



### This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	(3-1)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		8:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		11:15 a.m.	Miryam's preparation
		2:00 p.m.	Miryam's delivery
<b>Monday</b>	(3-2)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		1:30 p.m.	International Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	RITE 13 Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	(3-3)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	(3-4)	7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
<b>Thursday</b>	(3-5)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Book Club
<b>Friday</b>	(3-6)	5:30 p.m.	Sliding into Sabbath
<b>Saturday</b>	(3-7)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

### Serving Sunday, March 1, 2020

<b>Celebrant:</b>		The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8 a.m.	Sylvia Affleck
	10 a.m.	Sheila Bigelow
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Acolyte team
<b>Welcome table:</b>		Libby Juel
		Phoebe Juel
<b>Prayers:</b>		Tim Austin
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>		Stacey Coyle
		Tim Austin
<b>Altar Guild:</b>		Ellen Groves
		Janet Fesq
<b>Sunday School:</b>		Children's Chapel
<b>Nursery:</b>		Stephanie Illsley
		Silvia Bertucci
<b>Ushers:</b>		Joyce Donadee
		Michael Donadee
<b>Vestry:</b>		Ruth Horton
<b>Hospitality:</b>		Open
<b>Steward:</b>		Rob Latta
<b>LEM:</b>		Darrell Johnson

## The Priest's Corner

### **Covid-19 (coronavirus) St. Brendan's Proactive response**

Certainly, all of us have heard of the coronavirus spread throughout the world. This virus can cause pneumonia. The reason this virus is most concerning is that antibiotics do not work to eradicate it and are of no use. The antiviral drugs we have against the flu will not work. Recovery depends on the strength of the immune system. Those with compromised immune systems or already in poor health are particularly at risk. The only defense we have currently is PREVENTION.

My most important charge is your spiritual health which involves your physical health. Church is the place we go for healing and nourishment. Although the CDC and other officials are not sounding the alarm as other countries have had to, they nevertheless strenuously indicate that it's not "if the virus strikes hard, but when it strikes hard!" I'd feel remiss in my duty toward your spiritual health if I didn't implement reasonable precautions, especially around the reception of Holy Communion. At worst, these few precautions might inconvenience the priests, altar guild, acolytes and parents in a slight way; at best, they may have us ready to adapt to more strenuous prevention methodologies, should the virus progress in strength in our region. And, our small practice of prevention might prepare a place in our mindset to more easily adapt to precautionary methods in the future, if they are necessary. As my parents often said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

What follows are some temporary steps we will begin regarding the delivery and reception of Holy Communion. Remember we trust God's presence in the consecrated elements, that God protects us from all harm when receiving the Eucharist. In addition, our doxology frees participants to choose the way they receive the body and blood of our savior. We would not interfere with your decision on how to receive; yet we ask you to prayerfully consider the concerns that are now pressing upon us due to our current health concerns.

Here are the temporary steps we will take to improve our carefulness regarding the spread of this virus:

- 1) All are asked to consider discontinuing drinking from the common cup; instead, carefully intinct, i.e., dip the host into the wine.

- 2) Those who have conditions that make it difficult to dip into the wine without touching it or the sides of the cup, please consider taking communion with the consecrated host alone. (This is a valid reception of the Eucharist under special circumstances.)
- 3) Parents, if your little ones are likewise unsteady and risk “fingers in the wine” or touching the sides of the cup, please help your children understand the change as you see fit. They might also consider taking communion with the consecrated host alone.
- 4) Altar Guild and Acolytes, we will need two sources of washing during the liturgy: a) fresh, plain water to add to the wine and the following priest’s hand washing during the preparation of the gifts and b) purell or water with soap in it to cleanse the hands of the host distributors prior to delivery of communion. Please decide the most practical way for us to achieve our cleanliness goal. We do not need purificators to dry during this second washing — plain towels or paper towels will be fine.
- 5) Altar Guild, you do this already, but please add special intentionality to the cleaning of chalices after usage as well as taking special care not to touch the hosts as you are preparing them for the ciborium.
- 6) I’ve weighed the pros and cons of this approach. It’s not a clear call either way, but I’d rather err on the “still-having-a-choice” side of proactivity than the “now-you’re-forced-to” side of reactivity. As you likely know this virus has come from animals. Many of the people by initially infected either worked or frequently shopped in the Huanan seafood wholesale market in the center of the Chinese city.

Some of you might remember our former parishioner, Jon DeMartino. He was instrumental in developing our ESL ministry and now lives in Boston. He sent a newsy email last week in which he updated us on a former ESL student who has family in Huanan. Our former student, Guosheng, now lives and works in Chicago; he reported knowing many with the virus and shared some thoughts about that huge city and where he used to live. Here are Guosheng’s words:

“...the new coronavirus infection in China is horrible. My hometown is just 1 hour of driving distance away from Wuhan. Xiangan city (my hometown’s city) is the city with the second most infected people. My parents in Xiaogan and relatives in Wuhan city (with the first most infected patients) are fine, and they have to stay home for a rather long time. Thank you for your concern. We are not back to China in recent one year.”

Stories like this bring this problem very close to home.

**Regis+**

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## Announcements

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**Email Changes.** Most of you have noticed some new emails (“Blasts”) coming to your inbox lately. We’re making lots of changes to provide timely and informative communication to the St. Brendan’s family.

If you think you’re not getting emails that you should be, check your spam folder then let us know. If you feel you’re getting too many emails, please let us know that as well. We’re working to create a master mailing list reflecting your individual preferences, but please bear with us during the process.

Thank you! Katie [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com) and Debra [dkhvis@gmail.com](mailto:dkhvis@gmail.com).

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St. Brendan’s has put together a **Funeral Planning Packet**. This provides you the opportunity to let your loved ones know your final wishes, and it can give them the comfort of knowing what you would want to have. Printed copies are available at the office, and soon electronic copies will be made available via the website. If you would like any assistance filling one out, both Father Regis and Mother Julie are willing to sit down with you to answer any questions you might have. Completed copies can be kept in a confidential file at the church or you can choose to keep one with your personal papers.

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Even as we embark on our **Lenten preparation**, the Worship Committee is necessarily thinking ahead to Holy Week. This is because St. Brendan’s marks Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (two services); offers a Great Vigil of Easter liturgy on Saturday evening; and then, of course, holds Easter Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:00. Each has its own very special character and requires thoughtful planning and careful execution. If you have suggestions for any of these observances or would be available to assist in making the necessary preparations, please contact Tim or Regis as soon as possible.



Thanks to the hard work, time and support of so many of you, **our recent book sale was a huge success**. The sale yielded right around \$4000 to support St. Brendan’s budget needs. This healthy sum far surpassed our hopeful goal of \$2000. More importantly, our church family once again pulled together to make this event a success. Whether you donated books, helped with set up, made soup, baked brownies, worked the sale, or cleaned up, so many of you made it happen with the sense of fun and fellowship that is St. Brendan’s. A special thanks goes to our youth who cheerfully offered their time and energies during the clean-up phase of the sale. We are so blessed to have such a special group of young people in our midst. Many thanks to all on a job well done!



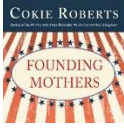
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**Used ink cartridges.** St. Brendan’s benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridges in the box near Katie’s office. Thank you.

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Wanted: a gently used **Scattergories game** for ESL. We used a borrowed game in one class, the students loved it and it was very helpful to them in many ways. Thank you. See Linda Schneider or Joyce Donadee or leave in the church office.  
Thank you!



In this primary election season **Book Club** is delving into our nation's beginnings and reading the late journalist Cokie Roberts' *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*. Join us for an evening of discussion and fun on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the church library. Books are available in all formats at Northland Library. For more information, contact Pat Carl at [pkarrcarl@gmail.com](mailto:pkarrcarl@gmail.com).



**A member of the parish is currently living with a compromised immune system** and her doctor is especially concerned about exposure to the shingles virus, which could have unusually serious consequences for her. If you have the shingles, could you please notify Fr. Regis or the church office so that we can pass that information along?  
Thank you.



St. Brendan's is planning to participate in an **Earth Day Event downtown Pittsburgh** on **April 22**. We are looking for someone with some artistic ability who may be willing to help us design a banner for St. Brendan's to carry in the parade that day. Anyone out there who might be interested, contact Donna Aiello – 412-759-1521 or [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Thank you! More details on this event coming soon!

**CRIES 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 tithes each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes. This week we are praying for the work of two organizations. Amnesty International is a local organization fighting for human rights, especially for political prisoners. The other is Episcopal Relief & Development, the episcopal response to need following natural disasters. [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org).

The next CRIES meeting is **Sunday, March 15**. All are welcome.



Handling the **Announcements at the 10:00 Sunday service** is a challenge. Many Brendanites like to hear in person from the organizer of each event and to "put a face to the name." But announcements that are too numerous or too prolonged can interrupt the flow of the service and extend its overall duration. Beginning in **February**, therefore, we began a new approach. As the exchange of the Peace nears its end, those with announcements they would like to make are invited to join the vestry member of the week at the altar steps. The vestry member will have the hand-held mic and will help to move the announcements along. We hope that this new process will be useful; if not, of course, we can always return to the drawing board.

**Second Truck for Haiti:** We continue collecting donations for Haiti. The first truck has reached its destination for distribution. Isaac Mondelus, our parishioner from Haiti, now has an additional vehicle that needs to be filled for the next departure. Items requested are sewing machines, light-weight clothing (no sweaters or extra-large sizes), bicycles, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries and school supplies (pens, pencils, notebooks, sharpeners, etc.). Isaac and the Justice Ministry gratefully appreciate your donations.



**St. Brendan's Justice Ministry** is looking for new members who are interested in making a difference by working for equality, justice and transformation. Our projects include immigration, voter registration, collections for Haiti, gun violence prevention and the climate crisis. Typically, we meet the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Donna Aiello at 412-759-1521 or Claire Grotevant at 412-974-0617.



**Quiet Evening Prayer.** The next Evening Prayer/Taizé service will be Wednesday, March 25. Please add this date/time to your calendar if you would like to attend. The service includes Taizé music and silent prayer, reflection, or meditation – with Communion afterwards for those who wish to remain. This service is especially appropriate for the season of Lent. Bring a friend and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.



**North Hills Food Pantry.** We are asking for any kind of canned good donations to help needy families. Please remember, no glass jars or expired items. If you have any questions, contact Donna Aiello [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Thank you for your support.

**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/>



**Do you have a special prayer request?** You can write one and leave it on the Prayer Plate near Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Pastoral Care Ministry members and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to [rvhorton@gmail.com](mailto:rvhorton@gmail.com). 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.

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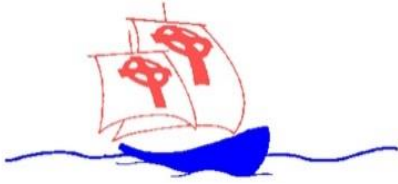
**Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry.** Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis' office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

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The **North Allegheny Women's Association** is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year in memory of Doris "Meemo" Knowlton. It is specifically offered to community-service minded female residents in the North Allegheny School District. Application Deadline: March 13, 2020 -- [www.nawomen.org](http://www.nawomen.org).

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**Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule  
and the March ministry calendar.**



# March 2020

## Ministry calendar

	Lectors	Welcome Table	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Steward	Hospitality
March 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Sheila Bigelow P Tim Austin C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Darrell Johnson	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Ellen Groves Janet Fesq	Children's Chapel	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Ruth Horton	Rob Latta	Volunteer needed
March 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	~	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Susan Shoemaker P Michael Donadee C Darrell Johnson C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Megan Overby Mark Shoemaker	Sylvia Affleck Betsy Smith	Lambs Saundy Waseleski Fish Mary Bertucci Door Emily Zupanic	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Dale Bertucci	Amy & Kevin Boyd
March 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	~	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Tony Turo P Nate Boyd C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Joan Klinefelter Shari Tarrant	Lambs Meghan Karn Fish Janice Moore Door Mary Bertucci	Stephanie Illsley Mary Haider	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Mary Bertucci	Tim Austin	Volunteer needed
March 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Getz L Dean Peters P Alan Schneider C Dean Peters C Debbie Wunsche LEV Ruth Getz	Karen Peters Marge Marine	Chris Botti Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Cameron Grosh	Eric Helmsen	Volunteer needed
March 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Terry Dezort Brigid Christenson	Lambs Volunteer needed Fish Allison Kline Door Sylvia Affleck	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Donna Aiello	Wesley Bell	Meghan & Robert Karn

# 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 and Becca Sands~~

## November 2019

- 3 ~~Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey~~
- 10 ~~Melinda & Wesley Bell~~
- 17 ~~Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche~~
- 24 ~~Church sign-up (Appetizers)~~

## December 2019

- 1 ~~Choir~~
- 8 ~~Brigid & Jim Christenson~~
- 15 ~~Julie Smith & Colette Satler~~
- 22 ~~Church sign-up (appetizers)~~
- 29 ~~Stacey Coyle and Andrea Dickerson~~

## January 2020

- 5 ~~Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq~~
- 12 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~
- 19 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 26 ~~Annual Meeting church sign-up (soup)~~

## February 2020

- 2 ~~Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati~~
- 9 ~~Chris & Roger Botti~~
- 16 ~~Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 23 ~~Anne Semmler and Cameron Gresh~~

## March 2020

- 1 Open, volunteer needed
- 8 Amy & Kevin Boyd
- 15 open, volunteer needed
- 22 open, volunteer needed
- 29 Meghan & Robert Karn

## April 2020

- 5 Cindy & Pete Larson
- 12 Hospitality Committee
- 19 Libby and Phoebe Juel
- 26 Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler

## May 2020

- 3 The Bertucci family
- 10 Parish Men
- 17 Lauren & Todd Douds
- 24 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 31 Linda & Jason Konley

## June 2020

- 7 Marian & AJ McKenna  
Trish & Neil Galone
- 14 Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin
- 21 Erica & Mark McClure
- 28 Parish Picnic

## July 2020

- 5 open, volunteer needed
- 12 Kate & Keith Heston
- 19 Eric Helmsen and volunteer needed
- 26 Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich

## August 2020

- 2 Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna
- 9 Arlena & Bill Pugliese
- 16 Anne Semmler and Andrew Sprentz
- 23 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 30 AJ Turo, Rob & George Latta

## September 2020

- 6 Nancy & George Snyder
- 13 Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski
- 20 Emily & Brad Zupancic
- 27 Janet Fesq and 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: Inactive  
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

### **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  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Larry Toler  
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant  
Marilyn Mulvihill  
Under One Roof: Inactive

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

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

### **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: Dean Peters and Mary Bertucci  
Outreach and Social Justice: Donna Aiello  
Safety & Security: Tim Austin  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves (with Roger Botti)  
Worship: Cameron Grosh

### **ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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