



Weekly at St. Brendan's

- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship, via live streaming**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday 8:30 a.m. Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom**
 Zoom website <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105>
11:00 a.m. Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
 Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>.
- Tuesday 7:00 a.m. AA meeting, via zoom**
 Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252
9:00 a.m. Staff meeting, via zoom
 Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
11:00 a.m. Bible Study, via zoom
 Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>.
4:30 p.m. Book Club discussion, via zoom
 Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>
- Friday 7:30 p.m. Game Night, via zoom**
 Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Celebrant: The Rev. Julie Smith

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

The Priest's Corner

Choosing a New Bishop and the Importance of St. Brendan's in the Process!

During the week of August 16, members of the Nominating Committee for a New Bishop will be meeting with hopefully 20-25 Brendanites to collect our thinking on the kinds of qualities we want in our new bishop. To give this type of feedback and guidance is a rare opportunity. Most church people never have opportunities to experience this type of collaboration.

I'd like to make sure our newer Brendanites know that your participation in this would be very significant. You have fresh eyes and can provide a perspective that is quite important. Former Roman Catholics, this might be a memorable experience for you. Members of the Justice Ministry and those actively involved with our anti-racism and immigration (Conversation Group) efforts, sign up for this - your fire for social justice is needed. Those of you with children, please come and represent your needs and values. Those who are in the autumn of life come and share what you need in a bishop. Remember you have wisdom of being around for a while, and you are seasoned. Let the new bishop qualifications be influenced by your vigor as you try your best to make sure ageism and its subtle manifestations are prevented during this process and are absent in the new bishop. Those who are widowed and in the single lifestyle, what do you need in a bishop? Let the bishop candidate profile be informed by the experience of exclusion you sense at times, even in sermons. I'd like to see some of our teenagers on their own, and even younger ones whose parents can participate with them, consider participating and offering input.

Remember St. Brendan's is one of the most inclusive churches in the diocese and, in fact, is the youngest church in the diocese. The committee needs our perspective. Nano, one of our priests on the Nominating Committee, made an intentional point in her letter to us to say precisely this. We are the future. Please be open to this awesome opportunity.

I participated in one of these zoom meetings for clergy on Tuesday. It was fantastic. There were eight of us present. I learned more and shared more in those 60 minutes than I can remember in decades. I left feeling hopeful, sensing I mattered, re-energized and re-committed. I'm certain you will too.

In actuality, we as a parish don't get to see the bishop that often. That's sometimes a good thing; sometimes, a bad thing. Yet, the influence of a bishop is present on a daily basis. The visions of a bishop, his or her priorities, the approachability of the bishop, all impact us. Your priests are quite connected to the bishop and actually minister to the people on his or her behalf. Please consider participating in this one-hour zoom meeting from your home.

Here are the questions we will be asked to reflect upon during this hour. One or two of these may really touch your hearts. These are the ones you want to share about during the meeting.

The questions:

- *How has the Bishop and/or the Diocese best served your parish?*
- *Think of an internal ministry that has a great impact on your congregation – something that most people would say is very important to your lives together as a faith community. Tell us briefly about it.*

- Now think of an outreach ministry that has a strong impact on the community outside your doors – or further afield – something that most people in your congregation would say is your signature and how you are known and identified in your town or the wider world. Briefly, what would you like us to know about it.
- What are some challenges that your parish is facing?
- In what ways does the diocese encourage and support the mission, ministry, and spiritual growth of parishes and parishioners?
- What opportunities and challenges will face our Diocese and our new Bishop in the next 3 years?

Contact Tim Austin to reserve your seat at this conversation. Tim's email is austover@gmail.com.

All good to you,

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Announcements



The SPEAKER SERIES is making it easy to participate and continue your path to learning. **Michael Waseleski** will present a series on Reconstruction on 2 consecutive evenings - August 13th and 14th at 7:00 p.m. This presentation will challenge what we know about slavery and expand our knowledge and understanding of its legacy in the United States.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming **ZOOM speaker series** you need to let us know by sending an email to Katie StBrendansKatie@gmail.com, so we can get the invitation and the link out to you. This is a real opportunity to expand your knowledge and insight at this time of emphasis on BLACK LIVES MATTER. Most of us have made a commitment to study and learn more about the issues that have contributed to racism in America. Well, this is where it started.

We have also made it easier to donate if you want to do that. Of course, we will always accept a check, but you can go to Tithe-ly, our online giving website https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/837730 and choose Speaker Series in the drop box, there you go. Easy! We're looking forward to this next step in our fundraising efforts.

Anti-Racism/Black Lives Matter: We will start discussions **TONIGHT, Thursday, August 6, at 4:30 pm**. We are planning them to be bi-weekly but open to change as we progress and receive input from the participants.

The first discussion will review our intentions, establish common vocabulary and resources. One comment from the survey that bears repeating: There is no shame, no guilt, no judgement; just a way to listen and learn. We are all in different places in our learning. The agenda for tonight's meeting will be to:

- Define a facilitated discussion+
 - Highly participative
 - Not lectures
 - Opening with all but breakouts to allow all to engage
- Enable sharing of personal stories/journeys
- Discuss resources
- Discuss vocabulary/terminology to ensure we are all agreed on meanings
 - Some examples are *prejudice, discrimination and racism*
 - *Prejudice* – consists of thoughts and feelings
 - *Discrimination* – action based on prejudice
 - *Racism* – collective prejudice backed by power and institutional control

This learning journey will lead to action steps both individually and collectively in addition to those suggested by the Justice Ministry.

Contact Ginny Volponi if you have questions, ginny4045@gmail.com. Blessings, Ginny Volponi

The Zoom link for the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105>. Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 One tap mobile
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 +19292056099,,4796201105# US (New York)

Racial Justice course available: Stevenson School for Ministry (SSFm) in the diocese of Central PA is offering a 5 week course called "*Racial Justice and the Body of Christ*" in September via Zoom. The course is FREE and is being taught by Dr. Joshua Davis, an SSFM faculty member. Anyone can take this course. To register, go to the link below.

<https://diocesecpa.org/shaped-by-faith-courses/>.

Please sign up to harvest in the garden. Harvesting is done on Wednesdays, when we clean up the veggies, pack them in zip lock bags, and get them ready for Thursdays deliveries to a Food Bank. We would love your help with this wonderful rewarding ministry. To sign up click here [Garden Link](#) or go to <https://www.stbrpit.com/> and click on Garden Schedule. Please enter your name during the days/weeks you can be responsible by typing directly onto the document.

Ideally, we would like volunteers to take on a task a full week at a time, to be responsible for either watering, weeding or harvesting. Contact Ken at cleankrp1@aol.com if you have any questions.



Our book discussion group meets on Tuesdays at 4:30 via zoom. We are reading - *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, 2018. by DiAngelo, Robin & Michael Eric Dyson (Foreword) New York: Beacon Press. ISBN-10: 0807047414/ISBN-13: 978-0807047415

The book is available via Kindle for immediate download.

We read a chapter or two at a time - not the whole book - so our discussions can go a bit deeper. For Tuesday, I recommend reading the forward and introduction - but if you haven't received your copy yet and would like to join us or if you need assistance getting the book, please let me know at jslphone1@gmail.com. Feel free to join us on

zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481> Meeting ID: 814 8485 3481, if needed.

Senior Warden's Corner

The committee charged with seeking candidates to succeed Bishop McConnell as the next Bishop of Pittsburgh is scheduling Zoom meetings with representatives from each of the parishes in the diocese. The date for the committee's listening conversation with St. Brendan's representatives will be during the week of August 16.

Here are two ways in which **you** can ensure that **your** voice is heard:

Please contact me (at austover@gmail.com) if you wish to be **considered as an online participant** in our Listening Conversation. The committee has set an upper limit of about 25 participants, but we will accommodate as many as we can.

If you are not eager to participate online yourself, you can still send me **any reflections you may have** on (i) the most significant and valuable programs we sponsor here at St. Brendan's, (ii) any opportunities and challenges that you see the parish and the diocese facing in coming years, and (iii) ways in which the diocese has supported parishes in the past and could support them going forward.

In either case, I will need to have your email no later than August 11.

Sr. Warden, Tim Austin

Collection for Haiti: We are resuming our collection of items to be sent to Haiti. Summer clothing, shoes and any medical supplies (walkers, wheel chairs, etc.) are especially needed. If you have items to donate, you can drop them off in the large blue bin on the front porch of St. Brendan's. Thank you for any help you can give!

CRIS Advocacy. (Christian Response In Emergency Situations). This week we are supporting the work of Brighton Rehab & Wellness Center. There is a critical shortage of protective gowns their staff needs to meet Pennsylvania standards.



A special note for Newcomers and Oldtimers: We invite you to take note in the Little Log each week of the many opportunities for learning and fun activities via Zoom available at St. Brendan's. Each opportunity is listed by day under the banner Weekly at St. Brendan's above, and includes a Zoom link; you only have to click on it to join.

1. Morning Prayer at 8:30 on Monday through Saturday - a great opportunity to get your day off on the right foot. Includes lively discussion before and after the liturgy of the day led by The Rev. Julie Smith. Julie shares her screen so everyone has access to the order of service and readings.

2. Modern Episcopalian meet every Monday morning from 11:00 am to 12:15 or so. Here is an opportunity to review the previous Sunday's Gospel reading and have a look at next Sunday's reading (the celebrant of the day always appreciates input and ideas for the sermon). Then we go into the red Episcopal Handbook for open discussion on various topics, such as why the Episcopal Church is (and isn't) Catholic Lite.

3. Bible Discussion from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon every Tuesday. Join us for lively discussion of various books in the Bible and how they relate to us today. It is amazing how timeless and relevant the Bible Message is for today's complex and conflicted world. We read from several versions of the Bible including The Message Numbered edition (The Bible in Contemporary Language).

4. Join in the fun with **Zoom Game Nite** on Friday at 7:30 pm.

5. A special **Book Club** opportunity on Tuesdays at 4:30. At the moment we are discussing the book *White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. For a synopsis of this book and the Zoom link contact The Rev. Julie Smith at jslphone1@gmail.com.



Need food? We can help. We continue to have a cabinet filled with non-perishable food items ready for people in need. If you or someone you know has a food shortage, please come by and take what you need. This cabinet is placed outside the front doors to the left.

Want to donate? We also have tubs outside to the right of the front doors for any food donations. Or, if you wish, checks can be sent to St. Brendan's and we will convert them into grocery gift cards. If you are able to bring any donations, know

that you are bringing more than food that feeds the body, you are bringing hope and caring to those who need. Any over-abundance of donations will be distributed to the North Hills Food Bank and the North Hills Community Outreach.




Do you have a special prayer request? Contact Ruth Horton. Pastoral Care Ministry 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.

Please consider applying for an absentee ballot. We want you to stay safe.

Registered voters can sign up today at votesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot.



5 things you can do in less than 5 minutes:

-  Make your bed
-  Feed your dog
-  Prepare a bowl of cereal
-  Reply to your parent's text
-  Sign up to vote by mail in the November 3 general election



You Can Make a Difference. No matter your political preference, we all agree that voting is one of the most important civic responsibilities we have. And perhaps the most consequential election of our live time is coming up in November.

We need to do all we can to make sure that as many citizens as possible are registered to vote. Unfortunately, it is very difficult for some people to register. They work shifts, they lack transportation and many other obstacles stand in their way. You can help! We have voter registration forms with instructions available outside and in front of the building. We are urging each member of the parish to take 3 of the preaddressed applications and put a stamp on each. When you are out and about be aware of folks you meet who may not be registered and offer them an application. The cashier at the market, the Amazon delivery driver, the pizza delivery man, all these folks might welcome at chance to get registered to vote. Applications must be received by October 19, so we have lots of time. If everyone in the parish got 3 new voters, we could add almost 500

voters! Please do your part.

Dear Friends of St. Brendan's,

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for, the following parishioners and friends or family of parishioners. 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.

We are grateful for their selfless dedication and ask that God watch over them, keep them safe and give them both strength and rest. We hope that you will join the church in thanking and praying for:

Kimberly Becker	Maddie Bell	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	Amanda Gagnon	Jeff Gagnon	Shelley Gagnon	Betsy Gentile
Lynne Gloor	Ann Hockenberry	Beth Lutz Hoffman	Eric Hood	John Jacobs and staff
Kerri Jensen	Dr. Ken	Luke O'Neill	Kim Pierce	Becca Sands
Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	Justin Zeigler	Cindy	Jennifer
Julie	Lane	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.



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: Karen Dennis
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Parish Profile: Inactive
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Tim Austin
Jr. Warden & Secretary/Clerk: Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: Dean Peters
Audio-Visual Technology: Cameron Grosh
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Larry Toler
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Mary Bertucci
Dean Peters
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Safety & Security: Tim Austin
Stewardship: Larry Toler
Treasurer: Ellen Groves
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti
Worship: Cameron Grosh

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

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

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Priest, Regis Smolko ~ regisjs@verizon.net

Youth Education Director, Julie Smith ~ jlsphone1@gmail.com

Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ stbrendans@comcast.net

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Meghan Thompson ~ meghanthompson328@gmail.com

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
Justice Ministry: Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello