



Senior Warden's Corner

All across America parents and children are in back-to-school mode. Grabbing last-minute supplies. Trying on new shoes. Picking the right backpack. Finding something special to wear that first day. Hitting the mall or waiting for the Amazon truck to get all that new stuff.

The back-to-school drive at St. Brendan's is underway, too, but it's much simpler. Parents and kids have to do one thing. Just show up.

That's right. Show up. Come as you are on Sundays at 10, and Sunday School will work for you the way a K-12 education works for countless families. This year Sunday School will have a special kick-off on Sept. 10 with some fun activities between 9:30 a.m. and noon. St. Brendan's children and youth leaders have been working off and on behind the scenes designing lessons, buying materials, brainstorming special events and seeking volunteers to work with our children (can you help?). It's all aimed at ensuring that a new year of Christian ed for our kids can get off to a strong start. All the parents and children have to do is show up.

I remember those days. The Waseleskis arrived at St. Brendan's many years ago with a 3-year-old in tow. The toddler needed a solid Christian upbringing. To be sure, he would have gotten some of that at home. He would have learned from the good example of his grandparents. But it takes more than that. It takes living and growing up in a supportive church community of like-minded believers — where he could learn not just about God, Scripture and how to lead a Christian life. At St. Brendan's, Sunday School and the youth program are about so much more. How to meet human needs. How to welcome the stranger. How to embrace and appreciate differences. How to act unselfishly and responsibly in a society that seems bent on making us all selfish and irresponsible and, yes, nowadays, even mean.

As a result, our Sunday School and youth group kids cover a lot and take home a lot, yet all they have to do is show up. Those were busy days for Saundy and me as a young couple with a child eventually in grade school and then high school. There were lots of things competing for Michael's time: Little League, Boy Scouts, violin lessons, musical theater, homework. And through those experiences he picked up wonderful things: sportsmanship, character, artistic talents, smarts. But because St. Brendan's was a fixed part of our calendar, he also grew into someone with a strong Christian, moral and humanitarian foundation that he is now, with his wife, passing on to their daughters.

It's one of the gifts that comes from being part of St. Brendan's. And all a young family has to do is show up.

Yours in faith,
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden
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The Drumming Circle scheduled for tonight at St. Brendan's, has been cancelled.

Can you help? Your fellow parishioners need help. Members going through a trying time — like a sudden illness, a difficult recovery, or the arrival of a baby — get a boost when St. Brendan's delivers dinner. You can bring a smile and offer a lift by joining the Merry Meal Makers in occasionally making or purchasing a meal for a Brendanite. Please contact Saundy Waseleski at swaseleski@comcast.net for more information.

Volunteers needed for an Audio Video Technology crew. St. Brendan's is seeking volunteers who would like to be trained and available to help with AV. We previously had a crew before the pandemic and it's time to revitalize the crew since we have fully opened the church. The crew will be trained to run the AV system in the parish hall that may be needed by a speaker, a renter or any church group that needs to show a video, use a mic or have access to the projector for a presentation. If interested in this important church mission of being on the AV crew, contact Sandra Nagy at Shelbie1982@icloud.com.



These are high needs for the **North Hills food bank** this month.

- Cereal
- Dry noodles, pasta – ziti, penne, spaghetti
- Boxed potatoes -scalloped, au gratin, mashed

Of course they will always accept non-perishable food items.

Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars.



St. Brendan's Justice Ministry.

After the 8 and 10 o'clock services this Sunday, we will be filling the school backpacks with the items that have been donated over the last few weeks. After the 10, feel free to have your snack and coffee first. Directions will be given prior to filling the backpacks. Thanks to all who helped contribute to such a wonderful project! Your donations are helping young minds grow and learn!



English As a Second Language

There's nothing like a good conversation! For more than a decade, St. Brendan's has hosted adult conversation classes for non-native English speakers. We welcome as many as 20 students a week at two fluency levels. We are blessed with a loyal and hard-working cohort of leaders and helpers—but we don't have any reserves in case one of our volunteers falls ill, has a family issue, or takes a vacation. Would you have time on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or on Wednesday evenings to help us out? **No previous experience or expertise is needed.**

For more information, please contact Tim Austin at 508-688-9554 or austover@gmail.com.

Children and Youth



- **Blessing of the Children and Backpacks:** All children and teens are invited to bring their backpacks to church on **Sunday, August 27**, for a special blessing for a safe, productive school year. St. Brendan's wants to celebrate our students as they move on to another year of learning. 
- **Sunday School Kickoff:** Circle your calendar for a special event on **Sunday, September 10**. Games, crafts, and Bible-based activities will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We hope all Sunday School-aged children (kindergarten through Grade 5) will participate in this fun morning to mark the beginning of the new year. Children will stay in the Sunday School area for the morning and will not join parents for the service on this day. More information will follow.
- **Nursery Volunteers** are still needed for the following weeks: **September 3, 17 and 24. On October 1, we'll need 2 volunteers.** Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer on various Sunday's. Your help is greatly appreciated! Anyone who already has their necessary clearances and is willing and able to help out with our little ones during the 10 am worship service, please reach out to me, Liz MacDonald via text/call at 412-865-6486 or email Liz702988@gmail.com. If there is anyone interested in becoming a Nursery Volunteer, I would love to hear from you and give you the necessary information in obtaining your clearances! Thank you, Liz.



Vestry briefs. At Monday evening's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry:

- * Reviewed the terms of a diocesan plan for refinancing the parish mortgage. Details will be announced when the plan is final.
- * Learned that Junior Warden Dan Moore received a bid of \$21,000 for replacing the main entrance with doors containing a keypad locking system. Dan is seeking other bids. He is also about to sign the contract for repaving the parking lot, which could occur in September.

* Discussed the need and process for updating Mother Robin's Letter of Agreement.

* Approved three-year terms for Phoebe Juel and Dean Peters as St. Brendan's lay deputies to the diocesan convention. They will join our other two deputies, Anne Semmler and Ralph Tajak. Pat Carl was approved as a lay deputy alternate in case one of the deputies is unable to serve.



Join us for "A Blast from the Past" Live Oldies Concert! On Thursday, September 7, St. Brendan's will hold "A Blast from the Past," a live music concert featuring popular local vocal talent, Keely Singer. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show is from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Come and hear Keely sing your favorite tunes from the 60s and 70s. Several church folks have heard her perform and can tell you that Keely puts on a show not to be missed!

Tickets will be for sale after both services on Sundays, and through the website. Price of admission is \$15 and includes light appetizers, refreshments, and a ticket for a basket raffle. Wine and soft drinks will also be available for sale.

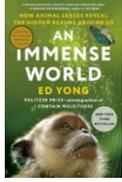
Please help us get the word out by telling your family and friends and posting on your social media pages!

Vintage attire is optional, so you may just want to dust off those leisure suits and go-go boots for what is sure to be an evening of fun and nostalgia! Contact Donna Aiello if you have any questions.



Gift Basket Donations Needed! Please sign up to donate a basket of goodies for the basket raffle that we will feature at the upcoming “A Blast from the Past” concert event. Anything will do! Some theme ideas include a coffee/tea basket; bath and body; chocolate lovers; ice cream sundae fixings; lottery tickets; movie night; wine/cheese; gluten-free snacks; breakfast goodies; gardening; beach essentials etc. You can even put together one with a friend. Just let us know your theme using the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Baskets can be valued at around \$25. We have large cellophane bags if you need one and bows for the top!

Bring your basket donation to church anytime between now and **Sunday, Sept. 3**. Baskets can be left in the office right next to Katie’s office. See Donna Aiello if you have any questions.



Book Club News The next meeting of the St. Brendan’s Book Club will be held on **Monday, September 11th at 3 p.m.** in the church library. We will be discussing “An Immense World” by Pulitzer Prize winning science journalist, Ed Yong. It is described as an ingenious account of the radically different ways that living organisms perceive the world that will fill you with wonder and forever alter your perspective (The New York Times). Please put this most astounding book on your summer reading list and join us in September! For more information, please contact Anne Semmler at annegsemmler@gmail.com. See you then!

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan’s, especially; Margie Davies, Joyce Donadee, Geoff Wood, Bill Spoonhoward, Ruth Haider, Judy McKarnin, Matthew, Jim Gray, Nancy Snyder, Larry Tarrant, Rosie Wood, Kate Heston, Linda & Alan Schneider, Mark Shoemaker, Mark Kinley, LuAnn Aldridge, Alice Butterworth.

For our parents, especially; Diane Davis, Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian, Ray Miltzer, Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Kirk Latta, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Joann, Chris Sensenich, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Frank Nagy, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Bob Kiehl, Marie Hazelton, Eric Darde, Robert Donato, Rebecca Peters, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick.

And for our friends, especially; The Silveira family, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Cindy & Bob Getty, Liz Tafel-Hurley, Josh, Ron Neurohr, Rena Feingold, Vivian, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst and family, Maggie Cervone, Pat Reiner, Nancy Baker.

We pray for all who have died, especially Walter Smith, Adele McCormack, Ray Mass and Peter Cervantes.

August Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
August 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Michael Donadee P Marilyn Mulvihill	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Sylvia Affleck Kathy Miller	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	John Appledorn Mike Wick	Kate Heston	Linda Limberis	Neil & Deborah
August 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Kate Heston 2 nd Linda Limberis P Mary Bertucci	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	Susan Shields John Appledorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Dan Moore	Dave Miller	Janice & Dan Moore
August 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Marilyn Mulvihill 2 nd Tony Turo P Tim Austin	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Dottie Antonucci Janice Moore	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Donna Aiello Allyson Baierl	Tom Waseleski	Mike Wick	Kathy & Dave Miller
August 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Backpack blessing	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Aidan McKenna P Donna Aiello	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Ellen Groves Susan Shields	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Tim Austin Kate Heston	John Appledorn	John Appledorn	Kate Heston

September Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
September 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Ann Vinski P Linda Limberis	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	Barbe Fure Dean Peters	Michael Donadee Mike Wick	Ruth Horton	Dave Miller	The 8 O'clockers
September 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Sunday School kick off	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Cindy Koszarek P Kate Heston	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	Kate Heston John Appledorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Neil Galone	Tim Austin	The Bertucci's
September 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st AJ McKenna 2 nd Paul Quinn P John Appledorn	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Ellen Groves Susan Shields	Kathy & Dave Miller	Donna Aiello Allyson Baierl	Lauren Ramakrishna	Linda Limberis	The Nagy's
September 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller	Allyson Baierl Annie Koch	Tim Austin Kate Heston	Sandy Nagy	John Appledorn	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

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden: Dan Moore
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sandy Nagy
Communication: Sandy Nagy
Children & Youth: Ruth Horton
Finance: Lauren Ramakrishna
Fundraising: TBD
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: TBD
Outreach: Ruth Horton
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Greeter: Donna Aiello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl & Carol Meese
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Finance Chair: Lauren Ramakrishna
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings/Cookie Walk: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Ann Vinski
Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton

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: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

Tuesday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>

Wednesday: 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

Friday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVImIqjCQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing> (authorization required for access--apply online)

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

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

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Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ johnsdj31@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com