



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

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Dear Members of St. Brendan's,

Whether you're new to our church or have been around for years, one thing that stands out to people is the buzz of activity that takes place in our parish. Despite our small size and relative youth (we're only 37 years old!), St. Brendan's is committed to bringing people to God in many ways — spiritual, pastoral, educational and humanitarian. Our mission statement says it best:

Jesus said, "I have come to give life — life in all its fullness." Our mission is the realization of fullness through: the worship of God, service to the world, active concern for each other, and education to expand the mind and spirit.

As a result, we are more than an Episcopal church with two Sunday services and a Wednesday evening Eucharist. We are more than the monthly contemplative Taizé and sometimes boisterous Children's Service. We do more than earmark 10 percent of our income and send it to causes outside the parish to fill human needs. We support homeless women with meals, provide city children with backpacks, teach English to new immigrants and march for human rights and against gun violence.

We meet in small groups to discuss the Bible, study church history and deepen our spiritual values. We educate our children and mentor our teenagers to equip them with a Christian upbringing that will prepare them for the world. We bring communion, meals and hope to those among us who are ill or hurting. Along the way, we even have fun — at hospitality hour, Book Club, Brendan's Boots, Sticks & Strings, the Parish Picnic or when the choir belts a gospel tune.

St. Brendan's is a church on a mission — a mission to worship, to learn and to serve. This is the season when we ask ourselves how we can be part of the mission for next year. The most important way, of course, is to show up — participate with your time and talent in the ministries you find most meaningful. The second way is to keep our mission strong and vital through your financial contributions. Any donation throughout the year, whatever the size or frequency, is helpful and received with gratitude. A promise of support, which you can make through the enclosed pledge card, goes a step further by helping the vestry and Mother Robin plan the budget that will support our church in 2025.

Last year, 81 households pledged support to St. Brendan's. This year our goal is 85 pledges. If you'd like to make one of them, simply complete the card, seal it in an envelope and drop it in the collection plate, narthex pledge box or church office. You can also pledge through the Give Online tab at www.stbrendans.org. In the meantime, be part of the mission — with all you do at St. Brendan's!

Yours in faith,

Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden