



Pentecost

This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(11-3)	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
		11:00 a.m.	Miryam's preparation
		11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		2:00 p.m.	Miryam's delivery
Monday	(11-4)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		6:00 p.m.	Rite 13 Group
Tuesday	(11-5)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Conversations
		7:00 p.m.	Love ~ Teach ~ Heal
Wednesday	(11-6)	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	(11-7)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Saturday	(11-9)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, November 3, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8 a.m. George Snyder
	10 a.m. Tim Austin
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Tony Turo
Chalice Bearers:	Stacey Coyle
	Tim Austin
Altar Guild:	Anelisa Tarrant
	Terry Dezort
Sunday School Lambs:	Saundy Waseleski
Fish:	Janice Moore
Door:	Lauren Ramakrishna
Nursery:	Stephanie Illsley
	Pat Carl
Ushers:	Joyce & Michael Donadee
Vestry:	Tim Austin
Hospitality:	Brenna Conroy & Kirsten Bailey
LEM:	Ruth Getz

The Priest's Corner

The Latest: Three Little Girls and One Little Boy Danced in the Aisle Last Sunday — Some Choir Members and a Priest Joined Them!

Some of you who have been Episcopalians for a while know that we use a "three-legged stool approach" to weigh and decide matters of importance. In other words, we examine issues/concerns/beliefs through the lens of Scripture, Tradition and Reason. I intend to do this sort of analysis over the next few weeks.

I was sharing with a trusted colleague recently about children and their involvement in worship and liturgy. We spoke about my vision for St. Brendan's which includes children and their presence at liturgy and worship as a top priority. I traced the birth of this priority and its progress to the present, all the way to last Sunday's Children's Liturgy at which four children spontaneously broke out into a "Ring a Ring o' Rosie" dance in the aisle during the recessional hymn. I was reminded of Michal, daughter of Saul, watching from a window and seeing King David leaping and dancing before the Lord in 2 Samuel 6:16. Thank God the people in our church Sunday were not concluding as Michal did – she didn't like David and "watched with contempt." Not so at St. Brendan's. I saw choir members making musical moves as they marched past, people in the pews were all smiles and neighboring Brendanites were assuring concerned parents that what these children were doing IS St. Brendan's. Now, when the priest got in on the action, many suggested a collection be taken up for rhythm lessons.

You know, I worry sometimes whether we are doing the "proper thing." You might recall my wonderings a few weeks ago regarding The Peace and the process I went through to affirm that what we are doing is precisely how we need to be doing it. You see, liturgy/worship is a very important and personal reality for Episcopalians. I believe that everybody accepts that there will always be parts of our liturgical experience that will stretch us and make us feel uncomfortable until we grow into the new liturgical expression; and there will be parts that we know by heart and can recite or act upon in our sleep. For example, you probably notice that as we change liturgical seasons – like moving from Ordinary Time into Advent (which we will be doing on December 1) – our service music changes. (Service music are routine pieces sung at all liturgies like the "Gloria" and the "Holy, Holy, Holy.")

What we have to concern ourselves with is diluting the liturgy by adding too many new elements all at once or adding irrelevant elements that might be culturally or timely critical, but best displayed during coffee hour or at another function. To be honest, this

is not always a “cut and dry” call. By our nature we all have different perspectives on the same matters, and we can all build convincing arguments for what we believe to be true. So that’s why the Episcopal Church highly values talking to each other and maintaining open minds. We may disagree, but as long as we keep talking to each other, the Spirit is at work. Now at the same time, we have to have limits to some actions because we can be talking until the Second Coming, and nothing gets done. And one thing that the Episcopal Church is quite good at is talking and talking and talking some more. To prevent such immobility liturgically, the Canons of the Episcopal Church give the rector or priest-in-charge the final say in all things liturgical. One of the reasons for this is that by the nature of his or her role, the priest should be seeing the total picture a lot better than individual members of the congregation. Now there’s no guarantee that the priest will personally develop or is capable of such a vision, this is nonetheless the expectation. Episcopalians are particularly good at inviting the priest to develop this skill. Let me tell you I take this responsibility very seriously and spend a lot of time trying to fulfil this dimension of my responsibility. Rest assured, any liturgical reflection, suggestion or decision that flows from me is far from “off the cuff.” I know that you know this.

I took a break last week from writing the Priest’s Corner because I wanted to more deeply reflect on my priority of children at liturgy and worship. I will spend the next few Priest’s Corners reflecting on my vision around this most significant personnel reality. I rely on ushers and others to keep counts at our liturgies. I got the report that we had 31 children at our liturgy this past Sunday. I remember the days when we got three. The first thing I want to say about this and the last thing that I want to say as I conclude this article is this: Yes, of course, children are the future of the church, but children, like the rest of us, are the church right here and right now!

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Announcements

All Saint’s Day is Friday, November 1. We will be celebrating All Saints THIS Sunday November 3. For St. Brendan’s that means our tradition of reciting the Necrology by naming all who have been part of our prayers who have died in the last 12 months. All former members will automatically be included in the reading of the Necrology during the service. Contact Katie stbrendans@comcast.net ASAP, if you have name/s of people you would like to have remembered.

Daylight Savings Time. Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour late Saturday evening.



A BFF donation was given in celebration of Woodside girls 70th birthday celebration, from Toni Passarello.



Plans are being made for a **book sale fundraiser** at St. Brendan’s for **Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22, 2020**. Please start saving your books to donate for this sale. Books can be brought to church beginning February 9, 2020, so please begin to put aside new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs and audio tapes. No need to save magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or music cassette tapes as these items will not be sold at this event. Thanks so much for your support of St. Brendan’s!

Hospitality Hour. We will be having special Hospitality Hours for the following weeks. I find with the holidays coming up I need some new ideas for get-togethers. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish or appetizer that you take or make at the holiday season. Please sign up if you would like to bring something. Hopefully this will be fun for all. For more info, please contact Janice Moore, chicago@zoominternet.net.

The second truck with donations for Haiti is on hold at this time. Isaac Mondelus, our parishioner from Haiti, and the Justice Ministry are grateful for your help.

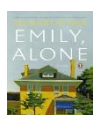


Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will gather at the river – the Ohio River – on **Saturday, Nov. 16**, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. Walkers will explore the bicycle-friendly Three Rivers Heritage Trail beginning at historic and vacant Western Penitentiary, then have lunch afterwards at the Rivers Casino. Feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.

Please check your mailbox for your **3rd quarter contribution statement**. Contact Katie if you have any questions.



Roll to the Polls: The Justice Committee, in partnership with the Black Political Empowerment Project, is helping to provide rides for those who need help getting to their polling place to vote. If you are able to provide even one ride, please call Marilyn Mulvihill at 412-427-2715. And don’t forget to vote on Tuesday, **November 5**.



This month **Book Club** is reading a novel by local, best-selling author Stewart O’Nan. “Emily, Alone” is the portrayal of an elderly Pittsburgh widow and her domestic pleasures, concerns, and crises as the calendar year moves from holiday to holiday and she struggles to maintain family relationships. Join us as we relax and discuss the book **November 7** at 7 p.m. in the church library. Books are available in print and audio formats at the library.

Cookie Walk and Holiday Arts & Craft Show Q&A

1. What is the Cookie Walk?

The Cookie Walk is our fall fundraiser. It has been held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving since 2000.

2. When is this year's Cookie Walk?

November 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3. How can I participate? (In lots of ways!)

- by helping to distribute the flyers on the narthex table
- by taking a sign to put in your yard
- by helping to decorate the church on November 21
- by helping in the kitchen on November 23
- by helping in the Cookie Walk at the choir room on November 23
- by taking entrance fees at the door on November 23
- by helping clean up on November 23 (sign-up sheets for all these are on the narthex table)
- but, MOST OF ALL by BAKING COOKIES to sell for the Cookie Walk



4. How does the Cookie Walk work?

The cookies are placed in trays on tables in the choir room (one kind for each pan – that's why we ask for batches of 10 dozen). Customers purchase an empty cookie box and fill it with the cookies of their choice. Please see the "Cookie Jar" in the fellowship hall for more details and sign-up sheets.

5. What about the "Holiday Arts and Craft Show," which occurs at the same time?

This is a shoppers' event at which visitors can browse and purchase items, many of which are handmade, from more than 40 vendors located on St. Brendan's main floor. Since there will be a wide variety of items for purchase – clothing, jewelry, home décor, Christmas decorations, toys, etc. – it's a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping. Be sure to tell your friends!

6. Please ask Sylvia Affleck, Karen Dennis, Ellen Groves or Saundy Waseleski if you have any more questions.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

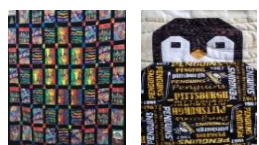
Calling all handcrafters! If you would like to contribute some of your wares to Brendan's Boutique at the 2019 Holiday Arts & Craft Show, contact Janet Fesq wvgrl2@consolidated.net. All proceeds go to St. Brendan's.

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 Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, an organization that provides food for many local food pantries serving 120,000 persons in Southwestern Pennsylvania, www.pittsburghfoodbank.org. The next meeting will be Sunday, **November 17**. All are welcome.



North Hills Food Pantry. For the month of November we are asking for donations to help families with their Thanksgiving dinners such as stuffing mix, gravy, pumpkin pie, green bean casserole ingredients. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.

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.



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!

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.



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.



Newcomers, save the date – Join our priest and other members of St. Brendan's for a newcomers' brunch after church on **November 10** to learn more about life at St. Brendan's. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table and we will provide directions to the Moores' home in Seven Fields, about 20 minutes north of the church. We look forward to seeing you at the home of 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!



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.



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.



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!

Please visit our website:

<http://www.stbrendans.org>

Join us on Facebook:

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

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 November ministry calendar.



November 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
November 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder L Tim Austin P Tony Turo C Stacy Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Ruth Getz	Terry Dezort Anelisa Tarrant	Lambs Saundra Waseleski Fish Janice Moore Door Lauren Ramakrishna	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Joyce Donadee Michael Donadee	Tim Austin	Brenna Conroy Kristen Bailey
November 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
November 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Getz L Nate Boyd P Sheila Bigelow C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Ruth Horton	Sylvia Affleck Shari Tarrant	Lambs TBD Fish Sylvia Affleck Door TBD	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Kevin Boyd	Melinda & Wesley Bell
November 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
November 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Annemarie Malbon P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Darrell Johnson	Chris Botti Janice Moore	Lambs TBD Fish Allison Kline Door Meghan Karn	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Dean Peters	Sheila Bigelow Jim Roche
November 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
November 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Joe Macklin L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Ellen Groves Brigid Christenson	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Ruth Horton	Hospitality Committee
November 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~

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 Laureen & 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

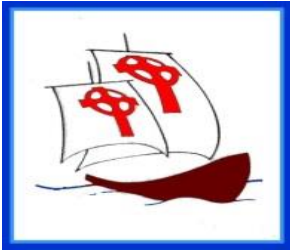
- 5 Marilyn Mulvihill & Tim Michael
- 12 Jean Pett-Ridge & Isaac Mondelus
- 19 Kate & John Riley
- 26 Joni Reis & Thaddeus Popovich

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: Dan Moore
 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: Stephanie Illsley
 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
 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
 Garden of Hope: Tim Michael
 Invite Welcome Connect: TBD
 Miryam's: Julia Wick
 Rob & George Latta
 North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
 Social Justice: Clair Grotevant
 Marilyn Mulvihill
 Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
 Jim Evanochko

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