

### **HOLY MASS**

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 5:30 PM

**SUNDAY** 

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM

#### **DAILY MASS**

MON & WED 5:30 PM

TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT 8 AM

#### **RECONCILIATION**

**WEDNESDAY** 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

**SATURDAY** 9 AM

Parishioners may schedule an appointment for confession with one of the priests by calling the parish office

### **OFFICE HOURS**

MON-FRI, 9 AM-4 PM 614.876.1272, Fax 614.876.1482

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# **MASS INTENTIONS** MARCH 27- APRIL 2

MON	5:30 PM	Frances E. Rouhana
TUES	8:00 AM	Lucy Kilbaine
WED	5:30 AM	Jonathan Coldren
THURS	8:00 AM	Richard Seipel
FRI	8:00 AM	Gerard Smith
SAT	8:00 AM	Sr. Virginia Coldren
	5:30 PM	Intention of Angelo Rivera
SUN	7:15 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	8:45 AM	Michael & Margaret Hanchin
	10:45 AM	For the Protection of the Unborn
	5:30 PM	Robert J. Berger



9 AM-9 PM

WED 7 AM-7 PM

**TUES** 

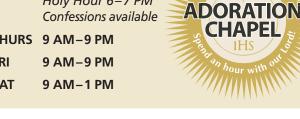
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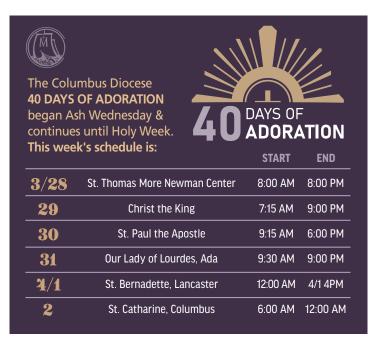
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THURS 9 AM-9 PM

FRI

**SAT** 





# **SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER**

#### **Church Hours**

Weekdays, 6 AM-9 PM

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Weekdays, 9 AM-4 PM

#### New Members - All are Welcome!

Email receptionist@stbrendans.net or call 614.876.1272 Request a packet at stbrendans.net/become-a-member

#### Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

#### **Baptisms**

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at stbrendans.net/baptism

#### **Baptism Preparation Classes**

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required). See website for details or email baptism@stbrendans.net

#### **Annointing of the Sick**

Contact the Parish Office.

#### **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Fr Brown at frbrown@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 226

### Ministry of Evangelization & Catechisis

614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

#### St Brendan School

614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

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Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

#### **Mass Intentions**

To schedule an intention, mail request to the Parish Office with \$10 (due when the request made).

#### Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is \$75). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

#### Ministry of Care for our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jennifer at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or jrice@stbrendans.net

# **Protecting God's Children Class**

Register at www.virtus.org

#### **POD Nursery**

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

#### **Navigator News**

Visit stbrendan.ccbchurch.com and create your ParishStaq account to automatically begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. To have Sunday worship materials & bulletins emailed weekly to you, go to tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids

# **JACOB DORAN & TOTUS TUUS**



A great way to go about the work of evangelization is to put people into a relationship with people who are in a relationship with God. Getting to know someone who has a strong faith makes your own faith stronger! This summer, we will start a new VBS program that will give just that opportunity to our children. St Brendan is joining eight other parishes in the Diocese of Columbus in welcoming missionaries from Totus Tuus! They will come to us to run our new Vacation Bible

School day camp and youth nights. Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a fun and energetic, weeklong, parish-based summer program for youth entering 1st-12th grade. Totus Tuus gathers college students and seminarians into teams of four and sends them out to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in various parishes throughout the diocese. We will have two teams at St Brendan so that we can accommodate 150 1st-6th grade students and 80 7th-12th grade students. Both the day camp and youth nights will take place at St Brendan from June 25-30.

Totus Tuus exists to respond to the call of our recent Popes for a "new evangelization." It aims to address the problem of the huge number of young Catholics who are leaving the Church at an earlier age than in the past in favor of modern lifestyles without faith or religion. By providing them with solid teaching, joyful Christian witness, and, most importantly, an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ through the Sacraments, Totus Tuus seeks to evangelize young people in a lasting and profound way. They not only offer an exciting and fun-filled day centered on faith, but also daily Mass and opportunities for Confession.

#### **2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DETAILS:**

Dates: Sunday, June 25 - Friday, June 30. Day camp for those entering grades 1-6 will run from 9 AM - 2:30 PM, and youth nights for those entering grades 7-12 will be 7-9 PM.

Age: Totus Tuus is open to all children entering 1st -6th grades for day camp and entering 7th -12th grades for youth nights.

Cost: \$25 per child.

**Lunch:** For the day camp, you must send your child with a packed lunch for the day. We will provide a morning snack.

**Potluck:** We will have a potluck Wednesday night in the MPR at St Brendan to give your whole family a chance to meet the Totus Tuus Missionaries.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are in need of volunteers, dinner hosts, and host families to help make this year's VBS successful. These positions are open to anyone entering 8th grade and older. We do need at least two Safe Environment certified adults with each grade level of children during the day camp.

To volunteer, visit https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public

Register for VBS by scanning the QR code or by visiting https://bit.ly/stbtotustuus

Questions? Contact jdoran@stbrendans.net



# PARISHSTAQ & PUSHPAY

Since their initial launch, PushPay (our new parish online giving platform) and ParishStaq (our new parish data software) have provided a more unified system for our parish finances, communications and information. But, some confusion has surfaced that we would like to help clarify:

- Creating a ParishStaq account does NOT register you as a member of St Brendan parish. If you are already a registered member, no need to re-register, but, for those who would like to join our parish, new member packets are available at www.stbrendans.net/become-a-member
- 2. If you update your address in ParishStaq or Pushpay, that will not automatically update your address for offertory envelopes since those are managed by a 3rd party vendor, so please contact the parish office and we will notify the envelope company of your address change.
- 3. When you create your ParishStaq or Pushpay account, make sure to do so as an individual, not as a couple or family (ie: inputting "Mr & Mrs Smith" or "Smith Family" in the name fields will flag our system and creates duplicate profiles, causing extra work for parish staff!)

If you still haven't created your ParishStaq account, please do so soon! We will be launching our Parish App at Easter and several of the features will only be available to those signed in to their ParishStaq account.

#### Some of the Parish App features are:

- Quick sign-in access to ParishStaq
- Daily Scripture, your groups, notifications, events, registration forms, giving portal and calendars will all be available in one place
- Home screen that highlights upcoming events
- Quick access to parish links such as Adoration sign-up, ministry scheduling, YouTube channel, social media and more!

If you already have a ParishStaq account, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with it further by watching our how-to video available at www.stbrendans.net/parishstaq



If you would like us to pray for friends or family who are hospitalized or are ill at home or for active duty military loved ones, please email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net. If you would like our parish community to pray for you or a loved one, for a reason other than illness or military, please visit our online Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch Doris Kopac Jim Logue Mary Brake Chris Carrino Jane Lumen Eugene Chervenak Mary Pat Marchion Linda Clark Joe Martin Patricia Crane Becky Moyer Chuck Destefani **Grant Nuss Brent Shonkwiler** Mary Jo Flickinger Pamela Theado Mary Frick Mitzie Toth Don Johnson Marilyn Wiggins Bob Kienle

#### **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

Aaron Grieshop Kaden Morris
Sam Imwalle Alec Moyer
Christopher Keck Cody Longstreth
Jackson Maassel

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

#### **NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS**

If you would like Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for the return, back to the Church, of a loved one who has stopped practicing their faith, make your request on the St Brendan Prayer Wall at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer and Inviting Catholics Home team members will find your request and pray for them.

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 27**

9:00 AM Church Cleaning Church 5:30 PM Daily Mass Church 7:00 PM Parish Penance Service Church

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

6:30 AM Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing Davidson Rd Meeting Room A

8:00 AM Daily Mass Church

9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel

7:00 PM RCIA Chas McCurdy Learning Center

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

7:00 AM-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel

5:30 PM Daily Mass Church 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Adoration, Confessions Available Church

7:00 PM Respect Life Planning Meeting Wellnitz Hall Room 1 (with patio)

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

8:00 AM Daily Mass Church

9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel

9:00 AM Rescue Project Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B 6:30 PM Rescue Project Davidson Rd Meeting Rooms A & B

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM Daily Mass Church

9:00 AM-9:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel
4:30 PM-7:30 PM Lenten Fish Fry Multipurpose Room

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross Church

7:15 PM M.A.S.T. Book Club The Carter Center

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

6:30 AM Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing Davidson Rd Meeting Room A

8:00 AM Daily Mass Church 8:45 AM The Rosary Church 9:00 AM Confessions Church

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry The Carter Center

5:30 PM Vigil Mass - PALM SUNDAY Church

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 – PALM SUNDAY**

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM Mass Church

8:45 & 10:45 AM POD Nursery Childcare Center

8:45 & 10:45 AM Children's Liturgy of The Word Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM-12:00 AM (midnight) Eucharistic Adoration Adoration Chapel

#### GRIFF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR GRIEVING, MARCH 26

Join us this Sunday, March 26 at 7 PM in the church, where we will be praying the Way of the Cross for the Grieving. Questions? Please contact Dennis at edmuch@me.com or 614.946.8099

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

#### **MEETING MARCH 29, 7 PM, WELLNITZ HALL**

Interested in spreading awareness, education, and more for life issues that are vital to our Catholic belief? Please join us Wednesday, March 29 at 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall Room 1, as we plan our focus for May on people with disabilities and their right to life. We will also assist the Knights with their Measure Up campaign benefiting the Special Olympics. We need those with a heart for life, communicating the importance of holding all life sacred, and ideas to plan our coming year. Questions? Contact Jen at jrice@stbrendans.net



Seniors NOW is a St Brendan social ministry for mature (65+) adults who share their faith.

NOTE: APRIL 7, 8 AM Event was cancelled.

APRIL 10, MONDAY, 12 PM - Meet at Grandad's Pizza, 4093 Trueman Blvd, Hilliard. RSVP Larry at Larryhanchin@yahoo.com



### CATHOLIC MEDICINE IN A SECULAR SOCIETY

APRIL 22, 2023 | 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM 7625 N HIGH ST. COLUMBUS, OH 43235

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

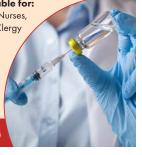
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### THIS FRIDAY'S FISH FRY MENU:

Size	Meal	Description	Amount		
Adult	Breaded Shrimp	9-10 pcs Breaded Shrimp w/4 Sides (3/31 only)	\$1	15.00	
	Baked Fish 3 Pieces Baked Fish w/3 Sides 3		\$ 16.00		
	Pizza Slices of Pizza w/2 Sides		\$ 1	\$ 10.00	
	Sides: Potato w/Butter & Sour Cream, French Fries, Mac & Cheese 4 oz, Bread Rolls & Butter, Container Coleslaw, Green Beans, Container Apple Sauce				
Student Ages 8 to 18	Breaded Shrimp	6-7 pcs Breaded Shrimp w/3 Sides (3/31 only)	\$	11.00	
	Baked Fish	2 Pieces Baked Fish w/2 Sides		12.00	
	Pizza	2 Slices of Pizza w/1 Side & Soda	\$	7.50	
	Mac & Cheese	9/10 oz Serving Mac & Cheese w/2 Sides & Soda	a \$	7.50	
Sides: French Fries, Mac & Cheese 4 oz, Bread Rolls & Butter, Container Coleslaw, Green Beans, Container Apple Sauce					
Child Ages up to 8yrs	Baked Fish	1 Piece Baked Fish w/2 Sides	\$	7.50	
	Pizza	1 Slice of Pizza w/1 Side & Soda	\$	5.50	
	Mac & Cheese	7/8 oz Serving Mac & Cheese w/1 Sides & Soda	\$	5.50	
	Sides: French Fries, Mac & Cheese 4 oz, Bread Rolls & Butter, Container Coleslaw, Green Beans, Container Apple Sauce				
Family Style	Fries	Basket of Fries (6 Servings)	\$	8.00	
	Coleslaw	Bowl of Coleslaw (6 Servings)	\$	8.00	
•	Mac & Cheese	Bowl of Mac & Cheese (6 Servings)	\$	8.00	
(Dine-in Only)	Bread Rolls	Basket of Bread Rolls (6)	\$	8.00	

#### View the full menu at www.stbrendans.net/fish-fry

This week, March 31, is the last Fish Fry for 2023 at St Brendan. Breaded shrimp will be served instead of battered fish.

#### SAVE THE DATES – APRIL 29 & 30

#### **DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?**

On April 29 & 30, St Brendan's St Vincent de Paul Conference invites you to look for the **St Vincent** de Paul Thrift Store trailer in our parking lot. Your donations of gently used clothing, household items, toys, books, bikes, sporting goods, etc, are needed to

restock the Thrift Store in order to assist individuals in need within our parish community and the Columbus Diocese. Mark your calendar!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a healing sacrament by which we experience the mercy of God. Penance opportunities at our parish:

MARCH 27, PARISH PENANCE SERVICE Please join us for our Lenten Penance Service in the church on Monday, March 27 at 7 PM.

APRIL 3, RECONCILIATION MONDAY takes place the following week on the Monday of Holy Week, April 3 from 4-9 PM in the Church and Adoration Chapel.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY

We hope you will join our Deacons this Friday, March 31 at 7 PM in the church in remembering the Passion of Christ.



## ANNUAL ST BRENDAN MEN'S RETREAT

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 19-21, 2023

Friday, May 19 - Sunday, May 21, 2023 at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, join us to unpack this year's theme "Deepening our Walk with Jesus through the Eucharist." Retreat Director this year is Father Tom Gardner; cost is \$190 (minimum \$50 deposit due with registration; balance



due no later than May 5, 2023). For more information and registration, please scan the QR code or visit **www.stbrendans.net/mens-groups** Questions? Contact Gerry at 614-946-8117 or **Gerryliz90@gmail.com** 

# **EASTER LILIES for the ALTAR**

Contributions of **\$10** per lily can be made in memory of a loved one, or for a special intention. Make checks payable to St Brendan the Navigator Church and mail with this form to: 4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026 – OR – drop off form and checks at the parish office. You can also request lilies by filling out the online form found in ParishStag or at **tinyurl.com/lilies-for-altar** 

Orders received by **March 30** will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

### PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR:

In Memory of:
~OR~ Special Intention:
Requested by:
Email:
Phone #:
Total amount enclosed (# of plants x \$10 =) \$

### **LENTEN RESOURCES**



# PRAY WITH FR MIKE SCHMITZ ON HALLOW

One of the most popular meditations every week on Hallow



is Fr Mike's Sunday Homilies. Each week, he dives into Scripture to give us powerful and actionable interpretations about how we can better our daily lives. Listen to him every Sunday and also pray with him every day in his new Daily Minute Homily on Hallow! Create your free account at hallow.com/holyday, select "St Brendan the Navigator" and input your email.



#### **SEE TRIDUUM ON FORMED.ORG**

Triduum is a beautiful, 30-minute contemplative documentary that cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Access your free Formed subscription by visiting signup.formed.org. Type "St Brendan the Navigator" into the search bar to create your account.

# LENTEN RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

To access events happening at our parish during Lent and for even more resources, visit www.stbrendans.net/lent-2023

# **HOLY WEEK**

# APRIL PALM SUNDAY

**NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE ADORATION 6:30 PM-MIDNIGHT** No Coffee & Donuts

# **RECONCILIATION** MONDAY

**CONFESSIONS 4-9 PM** In the Church **ADORATION 9 AM-MIDNIGHT** 

# **WEDNESDAY ADORATION**

7 AM - MIDNIGHT (No Confession)

## **HOLY** THURSDAY

7:30 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER **ADORATION 8:30 PM-MIDNIGHT** (11:45 PM Night Prayer)

## **GOOD** FRIDAY

12 PM Mass with general Veneration **7 PM** Mass with individual Veneration

## **HOLY** SATURDAY

No 8 AM Mass 9 AM, BLESSING OF FOOD with Eucharistic Adoration at 9 AM - 1 PM 8 PM, EASTER VIGIL MASS (livestreamed) No 5:30 PM Mass/POD Nursery/Coffee & Donuts

#### APRIL **EASTER** SUNDAY

**MORNING MASS NORMAL SCHEDULE 10:45 AM MASS** in the MPR & Church No 5:30 PM Mass/POD Nursery/Coffee & Donuts

**MONDAY, APRIL 10** 

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED & NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)

# ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF **EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS**



### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Our final faith formation family sessions will be on April 23 & 24. Before these, you should complete the Root family meetings 4 & 5 at home. As well, you should read parts 5 & 6 of the Root parent series.

### SACRAMENT PREPARATION

FIRST COMMUNION - Faith formation families: Please complete Nourish family meetings 7, 8, and 9 before the First Eucharist Retreat at the end of April. All First Communion families: Please RSVP using the link sent by email for the retreat. If you need to update any information from your registration form, especially the number of guests for us to expect, please contact sacraments@stbrendans.net. As well, complete any owed payment to cover the cost of the retreat and gifts.

**CONFIRMATION** – Faith formation families: You should complete Zeal family meeting 7 at home by March 31. All Confirmation families: Please send in any information that you may have not known when registering for Confirmation, such as Confirmation name or sponsor. We do need to receive a letter of good standing from the sponsor's parish if he or she does not attend St Brendan. As well, remind the sponsor that we like to include a letter from him or her to the candidate with their gift and certificate on Confirmation Day. As well, please complete any owed payment to cover the cost of the Damascus Retreat back in November.

More details can be found by visiting:

www.stbrendans.net/confirmation/confirmation-preparation-for-teens

### 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please see the article from Jacob Doran on the second page of this bulletin for details about our new VBS program this year, Totus Tuus, happening June 25-30. It will include both day camps and youth nights!

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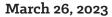
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# ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

The St Brendan Athletic Association has established two scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to be awarded to one male and one female student to aid them in furthering their education at a Catholic high school. 8th grade students who are a member of St Brendan Parish and have participated in a sport offered by the St Brendan Athletic Association are eligible. Students must be planning to attend a Catholic high school in the Columbus Diocese in the fall of 2023. Deadline to apply is May 1, 2023. Applicants must complete an essay and fill out the form available at www.stbrendans.net/athletics



# Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45



In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.



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The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

**ACTION** As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: usccb.org.



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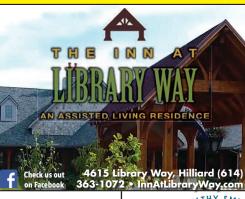
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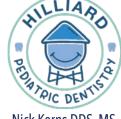


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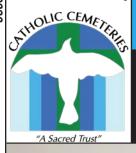
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