

My name is Fr. Brendan Blawie, I was born and raised in Newtown, and received all of my Sacraments at St. Rose of Lima parish.

I love sports, playing basketball, baseball, and football growing up, and I lettered in Varsity Football at Newtown High, class of 2010. I also earned the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 70.

After Newtown High, I enrolled in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech in the Marine Corps ROTC program, before transferring to Franciscan University of Steubenville where I earned my degree in accounting. While there, I still pursued a commission with the Marine Corps, graduating from Officer's Candidate School in Quantico, VA the summer of 2012. This fulfilled a dream I had from childhood of being a Marine Officer, but in the end, it was clear to me that it may have been my plan, but not the Lord's. Instead of commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, I entered seminary for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

I completed my Pre-theological studies at our St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, before being sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome where I received my theology degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Bishop Caggiano ordained me to the Sacred Priesthood on January 2, 2021. I plan to return to Rome Fall of 2022 to finish my Licentiate of Sacred Theology in Dogmatics.

It is a joy to have this opportunity to serve at this great parish, and I thank you for welcoming me!