



Pentecost

THE SOUNDS IN SILENCE

It's getting to be more and more difficult these days to even hear oneself speak. There is noise everywhere and if we do not hear noise, we probably think we are dead. The TV is on, someone else is on a cell phone, another one is ringing, someone else is texting, and a video game is being played. And even when we can crawl up into a favorite corner and be all by ourselves, it is still difficult to find silence.

We might even prefer it that way. Sitting in silence is not the same as going into our "nothing" box as we men are wont to do on a very regular basis, almost always at the wrong time, as when our spouse is talking to us and we have not heard a word she has said nor have we heard anything else. We are dead to the world and even dead to ourselves whenever we are in that box.

There is silence in which we hear nothing and there is silence in which we hear sounds. That is the silence that is difficult to come by and often one that is also avoided. It can be somewhat frightening to listen to those sounds that come from within, those sounds that speak to us about us, about who we are and what we are about. Those sounds can often be unpleasant and disconcerting, which is one of the reasons why we do whatever we can to avoid listening to them.

Yet we should. For it is only in the recesses of our hearts and minds, when we are still to the world and the world is still to us, that we can hear ourselves. It is only in that silence that we are able to hear our conscience talking to us, our lives and the way we live them speaking to us. It is all too easy for the sounds on the outside to drown out the sounds we can only hear on the inside.

We don't have to go off on some kind of retreat or seek solace in a quiet room to hear those sounds, but it would certainly help. Yes, we can come up with all kinds of excuses why we can't do it, why we do not have time to do it, why there are so many more things to do at the moment. And all those excuses would be valid. Life is difficult and the demands placed upon us simply trying to get through this life with some semblance of sanity are immense. No one questions that truth.

But the greater truth is that unless we stop at times to listen to what is going on inside us, to how we are and what we are about, to what we should be about, we will only make matters worse and our lives more complicated. We know that. We truly do. There is not one of us who does not long for some silent time, quiet time, time to think and reflect. We are spiritual beings, are we not? But getting in touch with that spiritual part of us, listening to it, can only take place in silence.

Summer time is as good a time as any and better than most to make and take that time to find a silent spot, that quiet and comfortable place wherever it may be, to listen to the sounds we hear in the silence of our hearts and heads. What we will discover if we make and take that time is that we will want to go back there more and more on a regular basis. The first step into that silence, however, is the most difficult one to take.

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Serving this Sunday, June 27.

- Acolytes:** Lauren Harpst & Emma Harvey
- Lay Reader:** 8:00 Les Carlysle
10:00 Gladys Carlysle
- Prayers:** Les Carlysle
- Chalice Bearers:** Gladys Carlysle & Les Carlysle
- Host Bearer:** Ellen Groves
- Altar Guild:** Terri Hockenberry & Nancy Cooper
- Nursery:** Stacy Latta & Ellen Groves
- Ushers:** Bev Sanker & Paul Dickerson
- Gift Card Sales:** Sean Bello
- Hospitality Hour:** open
- Celebrant:** The Very Rev. George Werner

Activities the week beginning June 27.

Sunday	Worship	8:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Hospitality Hour	11:15 a.m.
Tuesday	Early Prayers and breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Worship	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Sacristans	9:00 a.m.

Announcements

We pray for our **parish families** especially Sally and Charles Davis and for Amy, John, Max, Sam and Zoey DelSignore.

Ladies, Mark your calendar for July 20th. We will be having a baby shower for **Kelli Cerra** at the Olive Garden in McIntyre Square at 6:30. Kelli is registered at Babies R Us and Target. Contact Katie to RSVP.

Each Sunday in July, **Hospitality Hour** is open. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex or you may contact the office if you'd like to volunteer.

Hot Fun in the Summertime, with **Adopt-a-Highway!** The heat will be rising, the crickets will be jumping and the road kill will be coming into bloom. Time for Adopt-a-Highway, summer edition. St. Brendan's will hold its second trash pickup of the year **this Saturday, June 26.** Volunteers will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m., then carpool to our cleanup site, the Camp Horne Road interchange of Interstate 279. We should be finished by 11 o'clock.

Anyone age 14 and up may help. Please wear jeans and sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Work gloves and safety vests will be provided. If you'd like to be part of the crew, please sign the sheet on the narthex table. If you have questions, please contact Tom Waseleski. Thanks for helping St. Brendan's keep it green.

Important: Yard Sale Work Days

Yard sale **work days** will be held on the following **Saturdays from 9:00 ~ 12:00: July 10, 17, 24, and 31** for any volunteers who would like to help us move donations into various rooms and continue sorting.

Weekday **work days with babysitters** available for parents of young children on **July 7, 19, and 21, and begin at 9:00 am.**

If you would like to help but can't make any of these dates, please contact Saundy. The church is open during the day for any other volunteers who would like to pitch in and sort. If you contact Saundy, she can put you in touch with department chairpersons so that you can work on a day when they will be at the church.

Please contact Saundy Waseleski at 412-741-8727 or at swaseleski@comcast.net if you are able to help or with questions.

We need lots of help leading up to the yard sale. Please consider offering some of your time to this project. Thanks!

Sunday School is giving parents the opportunity to **buy Bibles** for their children. The children in the older class (St. Andrew's) will be using Bibles every week along with other materials. We have found the New Revised Standard Version Children's Bible, Deluxe Gift Edition, whose cover is made of imitation red leather. We can buy them new from Amazon for \$13. It has explanations on many pages about terminology or history to help the reader to better understand what they are reading. This Bible is appropriate for children but also for adults and so anyone who would like to purchase one, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the narthex. We do have some editions of the New Revised Standard Version Bible in the classroom but not enough for everyone and the ones for sale are written on better quality paper, the print is easier to read, and the maps and pictures in the back and front of the Bible enhance one's reading. If you have any questions, please talk to Lynne Mercer or Joyce Donadee.

Birthdays in July

5 Sean Bello
8 Allyson Wunsche
11 Alan Schneider
12 Bob Smith
13 Susan Innocenzi
14 Kelly Latta
18 Ellen Groves
19 Chris Botti
20 Debbie Mistick
21 Erica Lin
23 Isaac Harvey
25 Tom Jones & Meg Sekinger
31 Joyce Gagnon, Michael Waseleski & Kelly Lauer

Wedding Anniversaries in July

7 Debbie & David Mistick
15 Lori & John Crellin
17 Stephanie & Joe Porcello
27 Lizz & Eric Helmsen

Please plan to **share your musical talents** with us over the summer by providing a vocal or instrumental solo during the offertory. There is a sign up sheet in the offertory to choose the Sunday that would be most convenient for you. Then be sure to get any music needed to Erica and schedule a rehearsal with her.

July and August are Favorite Hymns Months! **Have a favorite hymn or two?** We will try to sing them during our services in July and August. All you have to do is to write your favorite hymn and page number from our hymnal on the sheet for favorite hymns in the narthex. (Due to copyright laws, we probably won't be able to sing it if it is not in our hymnal.)

St. Brendan's Yard Sale
"The Classiest Yard Sale in Pittsburgh"
Friday, August 6: 8 am to 8 pm
Saturday, August 7: 8 am to 1 pm



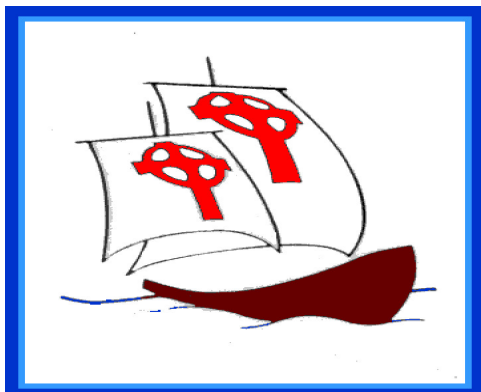
August is not far away and the plans are in place for our yard sale.
Here's how you can help:

- **Pass out flyers** (on the table in Narthex) to friends, neighbors, co-workers, family and offer to deliver their items to the church.
- Please remember that we are looking for **new or gently new used items**. We cannot accept items that do not function or are broken. Clothing must be clean; we cannot accept clothing that is torn, stained, missing buttons, etc. It also helps if clothing is folded neatly and/or on hangars. Our customers expect us to continue our reputation for selling quality items at bargain prices.
- * (Due to ecological reasons, we cannot accept tires, CRT computer monitors, televisions, propane gas tanks. For safety reasons, we cannot take infant or child car seats, cribs, and playpens.)
- **We need lots of donations!** Please help us find those **treasures and collectibles** as well as pieces of **furniture** that help attract customers and dealers.
- **Bring your donations to the church.**
- **Help us by delivering the items to the designated area of the church.** Various spaces and classrooms will be marked with the names of items that will be sold in those areas. It helps a great deal if you can bring the items to the correct spot.
- Please look for a **volunteer sign-up sheet** to appear soon. We need people to sort, price and set up items from June through the first day of the sale. We need many volunteers to work the sale days. We will also need a set-up crew on Friday and Saturday mornings and a clean-up crew after the sale on Saturday. Every job is important, and we need your help! Come alone, come with a friend, come with your family!
- We are in need of large **shopping bags** (the kind that you might get at Macy's with handles). Please save them for us.
- We have volunteers to pick up and deliver large items if needed.
- Call Saundy at 412-741-8727 with questions.

In the Neighborhood Announcements

North Hills Community Outreach Food Pantry: You may bring in any non-perishable items that you'd like to donate. Especially needed is cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and hamburger/tuna helper.

NHCO Collecting School Supplies...Now through July 31, North Hills Community Outreach will collect new backpacks and school supplies for distribution to low-income children in grades K-12. Items needed include backpacks (large ones for older kids are especially needed), pencils, rulers, scissors, crayons, markers, notebooks and folders. For more information, contact Jennifer Lynn at 412-487-6316, option 1.



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