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from Toni and Joe Passarello.*

Mtr. Nancy's Ponderings

Dear Brendanites,

Clergy brag on our congregations and I certainly have on St. Brendan's, especially to my former colleagues back in Florida. "I have never seen a congregation who are more concerned with their neighbor, be it next door, in the church or in the world," I tell them. Oh, I cite many examples, but the one that stands out to me the most is "Mask-Up Sunday," which St. Brendan's adopted in the aftermath of the pandemic. This is the first Sunday of the month in which we show our love and care to those whose health is more vulnerable. These folk stream our 10 o'clock service every Sunday, but Mask-Up Sunday has made it possible for them to join us in person.

Recently, two of our parishioners, who have been able to attend the service due to their fellow members' willingness to mask up, approached the vestry to recommend easing the mask-up restrictions. Instead, they proposed that masks be optional for all services and worn only if someone has a cold or is not feeling well that particular day. Their point is that most businesses are not masking up these days, although they still do. The vestry, after deep consideration, agreed.

Moving forward, those attending the 10 a.m. Sunday service will be asked to please be considerate and wear a mask when recovering from a respiratory illness or if they are not feeling well. Masks will continually be made available in the church to all who need them. By being aware of how you are feeling and acting accordingly (mask or no mask), we can continue to love and care for those whose health is vulnerable.

**Faithfully,
Nancy+**

Announcements



It's Picnic Time!

Join us this Sunday, August 3 for St. Brendan's Annual Parish Picnic at Blueberry Hill Park, Maple Grove Pavilion. The weather is supposed to be mostly sunny and in the 70s. directions to the park are below.



The service will be at the Pavilion at 10:00 followed by the picnic. Bring a dish to share. Chicken and beverages will be provided along with plastic wear, plates, cups, etc. The Pavilion has clean accessible bathrooms, kitchen facilities, a children's play area and more. You may want to bring a chair and if you have any outdoor games like cornhole or lawn bowling please feel free to bring them along.

DIRECTIONS TO BLUEBERRY HILL PARK FRANKLIN PARK BOROUGH. From St. Brendan's Turn left onto McAleer Road. At the stop sign turn left onto Rochester Road. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Nicholson Road. Go approximately 1/2 mile and turn right onto Blaine's Way (see signs for Blueberry Hill Park). Follow signs to Maple Grove Pavilion.



There are no words that would adequately express my appreciation of the outpouring of love and friendship show last Sunday in honor of my birthday.

Many of us say St. Brendan's is like family, The birthday celebration proved that and much more. Many thanks to all who made it a very special day for me. Much love to all, **Ellen**



Sticks & Strings meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, and again on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 in St. Brendan's library. Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! **The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 6 from 6-8 pm.**

Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there!

Contact Sherri at sherri.angeletti@gmail.com or text 412-689-0737 if you have questions or if you'd like to be added to the email list.



Next Ladies' Breakfast

Reminder: our next Ladies' Breakfast will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of August (August 13) at 9:30 am at Panera Bread in Cranberry. The back room is reserved for us.

We enjoyed lots of fun and many laughs at our first breakfast in July. If you can attend, we would love to have you!

Directions: You can get there by taking Rt. 79N to the second Cranberry exit (the one on the right), and turn left at light onto Rt. 228. You will cross over Rt. 19 and then be on Freedom Road; Once you cross Rt. 19, turn left at the second light; Panera's will be on your right. It is in the Cranberry Mall right next to the movie theater.

Contact donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com or 412-759-1521 with questions.



For many years, St. Brendan's has offered free English conversation practice for visitors and immigrants. A brief overview of the program is on the church's website at <https://www.stbrendans.org/esl-conversation-friends>. Recently, some of our volunteers have moved on in their lives, and we are now short of helpers and at risk of needing to cut back on our programming. Please consider whether you feel called to help your neighbors in this way. No experience is needed (we promise); volunteers assist as and when they can; and as with all volunteering, you will learn as much as you teach. Contact Tim Austin for details (austover@gmail.com).



We would like to get a group together to see the play **SIX on Broadway** downtown at the Benedum, Saturday October 11, for the 2 pm matinee. The tickets are \$114.00 each. We requested seats on the floor for easy access and got row R. They are holding 20 tickets for us. We can carpool from the church if anyone is interested.

If there is any interest we can go after the play to a restaurant close to the theater.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex.

Please contact Janice Moore with questions.



Help us reach the goal of \$4,000+ in gift cards for our **Holiday Happenings raffle!**

We will raffle at least three baskets of gift cards with a total of \$4,000 or even more. The more gift cards we get, the more baskets we will have to raffle!

You will notice that there is a "thermometer" poster hanging on the wall in the Narthex which shows how many gift cards have been accumulated so far and where we have go. Please pitch in and help us meet our goal.

Gift cards in any amount are appreciated. Flyers are available in the Narthex to give to your businesses, your favorite restaurant, hair salon, grocery store, etc. You can also pick up a sheet to use as a guideline when making your request. If you would like to donate a gift card yourself, we would welcome that as well.

Just a reminder: Holiday Happenings takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 22. It traditionally is St. Brendan's most profitable fundraiser of the year, with our famous cookie walk, soup sales, craft show and, of course, our raffle.

With questions or to turn in gift cards, contact: Kathy Miller (komiller747781@yahoo.com), Deborah Cale (cale.deborah@gmail.com) or Donna Aiello (donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Thank you for any way you can help!



Backpacks for children in need. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping with the backpacks for kids. They have all been taken.
Just a few reminders:

- Backpacks are due back by Thursday, August 10.
- Remove the refresh packet if there is one in the large compartment of the backpack.
- Please leave the ticket on the loop that says if it is for Elementary or Middle/High School.

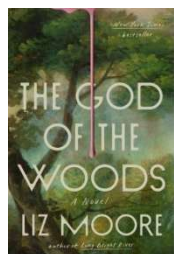
If you've already taken a backpack from the parish hall before the list was available, please contact Annie with the number of the backpack you're filling.

Next week the backpacks will be delivered to children in need.

If you have any questions, please call Annie 484-941-2458. Thank you as always for your help.



Food Bank: The Food Pantry for the month of August is focusing on collecting **BREAKFAST ITEMS - CEREAL (NO PLAIN CHEERIOS); PANCAKE MIX AND SYRUP; PLAIN AND FLAVORED OATMEAL; APPLE, CRANBERRY, GRAPE, ORANGE OR TOMATO JUICE (32oz. to 96oz.); AND GROUND COFFEE - REGULAR AND DECAF - 11oz. SIZE.** All other non-perishable donations are gladly accepted. Thank you.
Please be sure there is no glass and that the expiration dates are not past.



St. Brendan's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month (with few exceptions) at 1 pm in the library. Join us even if you haven't read the book! Our next meeting will be **August 4** to discuss The God of the Woods by Liz Moore. Upcoming titles:

Sept 8: The Maid by Nita Prose
Oct 6: On Call by Anthony Fauci
Nov 3: The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams
Dec 1: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Contact Anne Semmler (annegsemmler@gmail.com) with any questions.

We celebrate the **August Birthdays.**



1 Carol Meese	1 Julia Wick	4 Mike Wick	5 Katie Gliptis
5 Toni Passarello	9 Tom Cindric	10 Jennifer Rosmus	11 Margie Davies
12 Nolan Beel	15 Daniel May	17 Brenna Conroy	19 Elizabeth Whiteman
24 Elliot Beel	24 Lisa Tajak	27 Gladys Carlisle	29 Reno Angeletti

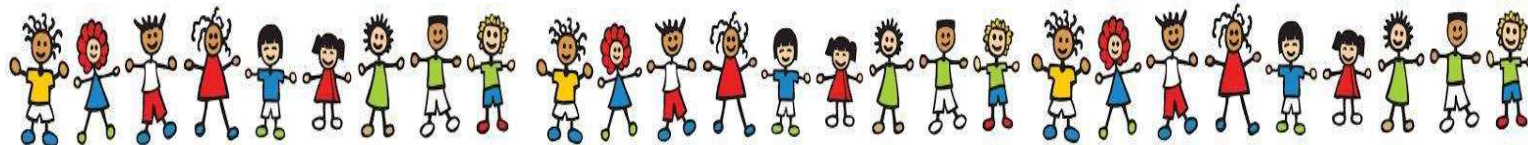


We celebrate the **August Wedding Anniversaries.**

5 Claire & Bob Grotevant	21 Joan & Frank Beatrous	26 Marian & Aidan McKenna
30 Darrell Johnson & Tash Zukowski		

If you would like your wedding anniversary or birthday celebrated here, please contact Katie@stbrendans.org.

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **Sunday School classes and the monthly Children's Worship Service are on summer break beginning June 1.** Please check this space throughout the summer for more information and announcements.

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 school year:

- **Sunday, August 24: Blessing of Backpacks.** Mother Nancy will bless backpacks to mark the beginning of the new school year. All children, nursery age and up, are invited to bring their backpacks to church that day for the

special blessing.

- **Sunday, September 7: Sunday School Kick-off** from 9:30 until 12 noon. More information about this event will follow.
- **Sunday School teachers needed:** Please contact Saundy Waseleski at swaseleski@comcast.net if you'd like to volunteer as a teacher during the 2025-26 school year. We really need your help! This is an important ministry for our families and our church, and we'll soon begin planning for the next school year. We'll assist you with materials, curriculum and in obtaining clearances.
- **Happy Summer from the Children and Youth Ministry team!**

Prayer Requests

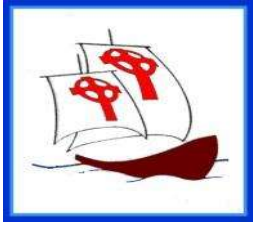
For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially; Heike Hartmann, Frannie, Nate Boyd, Joan Beatrous, Tom Cindric, Gladys & Les Carlisle, Bill Spoonhoward, Charlotte Pierce, Deborah Cale, Matthew, Nancy Snyder, Rosie Wood, Dave Miller, Ruth Haider, Rich Nagy, Nancy H. Thaddeus Popovich, Margie Davies, Libby & Richard Juel.

For our parents, especially; Tony Carta, Rose Mankowski, Margaret Nagel, Ken McCormack, Ken W., Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Karl Haider, Nathan Schlumpf, Sue Burchill, Cindy, Robert Donato, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Joe Smolko, Neil Armor, Christian, Pat Schulze, Tom Payne, John Murphy, Bee Ward, John, Gary Gladowski, Tom Groves, Diane Brackus, John Peters, Jennifer Cale, Denise Nagel, Steve Getty, Margaret & Lawrence Czerpak, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Parker Shebs, Marie Hazelton, Carol Schmitz, John Pease.

For our friends, especially; Patty Herrington, Jordon Medlin, Josh, Susan N., Charlotte S., Connie Geiger, Cindy Clifton, Hannah & Horst Hartmann, Nancy Baker, Cindy & Bob Getty, Laurie, Frank Monakowski, Terri Hockenberry, Zack Cervone, Patty Walker, Mike Colavita, Andy, Kathleen Suskauer, Bill Pugliese, Heidi Sherwin, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

We pray for all who have died especially; Ronald John Burling, Frank Nagy and Tanya.



August Ministry Calendar

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
August 3 Sunday 10:00 am Parish Picnic	Combined Service: 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd John Appeldorn P Donna Aiello LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	N/A - Parish Picnic	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	John Appledorn Dean Peters	N/A - Parish Picnic	N/A - Parish Picnic	Dan Moore	N/A - Parish Picnic
August 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Marilyn Mulvihill 2 nd Tim Austin P Paul Quinn LEV Marilyn Mulvihill Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Joan Kleinfelter Jan Dorman	Wesley Bell Toni Passarello	Tim Austin LuAnn Aldridge	Donna Aiello Richard Munsch	Mike Wick	Lauren Burlinger
August 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Mary Bartucci 2 nd Tony Turo P Alan Schneider LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Pat Carl	Dottie Antonucci Kathy Miller	Kate Heston Susan Shields	Julia or Mike Wick Dan Moore	Mike or Julia Wick	Frances Harpst	Kate Heston
August 24 Sunday 8 & 10	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Kate Heston P Aidan McKenna LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Tom and Saundy Waseleski	Allyson Baierl Donna Aiello	John Appledorn	Donna Aiello	TBD
August 31 Sunday 8 & 10	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd John Appledorn P Marilyn Mulvihill LEV No visit this week Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Kate Heston Sangyeop Lee	Paul Quinn	Melanie Popovich	Megan & Tim



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

Donna Aiello: Worship
Frances Harpst: Finance
Jen & Bob Mankowski: Adult Formation/Technology
Dan Moore: Junior Warden
Richard Munsch: Outreach
Ken Parsons: Hospitality
Melanie Popovich: Pastoral Care/Clerk/
New Members
Tom Waseleski: Senior Warden
Mike Wick: Inreach/Children & Youth
Kevin Boyd: Treasurer
Ellen Groves: Assistant Treasurer

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin & Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Ken Parsons
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Bank: Richard Munsch

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinator: Kate Heston
Bulletin Committee: Pat Carl, Carol Meese, Barb Fure
Caring Cards: Megan Overby
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Sandy Waseleski
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline, Ann Vinski, Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra, Jen & Bob Mankowski

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Marilyn Mulvihill
Greeter: Toni Passarello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Debra Erb-White
Spirituality: Donna Aiello
Usher: Tim Austin

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Wednesday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer, via zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGm1UT09>
10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2, then from home till 4 pm
2:00 pm Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 5 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
7:00 pm Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Friday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Calendar ~ <https://www.stbrendans.org/calendar>

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlqicQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing>
(authorization required for access--apply now)

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

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

Interim Priest-in-Charge, Mother Nancy Suellau ~ mtrnancy@gmail.com

Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ Katie@stbrendans.org

Deacon, Darrell Johnson ~ darrell@stbrendans.org

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

Vestry ~ Vestry@stbrendans.org