
  Contact: Lisa McCann - BREnavigator@stbns.org or call **910-754-8544 Ext. 9**

- **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** – We work in partnership with the Brunswick Literacy Council to aid in learning the English language.
  Contact: Teddy Altreuter - 910-579-1057

- **WEBSITE** – Updates the website with current and pertinent parish information; evaluates and modifies the design and layout of website when necessary. Maintain contact and communication with parish organizations and ministries to solicit information and news regarding activities.
  Contact: Julie Chiarella - juliechiarella@att.net

Non-Profit Organizations

Many of our parishioners volunteer their time and talents in the local community organizations.

- **CRISIS INTERVENTION** –
  Sister Rosanne Caiazzo charitync@atmc.net 910-616-2105
  Sister Mary Teresa mtnc8@atmc.net 910-200-9209