



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(10-13)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Job, Adult Formation
		9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		11:30 a.m.	Chime Choir
Monday	(10-14)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		7:00 p.m.	Vestry meeting
Tuesday	(10-15)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Conversations
Wednesday	(10-16)	6:00 p.m.	Job, Adult Formation
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(10-17)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
Saturday	(10-19)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, October 13, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Ellen Groves 10:00 a.m. Dean Peters
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Nate Boyd
Chalice Bearers:	Janice Moore Dean Peters
Altar Guild:	Ellen Groves Betsy Smith
Sunday School Lambs:	TBD
Fish:	Allison Kline
Door:	Meghan Karn
Nursery:	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia
Ushers:	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen
Vestry:	Janice Moore
Hospitality:	Dotti & Carl Antonucci
LEM:	Stacey Coyle

The Priest's Corner

Future Forward Churches Conference

Four of us went to this important conference. One part of it focused on how to recognize when a church is dying. The majority of the conference helped us understand when your church is reviving, moving away from the downward spiral and rising toward growth. Being a "glass half-full" person, I, of course, didn't care much for the dying cycle information for many reasons, one of which was having to live through our church's dying cycle. Can you believe that only two years ago when I was just starting to minister more intentionally, meaningfully and obviously to our children, I actually heard from a couple people that I was taking too much time at the beginning of the service talking to the kids? I knew this was a bad comment to hear; I learned at the conference that the comment actually was a death knell. I am happy to report that I've not heard such a comment for about a year and a half now. BTW, I refused to allow that comment to enter me.



I also heard wanderings and comments about the length of our Peace Exchange. In fact, I thought more than once that we might need to shorten this. Thank God I was in Florida in August. We went to an Episcopal church there and at the Peace this church pretty much did it as we do at St. Brendan's. People were moving all over the church. Then the deacon went to the microphone and started saying, "The Lord be with you! The Lord be with you!" I heard it and suppose looked confused or not sure what to do next when two older ladies said, "Ignore her – she's always trying to get us to stop!" And they and everyone else just kept right on hugging, shaking hands and greeting each other. I felt naughty, but loved it.

This conference helped me to understand that when your church is engaged in a rather long, loud Peace Exchange, this is a sign of life. This is far from dying; in fact, it heals and fixes us a good bit. People today are becoming more and more isolated and disconnected especially as texting, do-it-yourself encouragements and online social media, (especially gaming) takes the place of real-time, interpersonal connection. Many people are starved and need this connection. Interesting fact: if you think the 10:00 a.m. liturgy has a hefty Peace Exchange, the 8 o'clockers have 10 o'clock beat. I often just sit down, watch with awe and wait! Now remember, it's hard sometimes for our newer guests to walk around. I've watched how these newcomers seem to come alive when a few of our regulars come to them. (BTW, I consider you a regular once you're at church four times — even earlier for some of you.)



One other thing that struck me, which I never knew before, was this. If people don't connect within four visits, they will likely not return. So, my dear "frozen chosen," we would do so much better if we got rid of that little defense mechanism that says, "Don't overwhelm them!" "Don't be pushy." Seriously? Realize, no one in our church is pushy. And even if one or two of you feel as such, just know I'd rather you err on the side of energy than on the side of apathy or shyness.

You understand, don't you, that people have been to our church way before they enter our narthex for the first time. They are on our website way before we see them face to face. Their first connection with us happens way before we meet them. They know stuff about us, especially a church like St. Brendan's whose DNA is risk-taking, edgy, brave and interesting. We attract the same. Be yourself and approach others as you are comfortable, but don't presume our guests are fragile, handle-with-care visitors. They are people who, because of their high self-esteem, decide to look around and find a fit. Greet them accordingly; you've got lots to give and receive. It's your church. As you know, the priest(s) will eventually leave — never let them be, second to God, the biggest draw. After God, the community needs to be the biggest draw.



Verdict! St. Brendan's is alive and has a real good chance to stay alive and perhaps even thrive, depending on a number of factors. Please know it's up to you whether this will continue. In the near future, I'll be sharing my vision for thriving. I'd love to hear your thoughts and visions.

Regis+

Announcements



Book Club is reading Michelle Obama's memoir "Becoming" this month, now that it's easier to get from the library! Join us TONIGHT for discussion and a fun time on Thursday, **October 10**, at 7 p.m. in the conference room off Regis' office. "Becoming" is available in both print and audio formats.



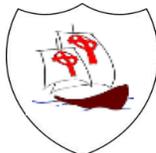
Join Sticks & Strings also TONIGHT, October 10, at 7 p.m. in the church library. Contact Joni Reis with questions.



Thank you to Janice Moore, Ruth Horton, Tim Austin, and Tom Waseleski for preparing delicious lemon chicken, Parmesan couscous, spinach salad, and pumpkin bars for Miryam's Sunday dinner. The meal was delivered by Rob and George Latta as well as Ruth Getz.



A BFF donation was given in honor and thanksgiving for the 88th birthday of Joe Hondal, father of Saundy Waseleski, by Chris and Roger Botti.



Following the 10:00 service on Sunday, October 20, we will be conducting an evacuation drill. We have several goals: (1) to make everyone comfortable with the procedures we have adopted for use in an emergency; (2) to see what practical challenges we may face in evacuating our building quickly and safely; and (3) to work with less physically nimble Brendanites on plans for their safety. After the recessional hymn, please stay in your seats. We will give you some basic instructions, following by the drill which itself should take less than 10 minutes. We will then return to the social hall for Hospitality Hour, during which the Safety and Security Committee will make a presentation and address your questions and concerns. [PLEASE NOTE: (a) If the weather is inclement, we will carry on with the instructional program but save the drill for a later date. (b) A shorter presentation will be made at the end of the 8:00 service.]



Newcomers, save the date – Join Father Regis and Ken for a newcomers' brunch after church on either **October 13** or **November 10** to learn more about life at St. Brendan's. Sign-up sheets will be on the Welcome Table and we will provide directions by email to the Peters' home in Valencia or the Moores' home in Seven Fields. Both locations are about 20 minutes north of the church with easy access off I-79. We look forward to seeing you – October 13 (Karen and Dean Peters, 403 Providence Ct., Valencia, Pa.) or November 10 (Janice and Dan Moore, 543 Dorchester Drive, Seven Fields, Pa.)



Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like a way to acknowledge a special family event like a baptism or a birthday? **A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund** is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs and have been utilized for items such as air conditioning replacements, audio-visual equipment; safety film on some glass doors and windows, and of course our upcoming acoustic tile work in the social hall. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or from our website and make a donation today! Your donation will be noted in the Little Log and bulletin if you wish. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!

Bible study for those whose first language is not English. If you know someone who might be interested in this please contact Fr. Regis or Joyce Donadee.

We have a link to the new Parish Directory. Please book mark it!

Please be aware that this link will open a Google document. Each person's computer will be different as far as formatting and which application they will be able to choose to open or view this file. As much as Katie is willing to help, she will be unable to provide "help-desk" type support for any issues you may have with the file.

Online Giving. St. Brendan's now has online giving on its website! Check it out here: <https://www.stbrendans.org/giving>. It's an easy way for members and visitors to make a secure, one-time donation from a credit card or bank account. After researching various options, the vestry decided to use tithe.ly for the church's online giving platform. This site charges a small fee for each donation, but the tithe.ly widget also offers donors the option to cover these fees. Because of the small fees, members are encouraged to continue to make their sustaining or recurring gifts (such as pledges) in person or through their bank. (Did you know you can have your bank send St. Brendan's a check drawn from your account as if you were paying a bill, with no additional fees? Check with Katie for more info.) In addition to a button for online donations, members who go to the web page will find other information about giving, stewardship, the Brendan's Family and Friends fund, and fundraisers. Please direct any questions to Annemarie Malbon.



Do you want to help the immigrants who are coming to our **English as a Second Language** classes? The students need volunteers who can babysit their very young children in the nursery while their mothers are in class. The need for babysitters is for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We can help you to get your clearances if you don't have them yet! If you are interested, please call Joyce Donadee at 412-635-2312 or e-mail at jdjdonadee@gmail.com.



The Cookie Walk is still more than a month away but, if you are a baker, it's not too early to start thinking about what kind of cookies you're going to make. Small, gourmet cookies are always very popular. Please make batches of 10 dozen for each type. We will have freezer space available at the church for cookies made ahead of time; otherwise please plan to have them at the church by Friday, November 22. If you like to make soup, we will again be selling cartons of soup-to-go. These were very popular last year. If you are a crafter, please think about donating something to the Brendan's Boutique table. More details and sign-up sheets will follow, but if you have questions, please contact Sylvia Affleck, Ellen Groves or Saundy Waseleski.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will hit the fall foliage trail on Monday, Oct. 28, with a walk along Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park. Lunch will follow at the Log Cabin Inn near Harmony. Participants will meet at the church at 9 a.m. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



Quilt Raffle. Two beautiful handmade quilts have been donated to St. Brendan's to raise funds for our parish. One is a Pittsburgh Penguins quilt made just in time for hockey season! The other is an animal print quilt made by Nancy Skavish, a beloved founding member who passed away a few years ago. Consequently, the Book Club will be sponsoring a quilt raffle, and tickets will be sold after church and during upcoming fundraising events.

Be sure to check out these beautiful works of art and purchase some tickets. You just might win! Proceeds will benefit children's Christian formation efforts here at St. Brendan's. Feel free to see Chris Botti or Pat Carl if you need more info. Thank you!



Adult Formation Study – Job and “The Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections” by Richard Rohr. The Book of Job is almost too difficult to understand. However, Job has a lot to teach us about his relationship with God and suffering. Join us for a weekly study, facilitated by Ruth Getz, on the important themes woven throughout the Book of Job and a time of reflection on the mystery of suffering.

This book is easy to read and understand! This study is being offered Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Books may be purchased new or used from Amazon (amazon.com).



North Hills Food Pantry. For the month of October we are asking you to donate anything pumpkin! Snacks, baking, coffee, canned items. The North Hills Food Bank needs any kind of non-perishable food. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.



Easy Funds for St. Brendan's! You may not know it, but St. Brendan's earns 5% for each gift card that we sell! Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling gift cards in the narthex each Sunday after the 10 a.m. service, buy a gift card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle, do your usual grocery shopping or gasoline pumping, then pay for it with the card purchased at St. Brendan's! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!



Used ink cartridges. St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridge in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.

CRIS Advocacy. Christian Response In Emergency Situations meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes.

This month we are praying for the work of the American Red Cross, www.redcross.org, and Brother's Brother Foundation, www.brothersbrother.org. The CRIS Committee has decided to give the entire September distribution to relief for victims of Hurricane Dorian. The next meeting will be **Sunday, October 20**. All are welcome.



Do you have a special prayer request? You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8:00 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to stbrendans.coh@gmail.com. Community of Hope members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.

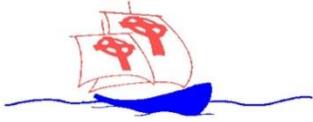
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Recommend us on Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry. Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis's office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

**Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule
and the October ministry calendar.**



October 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
October 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
October 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Susan Shoemaker P Tim Austin C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Darrell Johnson	Joan Beatrous Shari Tarrant	Lambs Saundy Waseleski Fish Janice Moore Door Connie Weichel	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Annemarie Malbon	Melanie Popovich Thaddeus Popovich
October 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
October 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Nate Boyd C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Stacey Coyle	Ellen Groves Betsy Smith	Lambs Fish Allison Kline Door Meghan Karn	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Janice Moore	Dotti & Carl Antonucci
October 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
October 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Sheila Bigelow P Dean Peters C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Chris Botti Brigid Christenson	Lambs Chris Fleissner Fish Sylvia Affleck Door Mary Bertucci	Stephanie Illsley Julia Wick	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Larry Toler	The Kinley family The Aretz family
October 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
October 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ruth Horton L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Richard Gordon	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Chris Botti	Lauren Chappo Rebecca Sands
October 30 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2019  September 2020

October 2019

- 6 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 13 Dottie & Carl Antonucci
- 20 Kinley & Aretz families
- 27 Lauren Chappo & Becca Sands

November 2019

- 3 Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey
- 10 Melinda & Wesley Bell
- 17 Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche
- 24 Hospitality Committee

December 2019

- 1 Kate & Mike Bunn
- 8 Julie Smith & Colette Satler
- 15 Brigid & Jim Christenson
- 22 Hospitality Committee
- 29 Stacey Coyle & Andrea Dickerson

January 2020

- 5 Karen Dennis & Janet Fesq
- 12 Connie & Richard Weichel
- 19 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 26 Annual Meeting, Vestry

February 2020

- 2 Super Bowl
- 9 Trish & Neil Galone
- 16 Gail Gil & Richard Gordon
- 23 Maria Hooper & Cameron Grosh

March 2020

- 1 Clair & Bob Grotevant
- 8 Ellie & Kevin Harkins
- 15 Linda Limberis & Eric Helmsen
- 22 Kate & Keith Heston
- 29 Meghan & Robert Karn

April 2020

- 5 Cindy & Pete Larson
- 12 Hospitality Committee
- 19 Libby & Phoebe Juel
- 26 Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler

May 2020

- 3 Cindy & Pete Larson
- 10 Parish Men
- 17 Lauren & Todd Douds
- 24 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 31 Linda & Jason Konley

June 2020

- 7 Marian & AJ McKenna
- 14 Annemarie Malbon & Joe Macklin
- 21 Erica & Mark McClure
- 28 Parish Picnic

July 2020

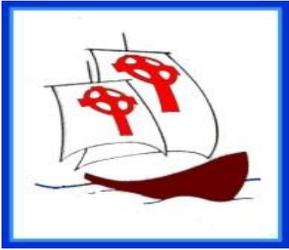
- 5 Marilyn Mulliville & Tim Michael
- 12 Jean Pett-Ridge & Isaac Mondelus
- 19 Kate & John Riley
- 26 Joni Reis & Thaddeus Popovich

August 2020

- 2 Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna
- 9 Arlena & Bill Pugliese
- 16 Anne Semmler & Andrew Sprentz
- 23 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 30 AJ Turo & Ginny Volpini

September 2020

- 6 Nancy & George Snyder
- 13 Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski
- 20 Emily & Brad Zupancic
- 27 Gail Gagnon & Chris Fleissner



ST. BRENDAN'S MISSION

Jesus said, "I have come to give life – life in all its fullness." John 10:10.
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 mind and spirit.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Pat Carl
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Nursery: TBD
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Mark Shoemaker
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden & Education: Ruth Horton
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Dean Peters
Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Tammy Spoonhoward
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck
Libby Juel
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Linda Schneider
Invite Welcome Connect: TBD
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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