



Sunday, February 20, 2022

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Bill Pugliese

Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer and worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends.

Weekly at St. Brendan's

- Sunday:** 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday:** 7:45 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Saturday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>
Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720
11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976791143?pwd=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VIFBcVJia05LQT09>
4:00 pm Bible-Lite Group <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- Tuesday:** 7:00 am AA meeting, via zoom Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>
- Wednesday:** 3:00 pm Deacon hours
7:00 pm Evening Service, in person
- Friday:** 11:00 am Limited office hours, please call ahead.

The Priest's Corner

Heresy is Still with Us

The early Church Fathers and Councils believed that they had dealt with all the heresies that could ever plague the church. They were probably correct: they had dealt with them, condemned them, warned us about them. But they never eliminated them. Just because we tell someone that something is wrong does not mean they will believe us. They still want to touch the stove to prove it was hot as we said that it was.

For instance, we want to believe that if we are good enough, do what is good and right, we will be blessed. And we believe that the better we are, the more we will be blessed. We also believe that the bad that comes our way is the direct result of our sins. Good is the result of good. Bad is the result of bad "What did I do to deserve this (good or bad)?" we ask. "I must have done something," we conclude. Quid quo pro. Right?

Not necessarily. Just as the good that comes our way is not either in direct proportion to the good we do nor the result of that same goodness, so neither is the bad that comes our way. In our humble moments we will grant that we really are not worthy of God's graciousness. But even in our most penitential moments we find it difficult to accept the fact that any bad that happens to us is not the direct result of some bad that we have done sometime, somewhere.

God's grace and God's love do not depend on how moral or immoral we are. Now I will grant that good begets good and bad begets bad. The more good we do, the more likely we will do even more good and be a better person. The opposite is just as true. It is always easier the second time around: doing good or doing something not good. We know that. We do not need some Church Father, some declaration from on high, some lecture from priest or parent: good keeps us out of trouble and bad gets us into it. But we also know deep within us that God's grace is simply that: grace, freely given with no strings attached and no reason other than God's love for us.

We know that, as well, yet somehow, we still think we need to do something to earn God's love. Whether it is God's love or the love of a spouse or the love of another, it is always freely given and does not depend on the reciprocity of the one loved. Never! Otherwise, it is not love. It may be something good and wonderful; but whatever it is, it is not unconditional love, which is what is supposed to be.

"Yes, but..." we insist. But there are no "buts" about it: none whatsoever. And the sooner we learn that, the sooner we will be able to accept the grace of God for what it is: God's innate and total love for us no matter what. NO MATTER WHAT, what we do or do not do. Our sins have been forgiven, always will be, NO MATTER WHAT. And our response? "Yes, but..."

Heresy is still with us.

Bill

More BFF (Brendan's Family & Friends) donations were given in celebration of life of Karen Dennis from:



Sylvia Affleck
Chris & Roger Botti
Debra Donely
Ellen Groves
Ida LaQuatra & Ted Dannerth
Karen Shields
Saundy & Tom Waseleski

A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor a special day or loved one while supporting unbudgeted building needs of our church. BFF funds have been used to purchase various items. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor. Contact Katie if you are interested in making a donation. StBrendansKatie@gmail.com.



Forum: TONIGHT, Thursday, February 17 at 7:00, via zoom **Topic: Racism in Mass Incarceration**
This Forum addresses how slavery has evolved, how laws like the 13th Amendment have helped this process, and how this applies in Pennsylvania today.

Speakers are from Straight Talk, a non-profit which emerged from the movements to abolish death by incarceration (DBI) as well as solitary confinement in Pennsylvania. Their mission is to restore justice by building a statewide decarceration movement across Pennsylvania -- and dismantle institutions of state violence.

Speakers are:

- David Garlock, who is currently PA state organizer for Straight Ahead and is a criminal justice reform advocate.
 - Jennifer Black, central PA community organizer for Straight Ahead, who comes from a background of both activism and academia.
- To register for this important Forum, email: office@trinitywexford.org.



On **Ash Wednesday**, we will have two services, one at noon and one at 7:00 pm.
The 7:00 Service will be live streamed.

After the noon Service from 12:45 to 1:00; and before the evening Service: 6:30 to 6:45, you can stop at church and take home Ashes to go! Contact Julie Smith for more information jlsphone1@gmail.com.



For the Month of February, **The North Hill Food Bank** is in particularly in need of dry spaghetti, noodles, 14 oz. cans of tomato sauce, and Sloppy Joes or Manwich. As always, they will gladly accept any other non-perishable food items. Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars. Please do not leave any expired items.



Are you a Gardener? Because many of our neighbors struggle with having enough to eat and especially do not have easy access to fresh produce, St. Brendan's began our Garden of Hope seven years ago. Currently, we provide fresh produce to the North Hills Food Bank.

Our Garden of Hope needs help this year! We are looking for a few people who would be willing to take charge of getting it off to a great start. It's approximately 18' x 24' and located in 8 raised plant beds that are already fenced and ready for the project. We need someone to prepare soil, obtain materials (we have a budget), and plant veggies like lettuce, zucchini, tomatoes, onions and kale. Once the planting is completed, we can set up a schedule for watering and harvesting.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com or 412-759-1521.
Thank you!

Please Consider volunteering to be our Memorial Garden Coordinator. Just outside the Chapel doors, you will find our Memorial Garden, in which parishioners are welcome to arrange for their cremains to be interred. Maintaining the Garden (mowing, trimming, etc.), working with potential purchasers, and ultimately managing interments fall to a small committee for which we are seeking a Coordinator to succeed Bill Spoonhoward and Dan Moore. The maintenance work is seasonal, while other functions may occur at any time.

CRIS
Advocacy

CRIS Advocacy, (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10:00 a.m. service where they determine the distribution of St. Brendan's 10% tithe of our pledged income. This week we are praying for the work of two organizations. One is The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and Amnesty International, both of which we supported through CRIS Advocacy this month. **Join us in the Library after the 10:00 am Service, this Sunday, February 20.**



We celebrate the **March Birthdays** of:

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| 2 Alivia Byrne | 3 Allyson Baiert | 6 Ian Aretz | 6 Pat Carl |
| 6 Julie Smith | 9 Michele Long | 9 Tom Waseleski | 10 Larry Tarrant |
| 13 Robert Helmsen | 14 Abigail Boyd | 15 Linda Mesko | 18 Maddie Angeletti |
| 22 Tyler Cerra | 30 Dale Bertucci | 30 Megan Overby | |



We celebrate the **March Wedding anniversaries** of:

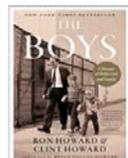
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| 15 Anne & Jno Hunt | 24 Megan Overby & Tim Austin |
| 27 Ida LaQuatra & Ted Dannerth | 30 Lauren & Todd Douds |



February's **Evening Prayer/Taize** service will be Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 PM in the chapel. This is a quiet, peaceful, candlelight prayer service with meditation time, followed by Eucharist. Has your week been more hectic than you can handle? Are you struggling simply to keep up with the pressure? Do you feel like you're being pulled in too many directions? Are you feeling fragmented and totally out of control? Maybe you need a mid-week break! Maybe you need to treat yourself to the perfect therapy for a too-busy week! Take some time out for spiritual refreshment and renewal! Join us for this lovely oasis of quiet prayer and reflection and see what this can do to recharge those batteries! Make a point of adding this to your calendar and you won't be disappointed.



Animal Friends is always in need of blankets and bath towels for their sheltered animals. If you have some that you would like to donate to, there is a bin outside the front door to the entrance of the church for the collection.



The Book Club will meet on Thursday, **March 3rd at 7 pm** to discuss, "The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family" by Ron and Clint Howard. In this dual autobiography, the famous brothers open up about their unusual childhood growing up in Hollywood with their Midwestern parents. It's been described as "A delightful, warm and fascinating story of a good life in show business". Please join us as we delve into this remarkable read! More info to come on whether we will meet at the church or via Zoom. Contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you have any questions. Thank you!



Update on **St. Brendan's Inquirers Group**: The group of Brendanites who joined Fr. Regis and Darrell for six weeks of conversations about Episcopal beliefs and practices in November and December has resumed those conversations in the new year. The Inquirers Group meets every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 via Zoom and uses chapters from Walk in Love – Episcopal Beliefs and Practices to guide discussions. Notes and questions from assigned chapters are published with the Zoom link in advance, so it isn't necessary to read the assigned chapters to participate fully in the conversations. The schedule for upcoming meetings is Feb. 22, Mar. 8, Mar. 22. Everyone

is welcome to join these conversations as we explore together what it means to live the Christian life in the Episcopal and Anglican traditions. If you would like to join these conversations, call, text or email Darrell at 412-337-3041 or johnsdj31@verizon.net.

A Social Justice volunteer opportunity. Do you have a few hours on a Saturday morning to join a team of St Brendan volunteers to pack lunches for delivery to Neighborhood Resilience Project? Our Justice Ministry has partnered with St Paul's United Methodist Church to deliver 240 lunches monthly to this worthwhile organization. St Brendan's has agreed to do this in our church on Saturday March 12. Sam's Club has donated a major portion of the items and we supply the rest, *and* our volunteer power.

Please join me and others on **Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 am** to do this work. Contact Ginny Volponi 412-491-8130 or gabby4045@gmail.com to sign up. If this Saturday doesn't fit your schedule and you are interested in future dates, please let Ginny know.

The mission of Neighborhood Resilience Project is, '*Creating resilient healing and healthy communities. One block at a time.*'

Read more on their website. <https://neighborhoodresilience.org>.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will hold its first outing of 2022 on **Tuesday, March 1**, with a trek from Pittsburgh's North Side to the Strip District. The group will carpool from the church parking lot at 9 a.m., begin on the riverfront trail near Heinz Lofts on the North Side, cross the David McCullough Bridge and explore the Strip District. Once there, walkers will either get lunch or graze for coffee, biscotti and chowder. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



Our diocese is seeking its next Treasurer & Director of Administration. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in accounting or finance and advanced knowledge of accounting principles and reporting practices. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits and the opportunity to help the people and parishes of our diocese make a positive impact in their communities. More information is available at www.episcopalpgh.org/treasurer-search. Resumes and questions may be sent to TreasurerSearch@episcopalpgh.org.

Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) has scheduled two monthly events for 2022 for anyone in the diocese to attend. The first Wednesday of each month will be a bible reading and the third Wednesday of each month will be a prayer and share. You can attend as you are able.

The following link will give you access to the Grace Happens Edition: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Grace-Happens--News-and-Notes-from-the-Episcopal-Diocese-of-Pittsburgh.html?soid=1102573040587&aid=wiXJtiarMHw>



Crafters for good wanted!

Please join us **Friday, February 25th from 4pm to 7pm** at Gallery Forget-Me-Not (31 E. Main St. Carnegie, PA) as we gather to sew, knit, and crochet hats and scarves for those in need. We need folks to cut out patterns, assemble, sew, knit, and crochet. Aren't a crafter? Join us for fellowship. Can't join us that night? You can create on your own and donate finished items. We also need donations to purchase fabric, yarn and pay for mailing.

Finished items will be sent to a Native American reservation where warm items are desperately needed. For more information contact Kathleen at kghenster@verizon.net, 412-377-8364 or Laura at lstuart@nfhcs.org or 724-674-8856.

St. Paul's, in partnership with our Nursery school and several other local faith communities, is **hosting anti-racism educator Dr. Ali Michael** the weekend of **February 19-20** to share about "Becoming the Beloved Community."

Dr. Ali Michael returns to her hometown of Mt. Lebanon for several presentations focused on building and sustaining a healthy multiracial community. She will hold several sessions:

- For **Faith Communities on Saturday 2/19 at 3 pm**, located at Bower Hill Presbyterian Church (more information [here](#))
- For **St. Paul's parishioners at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday 2/20 at 9:45am** (more information [here](#))
- For the **South Hills Community on Sunday, 2/20 at 6:30pm**, located at Mt. Lebanon High School (more information about this event [here](#); read about this session in Mount Lebanon Magazine [here](#).)

Requested Prayers

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Alice Butterworth, Sandy Nagy, Matthew, Jim Gray, Mary, Jim Harpst, Mark Shoemaker, Larry Tarrant, Mark Kinley.

We pray for our parents, especially; Fred and Diane Davis, Kenneth and Adele McCormack, Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

We pray for our family members, especially; Mare Magnotti, Steve Parsons, Sue Burchill, Mike Dixon, John Barie, Tom Groves, Raphael Walton, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Marie Hazelton, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Bob Keihl and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Bill Phelps, Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Tom & Betty Norris, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

We pray for who have died, especially Liz Audsley.

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for, the following. Each is a medical professional or an emergency first responder who is helping people cope with the Coronavirus outbreak. They are using their skills and risking their own well-being by tending to those whose health has been threatened.

Kimberly Becker	Maddie Bell	Sheila Bigelow	Kate Burnett	Frank Casey
Bob Cerra	Brenna Conroy	Adele Cotter	James Cotter	Laura Dugan Demers
Nicholas Demers	Andrea Dickerson	Franklin Park Police Department	Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department	
Rebecca Donadee	Chris Fleissner	Amanda Gagnon	Jeff Gagnon	Betsy Gentile
Lynne Gloor	Ann Hockenberry	Beth Lutz Hoffman	Eric Hood	John Jacobs and staff
Kerri Jensen	Dr. Ken Judson	Abby Montgomery	Luke O'Neill	Kim Pierce
Becca Sands	Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	Cindy Jennifer	Julie
Mike	Patrick			

Prayer for our medical personnel and first responders.

Lord, please bless and care for all healthcare workers and first responders. Grant them wisdom, knowledge, skill and compassion so that they may be instruments of Your healing power for those they serve and care for. Give them strength and support. May they be able to do their work in a spirit of love and kindness and mercy. Keep them safe and well as they make personal sacrifices on behalf of Your community. Amen.



February 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeters	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
February 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Donna Aiello P Mary Bertucci <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Libby Juel	n/a	Joyce Donadee Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Cameron Grosh	Postponed
February 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd John Appledorn P Tony Turo <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	n/a	Toni Passarello Kate Heston John Appledorn	Tim Austin Allyson Baiert	Donna Aiello	Postponed
February 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Nancy Snyder 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P John Appledorn <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Shari Tarrant Ellen Groves	n/a	Megan Overby Tim Austin Dean Peters	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Ron Ladick	Postponed
February 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	n/a	Allyson Baiert Kate Heston Annemarie Malbon	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Postponed



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.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Cameron Grosh
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Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

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Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel
Sylvia Affleck
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: Karen Dennis
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: TBD
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra
Annemarie Malbon

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Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
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Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Open
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