



# THE NAVIGATOR EL NAVEGANTE

We welcome all to join us in being Jesus Christ to our world.  
*Les damos la bienvenida para ser juntos Jesucristo para el mundo.*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2012



*Madonna and Child with Cherubs, c. 1650, Giovanni Battista Salvi, called Il Sassoferrato*

## **FAITH AND PUBLIC POLICY WORKSHOP** (To register: [www.archatl.com/](http://www.archatl.com/) or contact Joy Place - [jplace@archatl.com](mailto:jplace@archatl.com); 404-920-7346)

The Archdiocese of Atlanta invites you to join a Faith and Public Policy Workshop sponsored by the Georgia Catholic Conference on Saturday, January 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Marietta. Topics include Catholic social teaching, faithful citizenship, and today's public policy issues. \$10.00 registration fee covers cost of materials.

## **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

It is time to clear out the Parish **Lost and Found Cabinet** in the Usher's Room. Items include keys, toys, books, shoes, and many more items. There are also large items such as a blue Coleman cooler, green lawn chair and umbrellas that do not fit in the cabinet. Please stop by to claim any items before they are donated at the first of the year.

## **THANKS FROM ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY**

(Contact: Barbara Gordon - [barbaragordon@aol.com](mailto:barbaragordon@aol.com); 770-888-3258)

You have provided so much for so many. You have gifted warm coats, school supplies, pet food, linens, personal care products, books, toys and mountains of food. You have searched your hearts for ways to help! Most of all you have given of your time and caring talents to ensure success.

Here in Cumming you have done God's work by sharing with His people.

For so many reasons, your Pantry Team thanks you.

A very special thanks to **Kay and Chuck Schultz** for their outstanding efforts for our Christmas Project.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THE MEANING OF THE MASS**

(RSVP to Cyndi Peterson: 770-886-0035 or [cyndiloup@bellsouth.net](mailto:cyndiloup@bellsouth.net))

St. Brendan's will be offering "Reflections on the Mass" on Thursday, January 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will discuss the meaning of the Mass and some of the changes in the revised edition of the *Roman Missal* that we began using the first week in Advent. Join us to explore the rituals and symbols that transform not only the bread and wine, but also the assembly of the Church into the Body of Christ.

## ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Parish Office Hours  
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Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**FOR DETAILS REGARDING PARISH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - AS WELL AS A COMPLETE LIST OF MINISTRY CONTACTS - PLEASE VISIT  
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**Emergency Contact Information**

**AA:** Bob W. 404-308-6556 or Kathie M. 404-219-4055  
**AI-Anon:** 404-687-0466  
**Good Samaritan Emergency Assistance Hotline:** 770-205-2324

**Faith Formation**

Our Faith Formation program is dedicated to providing quality programs that meet the needs of all our parishioners. From preschool to adults, we offer catechetical instruction that is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Scriptures and Church Tradition. Please contact the Faith Formation office, ext. 21, for more information regarding elementary, middle and high school programs, and Paul Thigpen, ext. 40, for adult programs. More detailed information is available on the parish website.

**First Reconciliation / Communion**

First Communion / Reconciliation typically takes place in second grade with the preparation beginning in first grade. Preparation includes meetings and workshops for parents and working with children at home with materials provided by the Faith Formation department. All this is done in concert with our regular Faith Formation program. For information contact the Faith Formation office, ext 21.

**Mass Intentions & Altar Flowers**

Please contact the parish office to reserve a date for a special Mass Intention or Altar Flower donation.

**St. Joseph Food Pantry**

Food distribution every Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and every Friday during the school year from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (No new registrations on Fridays.)Pantry is located in the Barn behind the Church. Contact: Barbara Gordon - barbaradgordon@aol.com; 770-888-3258.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church as fully initiated Christians are invited to participate in a formation program that begins each fall. The Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Thigpen at pthigpen@stbrendansatl.com; 770-205-7969 ext 40.

**Counseling Services**

In association with Catholic Charities of Atlanta, we can provide a variety of affordable counseling services for families or individuals. Please contact Suzy Thomas, MA, LPC at 404-733-3515 or Marianela Matheus, LPC at 404-733-3501.

**Stephen Ministry**

Do you need someone to talk to, confide in, in a confidential manner? If so, consider a Stephen Minister. Contact Eric Moody - 678-571-3940 or Eric.Moody@supremelending.com.

**Baptism**

Please contact Luisa Rubio at ext. 47 for detailed information. Parents must be registered in the parish, practicing the Catholic faith and attend a baptismal preparation class. These classes are held monthly. Baptism sponsor letters require 10 days advance notice. Spanish speaking families, please contact Sandy Spera, ext. 27.

**Confirmation**

Confirmation takes place in the tenth grade with preparation during the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Teens are prepared by attending Faith Formation classes, participating in one retreat a year and by doing works of service within and outside the parish. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation office.

**Marriage Preparation**

Arrangements for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage are to be made at least six months before an anticipated wedding date. Please contact Deacon Bill Monahan at 678-947-5456.

Spanish speaking families, please contact Sandy Spera, ext. 27. Engaged couples who have already scheduled a wedding should contact our Wedding Coordinator, M a u r e e n W e e k s , a t 4 0 4 - 6 6 8 - 8 4 9 4 o r moeweeks516@gmail.com with any questions.

**Anointing of the Sick / Communion to the Sick or Homebound**

In the event of serious illness, death, or other sacramental emergency, please call the parish office for instructions. After hours contact information is available via recorded message on our main office number. Specially trained Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the parish office to arrange.

**Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,  
 1:00 p.m. (en Español), 5:00 p.m.

**Daily Mass**

Monday – Saturday: 8:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. (en Español)

**Rosary** - immediately following  
 weekday Mass

**The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** -  
 Sundays at 12:30 p.m. en Español  
 Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. in English

**Eucharistic Adoration**

in St. Sebastian Chapel  
 Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. – Wednesday  
 6:45 p.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. until last  
 person served and  
 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  
 Tuesdays: 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.  
 Wednesdays: 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. in  
 English and en Español

## NEW LECTOR TRAINING

**Thursday, January 19, 6:15 - 9:15 p.m., in the Church**  
(Contact Joanne DeHaven-770-490-8327; jdehaven9@gmail.com)

If you have always wanted to be a lector, this is your opportunity! A lector proclaims God's word at all Masses and other services throughout the year. We have one 3-hour training session where we will go over both the logistics of lectoring as well as how we proclaim the readings. No prior experience is required, just a desire to serve the parish community in this way. All lectors must be at least 13 years old and have received their First Communion. Please contact Joanne with any questions and to reserve your spot at the training session.

## EMPLOYERS WANTED

(Contact: Rick Sullivan-ricksullivan319@comcast.net; 678-947-5205)

St. Brendan's Career Transition Ministry needs your help for several job seekers. Our ministry has people with expertise in accounting and finance, Oracle financial management, warehouse/distribution center management, sales and sales management, financial analysis, senior citizens facility management, property management, claims adjusting, human resources, office assistance and business analysis. If you know of any opportunities please contact Rick.

## ADVENTURES IN FAITH: PREPARING FOR EPIPHANY

(Contact Paul Thigpen, 770-205-7969 x. 40, pthigpen@stbrendansatl.com)

Adventures in Faith presents **They Offered Him Gifts: Preparing for Epiphany**, this Tuesday, January 3, in the Social Hall at 7:15 p.m. (or come early with a dish to share for the potluck dinner at 6:45).

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER SHARING CIRCLE

(RSVP: 770-623-4333; e-mail LizBonet@comcast.net for info/directions)

If you have ever made a Marriage Encounter Weekend, please join our monthly WEDS date night - **January 14** at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the home of Don & Shelby Weidler with special guest speakers, Dave & Ronnie Gorzynski.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE TINS

The Parish Office is collecting Christmas cookie tins for a project that will take place next year. If you would like to donate any Christmas tins that you no longer use or can buy at a great price, please place them in the labeled tub in the Narthex. Thanks for your support.

## WORLD MARRIAGE DAY BALL

(Contact: Angel or Liz Bonet - LizBonet@comcast.net; 770-623-4333. Reservations may be made at: [www.wmearthlanta.org](http://www.wmearthlanta.org))

The World Marriage Day Ball will be held on Saturday, February 11, at the Crown Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. **ALL** are welcome! Cost: \$100 per couple for dinner and dance until January 15, then \$115. Semiformal attire.

## RCIA PRAYER PARTNERS

(Contact: Mike Frawley - frawley88@yahoo.com or Liz Bonet - LizBonet@comcast.net)

The RCIA is seeking parishioners to serve as **prayer partners** who will pray for one of the candidates or catechumens by name as they journey toward entering the Church.

## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

(Contact: Jodi Brock - 770-205-7969 ext. 20)

If you would like information about our Preschool Program and are interested in enrolling your child for the 2012-2013 school year, please attend one of the following Open House dates: **Thursday, January 12 - 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall and Wednesday, January 18 - 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.**



## THIS WEEK AT ST. BRENDAN'S

- **Adventures in Faith** will meet **Tuesday evening, January 3.**
- **Centering Prayer** will meet **Wednesday, January 4,** at 7:00 p.m. in the SLC. Contact: Barbara Stachler - 678-456-8179; bstachler@comcast.net.
- **St. Brendan's Career Transition Ministry** will meet at 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, January 5, in the SLC.** Rick Sullivan will speak about several of the little things that can make your job search more effective.

## UPCOMING AT ST. BRENDAN'S

- **Cancer Care Ministry** will meet on **Wednesday, January 11,** at 7:00 p.m. in the SLC.
- **Life Planning Decisions Seminar – January 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall** - Funeral directors, liturgical staff, estate planning professionals, and members of the Catholic Foundation will discuss and answer questions regarding end of life decisions.
- **The Gospel of Mark - Friday, March 16** – This deeply moving experience will help you grow in faith and support our parish.

## VISIT THE MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Monastery in Conyers is open to visitors to enjoy the museum, bonsai nursery and Abbey Church and to see the largest Christian bookstore in Georgia. Visitors may tour the Monastery grounds and enjoy the wooded paths, lakes, peaceful walking trails and picnic areas. Free of charge, the Monastery is a great family-friendly destination. For information or directions, visit: [www.trappist.net](http://www.trappist.net). Also see the Retreat Schedule: <http://www.trappist.net/RetreatSchedule2012>.

## AREA EVENTS

- **Pinecrest Open House** - This Catholic school in Cumming (preK3-12) will be open for prospective parents and students on Sunday, January 8 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Details: 770-888-4477; [www.pinecrestacademy.org](http://www.pinecrestacademy.org).
- **Queen of Angels** tours and Q&A sessions for prospective parents - January 11 at 9:30 a.m. Info and applications are available at website: [www.qaschool.org](http://www.qaschool.org). RSVP to Molly Carlin - mcarlin@qaschool.org. Deadline: January 27.
- **Blessed Trinity Catholic HS Soccer Tryouts** - Sunday, January 11 AND Sunday, January 29. Plan to attend both days. Girls - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Boys 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Must bring completed forms (available at website: <http://btatholic.org/SoccerBoys-Feeder-FeederTeamTryouts>). Contacts: (girls) Gilbert Jean-Baptiste - gjeanbaptiste@btatholic.org; 678-277-9083, ext. 731. (boys) Don Gillig - dgillig@btatholic.org - 678-277-9083, ext. 703.
- **Notre Dame Open House**, a Marist and World School (preK3 - 8th grade) - Sunday, January 22 - 2:00-4:00 p.m. Also offers before and after school program. Details: [www.ndacademy.org](http://www.ndacademy.org); 678-387-9385.

## MASS INTENTIONS AND DAILY SCRIPTURES

Monday			
January 2	8:30 a.m.	<b>Barbara Elmore †</b> (Vicky & Tom Aronica)	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	<b>John Cronin †</b> (The Lane Family)	1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
January 3	6:00 p.m.	<b>Genevieve &amp; Thaddeus Dymerski †</b> (Connie Isley)	
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Williams ♥</b> (The Figueiras Family)	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
January 4	7:00 p.m.	<b>Carol &amp; Roy Coniglione ♥</b> (The Figueiras Family)	
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	<b>Intention of Donor</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
January 5			
Friday	8:30 a.m.	<b>Intention of Donor</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
January 6			
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	<b>Joaquin Alvira †</b> (The Johnson Family)	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
January 7	5:00 p.m.	<b>Martha Bedlingfield ♥</b> (Laura, Elliot, Sarah & Jacob Myers)	
Sunday			
January 8	7:30 a.m.	<b>Kathryn Sutton †</b> (Darlene Ketterer)	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
	9:00 a.m.	<b>Helen B. Clemes †</b> (Joan & Bill Hickman)	
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Ernie Johnson †</b> (Louis Johnson)	
	1:00 p.m.	<b>The People of Our Parish ♥</b>	
	5:00 p.m.	<b>Mary F. Veronneau †</b> (The Veronneau Family)	

† = Deceased ♥ = Living      \* Incense at Mass      \*\* Children's Liturgy of the Word

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS / RECORDEMOS EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

The Sick ( <i>Enfermos</i> )	Deceased ( <i>Fallecidos</i> )	Deployed Military ( <i>Militares desplegados</i> )
Shane Falkowski Madelyne Bernardino Ava Bernardino Grace Begany Virginia Herrera Mary Zang Cynthia Braun Anthony Itzie	Lynn Brech Megan Julia Branten Steve Carlo Leonard Perry Sandra Perry Jenny Zimmerman Larry Bergmann	Joaquin Alvira Fr. Joseph McCarthy
	<i>May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.</i>	Lawrence Obst Paul Roman Chris Cochran Joshua Senecal Steve Touton Kelly Oyola Matthew Pittman Robert Contratto III
		Sonda Contratto Ryan Ventresca Debra Coco Lance Wikoff Pio V. Lazo, Jr. and Charlie Company 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion 7 <sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 18, 2011

<b>Weekly Offertory Goal</b> .....	<b>\$ 32,000</b>
<i>(Ofertorio Semanal Presupuestado)</i>	
<b>Envelopes, Checks Rec'd</b> .....	<b>\$ 27,251</b>
<i>(Sobres, dinero recibido)</i>	
<b>Variance</b> .....	<b>\$ -4,749</b>
<i>(Variacion)</i>	

<b>Year to Date</b>	
Y-T-D Received ( <i>Recibido hasta hoy-anual</i> ) .	<b>\$729,755</b>
Y-T-D Budgeted ( <i>Presupuestado para el ano</i> )	<b>\$800,000</b>
<b>Variance (<i>Variacion</i>)</b> .....	<b>\$- 70,245</b>

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (GIFT) *(Campana Capital)*

<b>Original Debt (Goal)</b> .....	<b>\$3,100,000</b>
<i>(La deuda original (Meta))</i>	
<b>Present Parish Debt</b> .....	<b>\$1,114,319</b>
<i>(Presente la Parroquia de la deuda)</i>	
<b>Families Participating</b> .....	<b>1,130</b>
<i>(Familias participando)</i>	

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Youth Ministry  
Next Week: Good Samaritan

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Our time on this earth is one of the most precious gifts God has given us. We don't know how many days each of us will be given to live out our earthly lives, so we must choose to use our time wisely each day. We cannot save time for the future nor can we relive a day in the past. We are good stewards of the gift of time when we make right priorities in our busy lives, remembering that "time is love."*

#### 2011 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEALS OF DECEMBER 16, 2011

<b>Amount Paid</b> ( <i>Cantidad pagada</i> ):	\$133,203.00
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b> ( <i>Promesas</i> ):	\$ 29,526.00
<b>Total Paid and Pledges: (Total)</b>	\$162,729.00
<b>Our Parish Goal (Meta):</b>	\$134,847.00

**Families Participating** (*Familias participando*): 723 out of 3,800

To contribute to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal now, go to [www.archatl.com/aaa](http://www.archatl.com/aaa) or pick up a pledge card at the Information Center in the Narthex.

For questions contact Denise Morton - [denisemorton@gmail.com](mailto:denisemorton@gmail.com); 770-888-4018.

# EN ESPAÑOL

SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

1 DE ENERO, 2012

## ARBOL DE LA GENEROSIDAD

Gracias a su infinita bondad pudimos ayudar a muchas familias en nuestra comunidad parroquial y fuera de ella. Una vez mas demostramos que somos una comunidad parroquial única y unida. Gracias al esfuerzo de todos logramos ayudar a 172 familias (92 de nuestra propia comunidad parroquial y 80 através del YMCA) y alrededor de unos 100 ancianos del condado de Forsyth. Así mismo, el programa se llevó a cabo con la ayuda de unos 200 voluntarios (125 de ellos adolescentes!). Muchas gracias al Sr. Damian Kline y familia, así como a la Sra. Kathy Smeragliuolo y familia por su ayuda incondicional en la planeación y desarrollo de este programa. ¡Enhorabuena!

## DESPENSA DE SAN JOSE

Le agradece sinceramente su apoyo durante las últimas semanas. Sus donaciones de abrigos, útiles escolares, comida y donaciones monetarias –entre otros– hicieron posible ayudar a muchas familias en necesidad en esta temporada de Navidad. Ustedes han buscado en sus corazones la manera de ayudar, pero sobre todo, han dado de su tiempo y cariño para asegurar el éxito de nuestra Despensa. Gracias por hacer la labor de Dios al compartir con Su gente.



## SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

El misterio de la Virgen María en el plan salvífico de Dios, se manifiesta en el honor que la Iglesia primitiva le rindió llamándola “Madre de Dios” casi desde el principio. Con este título, la Iglesia proclamó la verdad esencial de que “Dios envió a su Hijo, que nació de una mujer... para rescatarnos... y concedernos gozar de los derechos de hijos de Dios” (Gálatas 4, 4-5).

Cuando declaramos que la Virgen María es la Madre de Dios, descubrimos una gran revelación tanto acerca de Jesús como de ella misma. Cada suceso de la vida de Cristo, desde su encarnación hasta su cruz, resurrección y ascensión al trono del Padre, es prueba del infinito amor de Jesús por los seres humanos, como también de su condición divina. Las Escrituras dicen que María guardaba todas estas cosas en su interior, meditándolas en su corazón (Lucas 2, 19), y lo hacía así porque atesoraba aquellos acontecimientos como revelaciones de Dios.

Ella tenía una fe profunda en Dios que la había llamado de un modo tan especial, de manera que no debiéramos pensar que el meditar en los misterios de Dios fuese algo nuevo para la Virgen. Ella cooperó de buena voluntad con el plan divino de salvación, demostrando así que se había consagrado a Dios incluso desde antes que el ángel la visitara. Lo hizo porque tenía el profundo deseo de que se cumplieran a cabalidad los designios del Altísimo.

La vida de la Virgen María encierra una gran enseñanza. Es preciso que, en la oración, reflexionemos sobre las verdades de Dios y las atesoremos en el corazón, para que también nosotros seamos portadores de la Palabra de vida para la salvación del mundo y la de nuestros seres queridos.

*“Santísima Virgen María, te pido que me ayudes a ser fiel a tu Hijo, mi Salvador, y para ello me propongo dedicar al menos diez minutos diariamente a la oración personal, hacerme un examen de conciencia y arrepentirme de mis pecados.”*

OFICINA DE VIDA PARROQUIAL  
SANDY SPERA, MINISTRO PASTORAL  
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LUNES, MIÉRCOLES Y VIERNES  
9:30AM-12:30PM

OFICINA PARROQUIAL DE SAN BRENDAN  
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770-205-7969 EXT. 10  
LUNES A JUEVES 9:00AM-4:00PM  
CERRADO LOS VIERNES

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL:  
DOMINGOS 1:00PM Y MIÉRCOLES 7:00PM  
CONFESIONES:  
SÁBADOS 9:00AM Y 3:30PM  
MARTES 4:30PM Y MIÉRCOLES 5:30PM



**LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL PERMANECERÁ CERRADA EL LUNES 2 DE ENERO**

**PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL PARA LOS ADULTOS**

SI usted es mayor de 18 años y aún no recibe los Sacramentos de la Confirmación y/ó Primera Comunión: lo invitamos a participar en las clases de preparación sacramental que se llevarán a cabo durante los meses de Febrero y Marzo del 2012. Las clases se llevan a cabo los Sábados de 6pm a 9pm. Interesados favor de comunicarse con Sandy Spera. Último día de registros: el 30 de Enero.

**PRIMERA COMUNIÓN 2012**

A las familias que celebrarán la Primera Comunión de sus hijos, se les informa que tendremos una misa especial en español el Sábado 26 de Mayo al medio día. Favor de llamar a la oficina de Formación de Fe con la Sra. Jane Hernández para apartar su espacio y asegurarse de haber entregado los documentos necesarios. La fecha del ensayo se dará a conocer más adelante.

*Colecta el 1° de Enero  
Ministerio de los Adolescentes*

*Colecta el 8 de Enero  
Ministerio del Buen Samaritano*

**CARTAS DE RECOMENDACIÓN**

Los interesados deben ser miembros registrados y activos de nuestra comunidad parroquial por un mínimo de tres meses (según lo indica nuestra Arquidiócesis de Atlanta). Estas cartas varían en sus requisitos, dependiendo la necesidad. **Las cartas toman un mínimo de 7 días, por favor planea con tiempo.**

A continuación son algunos ejemplos de los requisitos:

*Bautizos fuera de San Brendan.-*

Haber participado en la clase de preparación bautismal en los últimos tres años y estar en buen estado con la Iglesia (Código Canónico sobre los padres y padrinos).

*Matrimonios fuera de San Brendan.-*

Haber cumplido con los requerimientos propios del Sacramento incluyendo la preparación matrimonial y la autorización de la Arquidiócesis.

*Quinceañeras fuera de San Brendan.-*

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La quinceañera y sus padres deben haber participado en las clases de preparación en los últimos tres meses (certificación). La quinceañera debe haber recibido la Primera Comunión (o tener la preparación completa en caso de celebrar dentro de la misa de XV años).

**CAJÓN DE LOST AND FOUND**

Es tiempo de limpiar el cajón de "Lost and Found" (cosas extraviadas) localizado en el cuarto de los Ujieres. Algunas de las cosas ahí contenidas son: llaves, juguetes, libros, zapatos, paraguas, ropa, etc. Por favor pase a la recepción parroquial a identificar y reclamar sus propiedades antes de que sean descartadas esta misma semana. Gracias.

**BAUTISMOS**

(Niños menores de 6 años) Los padres deben ser miembros registrados y activos de la Iglesia, atender la clase de preparación bautismal y cumplir con los requisitos de la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta. La clase de preparación bautismal se imparte una vez al mes y el cupo es limitado. Llame a la oficina de Vida Parroquial para recibir información sobre los requisitos y hacer cita para el registro.

**PRESENTACIONES DE LOS NIÑOS**

Presentaciones de 40 días y de los 3 años: son el Primer Domingo del mes. Las familias interesadas deben anotarse con un mínimo de 7 días de anticipación. Los niños de 3 años que van a ser presentados deben estar bautizados ó tener una fecha apartada para su bautismo.

**MATRIMONIO Y QUINCEAÑERAS**

Las familias interesadas deben llamar a Sandy Spera -en la oficina de Vida Parroquial para información y reservación de la Iglesia (6 meses antes de la fecha de la celebración).

**DESPENSA DE SAN JOSE**

Lista de necesidades esta semana: Aceite, pastas, arroz, frijoles, vegetales y fruta en lata, leche evaporada y cereales. Deposite sus donaciones en el contenedor localizado a la entrada de la iglesia.

